

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

The Elites start their season with 3 away trips on the bounce at Sheffield, Streatham and Solihull before closing out the month with a home game vs Streatham on 29th.

The Diamonds, undeterred by facing some former teammates, started the game strongly. At 12.13 the deadlock was broken as Kirsten Deighton fired home the puck off a nice pass from behind the net by Shannon Jones. Just 2 minutes later, the Diamonds doubled their lead on the powerplay. Hannah Worthington made a nice play down low to get a shot on goal and Carla Clark picked up the rebound shovelling it home for 0-2 at 14.15

The Kingston girls extended their lead again at 18.30 on the powerplay. Shannon Jones entered the zone with speed and got the puck to Kiana Tait who banked it in off the Sheffield netminder from almost behind the goal-line! Sheffield started the second period much more strongly and, with Reagan Downing in the penalty box they cut the deficit to 1-3 at 24.32 as ex-Diamond Abbie Culshaw converted on the powerplay. Less than a minute later an awkward bounce at the Sheffield blue-line gave Jodie Bloom a breakaway and she made no mistake, finishing low past Holly Steeples to bring the game to 2-3. Shannon Jones having been denied on one breakaway by a late whistle took off on her second breakaway, receiving a pass from Beth Scoon in the neutral zone she went in all alone and pulled the moves, finishing with ease at 28.31 for 2-4, shorthanded goal.

Sheffield changed their netminder in the third period, giving ice time to young Maisie Gilbert. It took just 5 minutes for the Diamonds to break through once again. After some prolonged zone time, Shannon Jones made a lovely pass to Beth Scoon who was sneaking down the wing and she sniped it top shelf to close out the scoring at 45.09. The Shadows pressed for a way back into the game but the Diamonds defended well, including killing a late 5 on 3 penalty kill and ground out the win putting two important points on the board.

Final Score Sheffield 2-5 Kingston

Next up was a long-trip to Streatham to face newly promoted Storm. The Diamonds started strongly despite the long journey and Beth Scoon put them up 0-1 at 9.26, assisted Maddie Wright and Kirsten Deighton. The teams shared chances but there was no more scoring in the period.

The second period brought more scoring chances but neither team could convert as both goalies played well and the Diamonds held a slender 0-1 lead into the third period.

Streatham pressed for the equaliser and it came at 45.20 through an unassisted goal from Sarah Barton. The Diamonds fell asleep and soon found themselves chasing the game with Streatham going into the lead at 51.13 thanks to a powerplay goal from Melissa Reidelberger. Both teams got into some penalty trouble near to the end of the game and the Storm managed to defend their lead and take their first win of their inaugural Elite campaign. The Diamonds look for revenge in a few weeks' time in the return leg.

Final Score Streatham 2-1 Kingston

The Diamonds played again a week later; this time, travelling to Solihull with a very depleted line-up to take on the Vixens. The Diamonds played hard for each other in a particularly aggressive and physical game despite the short bench and took the reigning Playoff Champions right to the wire. They kept the Vixens at bay until 32.26 when Saffron Allen put the home team ahead on the powerplay. The Diamonds weren't going to give up though and Kirsten Deighton tied the score at 47.46 with a great shot off a brilliant pass by young Sophie Campbell. Unfortunately the Vixens took the lead once again at 51.43 through Paige Henry, and the Diamonds despite throwing everything at the home team, couldn't find an equaliser. In a feisty game with some very questionable officiating, the Diamonds showed they mean business this year and will come back stronger from this loss, holding their heads high in a valiant performance. Holly Steeples saved 45 of 47 shots to gain the 'Spirit of the Game' honours.

Final Score Solihull 2-1 Kingston

The final game of the month saw Streatham make the journey up north.

The Diamonds got off to a rough start, and off the opening faceoff Streatham entered the zone and scored just 8 seconds into the game. After this the Diamonds defence went to work and shut the door.

