

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

A happy new year from the club and straight into action for all three teams! The Elites with two long road trips down South.

First up was Streatham away and the game started in not-so-fine fashion as the Storm took the lead at 11.11 through Christina Mclean. CJ Ashton levelled the scoring at 23.09 assisted Shannon Jones before Holly Cornford gave the Diamonds the lead at 32.13. The Diamonds dominated the shot count and were rewarded again at 37.34 thanks to Helen Emerson. The Diamonds continued their strong showing and Holly Cornford scored her second of the game at 47.34 helped by Emerson and Beth Scoon. Shannon Jones then turned scorer and finished off the attack at 59.10 for a convincing win and important 2 points.

Final Score Streatham 1-5 Kingston

A second road trip of the month saw the Diamonds facing Swindon Topcats. The Diamonds started the game in dominant fashion and outshot the home side 19-4 in the first period but couldn't find a way past Amelia McGinlay in the Swindon net. The second period followed much the same pattern but once again the Diamonds came up against tough defense. Into the third period the Diamonds finally found a way to put the puck in the net as Kirsten Deighton gave them a 0-1 lead assisted Holly Cornford at 50.10. A few minutes later Sophie Campbell added a brace for the Diamonds assisted Natalie Davies and Shannon Jones at 54.55 and that sealed the deal. The Diamonds left it a little late but pulled off a victory and two more points on the board. Huge credit must be given both goalies Amelia McGinlay in the Swindon net who made life extremely difficult for the Diamonds forwards and put up a 95.56% save percentage with 43 saves, and Kirsten Roan who finished with a shutout to backstop the Diamonds to a win.

Final Score Swindon 0-2 Kingston



Diamonds Premier

After a great finish to 2018, the Prems will be looking to enter 2019 with a bang as MK travel north.

After a frustrating game away at MK that the Diamonds felt they should have taken 2 points, the Falcons faced a very determined team on the return trip. Dannie Newlove opened the scoring at 4.35 as she deflected a shot from Jo Cockerton. The game balanced on a knife edge for the rest of the first period and much of the second, but Caren Callaghan doubled the Diamonds' lead as she sent a hopeful shot on net that found its way through for 2-0 at 31.49. The shoot first mentality paid off again a few minutes later as Ishbel Wright shot top corner for a great goal at 35.15. The third period was a good test of the teams resilience and a nice play in the offensive zone from Sarah Rowlands and Ketz Robinson set up Beth Barwell for a slapshot that hit the back of the net at 47.22.

Moments later Martha Brown scored her first senior goal for the club with a lovely backhand goal at 48.21.

A great start to the new year with a well-deserved shutout for Charlotte Cook and another 2 points in the playoff race.

Final Score Kingston 5-0 Milton Keynes

Diamonds U16s

The U16s start 2019 with a home and away series with Sheffield, as they battle for the league title.

Sheffield opened the scoring in Hull thanks to a goal from Natasha Shires at 18.12 and held their lead for a little while before the Diamonds pushed back. Abi McCourt scored at 29.36 assisted Martha Cornell to tie the game at 1-1 before captain Phoebe Mather scored a shorthanded goal at 38.20 assisted McCourt for 2-1 and it was ultimately the game-winning goal as the Diamonds defense held on for the victory.

Final Score Kingston 2-1 Sheffield

A fortnight later the U16s made the short trip away to Sheffield for the return match. This time it was Martha Brown, the league's top scorer who drew first blood at 22.08 after a close first period, unassisted. Ketz Robinson doubled the lead at 33.30 assisted April Ramsey following a dominant second period for the Diamonds. Martha Brown was on target for the second time to seal the deal a few minutes from time assisted Inez Brannan at 42.25 for 0-3. A shutout for Courtney Smith and 2 more points to add to the league title chase.

Final Score Sheffield 0-3 Kingston



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