Helen Emerson tied the game at 4.49 as her shot from the point sailed straight over the goalie and into the top corner! After this the teams exchanged chances but it took until 29.17 to break the deadlock. On the powerplay, Shannon Jones entered the zone with the puck, she skated all the way round the back of the net and put a centring pass straight on the stick of Beth Scoon, who walked in and backhanded it past the Storm goalie for 2-1. 5 minutes later and the Diamonds doubled their advantage; once again Shannon Jones went to work in the offensive zone, keeping the Streatham defenders at bay before finding Kirsten Deighton wide open at the back door for a lovely finish at 34.03.

The Storm tried for a way back into the game but couldn't find another goal. Shannon Jones finished the scoring at 55.52 as she took a pass from Kiana Tait before popping a shot neatly over the glove of the netminder. A well-deserved win and a sweet two points on the board!

Final Score Kingston 4-1 Streatham

Diamonds Premier

Just one game this month for the Pregs, a home fixture against last year's WPL Runners- Up, the Chelmsford Cobras, on 15th October.

After a good start to the season the Pregs played their first home game of the season, facing Chelmsford in what was destined to be a tough match.

The Cobras opened the scoring at 9.15 of the first period as Jennifer Bolton stepped in from the boards and fired it home with ease.

Chelmsford kept the pressure on and doubled their advantage at 12.20, Bolton scoring her second in similar fashion to the first assisted Charlotte Ahmed. 17.41 and the visitors' added salt to the wound as Bolton scored her natural hat-trick to put the Cobras up 0-3 at the end of the first period.

The Diamonds were better in the second period and started to put some plays together but to no avail and Chelmsford scored their fourth though Angelina Woolard at 24.06.

The Diamonds then had a goal waved off as the lineman deemed it had been kicked in. This really added insult to injury and the Diamonds struggled to gain any momentum after this.

The third period did little to stem the frustration as Bolton scored her fourth goal of the game at 54.16 and less than two minutes later Plankova finished the scoring at 55.46.

Despite a late powerplay the Diamonds couldn't breakdown the Cobras defence and Lucy Jarvis claimed the shutout.

Not a good performance from the Diamonds and they realise they must be better if they want to remain in this league, let alone contest for a playoff place.

Next up for the Diamonds is Milton Keynes away, another tough place to play and they will be hoping for a much improved performance.

Final Score Kingston 0-6 Chelmsford



Diamonds U16s

The Diamonds U16s finally received their fixtures and start their season away at Sheffield on 22nd October.

The Diamonds open their campaign away at Sheffield, taking on fierce Yorkshire rivals, the shadows.

The Diamonds opened the scoring at 7.16 as stand-in captain Dannie Newlove scored, assisted Lydia Lutwyche and Sophie Campbell. Scoring twice more in the next two minutes, the Diamonds opened the game up to 0-3, Abi McCourt with an unassisted tally at 8.45 and Sophie Campbell with her first goal of the game at 9.08 assisted Newlove. The Diamonds kept the pressure up and Dannie Newlove got her second at 13.43, this time assisted by Campbell and Martha Brown. Another couple of goals in the next few minutes saw the Hull girls lead 0-6 at the end of the first period; Ishbel Wright scoring her first at 14.20, and Abi McCourt with her second at 14.41.

Into the second period and Ishbel Wright made it 0-7 at 16.11, before Sophie Campbell scored her second goal just 21 seconds later. Abi McCourt finished her hat-trick at 18.27 as Sheffield struggled to create any offense. Sophie Campbell made it 0-10 at 19.37 as she grabbed a hat-trick too, ably assisted by Martha Brown. Lydia Lutwyche scored her first goal as a Diamond at 24.03 before Sheffield got on the board at 25.35 as their Captain, Grace Garbett scored.

Into the final period and the Diamonds showed no signs of easing up, as Martha Brown scored her first of the game at 34.36, before scoring her second goal, shorthanded at 37.25.

A thoroughly dominant performance by the U16s rocket launches them to the top of the table, as they look to bring home some silverware this season.

Next up for the U16s is an away trip to league newcomers, Nottingham, on the 12th November.

Final Score Sheffield 1-13 Kingston



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