

# Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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## Diamonds Elite

**A busy October for the club saw the Elites travel to Solihull on the 15<sup>th</sup> before playing the return leg at home a week later.**

The Elite team travelled to Solihull on the 15th to face a strong Vixens team. The game was a battle from the start with the Diamonds conceding a very early goal with just 1:12 on the clock. Both sides exchanged early penalties which set the tone for a physical game. Solihull doubled their lead at 17 minutes with a slap shot which nearly took the roof of the net off. The second period was a better contest with the Diamonds finally growing into the game, but with no luck in front of the net the period ended 2-0 to the Vixens.

The 3rd period started with another early goal for Solihull, which was followed by two more goals against the Diamonds in the last 10 minutes. The Diamonds still battled to the end of the game, and with just over 1 minute left Carla Clark netted from behind the goal, assisted by Helen Emerson. With the next Elite game being a home game against the same opponents, plenty of work was needed to turn this result around.

**Final Score Solihull 5-1 Kingston**

A week later, the Elites faced the Vixens again, this time on home ice. The game started with the Diamonds dominating much of the possession, and the hard work paid off as Kirsten Deighton scored for the home side at 15.02 assisted Natalie Davies and Reagan Downing. Solihull responded at 19.44 to tie the first period 1-1. The Vixens came out the strongest in the second period and scored three goals at 23.49, 25.32 and 26.36 respectively to take a convincing 4-1 lead. With the game looking out of reach the Diamonds mounted their comeback starting with a goal from Hannah Worthington, assisted by Beth Barwell at 27.21. This was shortly followed by a goal from Kirsten Deighton (her second of the night) assisted by Reagan Downing, at 29.11. The Vixens replied once again at 29.27 before Diamonds Captain Holly Cornford scored on the powerplay at 31.22, assisted Shannon Jones and Beth Scoon, to bring the Diamonds within one. The final period saw some controversy as the diamonds had a goal disallowed before Shannon Jones scored shorthanded at 55.10 to tie the game and finish the scoring. A much improved performance this week.

**Final Score Kingston 5-5 Solihull**

## Diamonds U16s

**The Diamonds U16 team began their season with a long trip to Dumfries to face newly branded Scotland Solway U16 Girls.**

As a very busy month for the Diamonds entered its last weekend, the U16 Diamonds took to the ice in Dumfries to take on the Scotland U16s in the North 16's League. This was the first outing for the young Diamonds and with several new players joining this year it was a stronger squad that took to the ice and they sparkled from the start of the game. It took just 2:31 for Ketziah Robinson to slot home a passing move from Brodie Kidd and Martha Brown. A broken play allowed Scotland to equalise 10 minutes later as the puck was turned over on our own blue line. Then an amazing display of refereeing saw both the Johnson sisters in the box for a family reunion, Emily for interference and Holly for tripping. As Emily's penalty ended and she stepped out of the box, a well-timed pass from Megan Harrison set her on a 1 on 0 against the Scotland net minder, cool hands and a good finish saw the Diamonds retake the lead with a shortie. Celebrations only lasted a few moments though, as the referee decided his whistle was going to spoil a good game, somehow calling a too-many men call when we only had five players on the ice. Both teams exchanged goals at the 20 minute mark, with Caren Callaghan netting her first goal for the Diamonds, as she fired home a rebound. See girls, if you drive the net good things happen. With a 3-2 lead the young Diamonds didn't look back. Scotland swapped their net minder at the half way point, but the new net minder came in and conceded two goals in 40 seconds. Both top shelf shots from Captain Kiana Tait, with the first assisted by Holly Johnson and the 2nd by sister, Emily Johnson. Just to round the game off Ketziah Robinson scored her 2nd of the game and made the long trip home a happy one, next up for the youngsters is the old enemy Sheffield.

**Final Score Solway U16 2-6 Kingston U16**

## Upcoming Fixtures

**06.11.16** - U16 vs Sheffield @ Home

**13.11.16** – Elite vs Sheffield @ Sheffield

**27.11.16** – Premier vs Widnes @ Widnes

**03.12.16** – Elite vs Guildford @ Home

**11.12.16** - U16 vs Scotland U16 @ Home

# Diamonds Premier

**The Prens continued their search for their first win with a home game vs Slough before a long road trip to Streatham finishing the month at home vs Chelmsford.**

The Prens started a series of games with home game vs Slough Phantoms on 16<sup>th</sup> October, the game kindly sponsored by Needlers. In what was expected to be a tough, physical game it was to be the Phantoms who drew first blood as they scored 16 seconds before the end of the first period to lead 0-1 at 19.44. The Phantoms scored again at 21.43 to lead 0-2 early in the second period. The Phantoms earned themselves a powerplay at 38.16 as Reagan Downing sat for interference but it was the Diamonds who took advantage first, Carla Clark scoring a shorthanded goal at 39.06 assisted Beth Barwell. Slough soon regained their lead with a powerplay goal at 39.41 and lead 1-3 into the second break. The Diamonds regained hope when Beth Davis scored at 50.08 assisted by CJ Ashton to bring the score to 2-3 but Slough finished the scoring at 57.16 to hand the Diamonds their 3<sup>rd</sup> defeat of the season.

## Final Score Kingston 2-4 Slough

The following week, saw the Prem team take the long and arduous trip to the big smoke to have a rematch against the Storm from Streatham. A late Sunday face-off took its toll on the number of players travelling, but everyone was in good spirits as they took to the ice. Penalties littered the first period with the Diamonds taking 4 penalties and Streatham just the one, so at least we won that contest. It took the Storm over 13 minutes to break down a stubborn Diamonds team, who were playing some good hockey, and creating some good scoring chances. The period ended 1-0 to the Strom. More penalties and 3 more goals for Streatham in the 2nd period didn't kill the great team spirit on the Diamonds bench. With the final period seeing another 10 minutes in penalties between the two teams, it seemed like the ref was stealing the limelight, but the Diamonds did manage to score the final goal of the game, as Captain Beth Barwell put a laser beam into the bottom corner, well she miss hit a slap shot and it somehow found the back of the net, but a goal is a goal, and it gave us all something to cheer, or laugh about.

## Final Score Streatham 4-1 Kingston

The Prens were back at home on the 30<sup>th</sup> October to face Chelmsford for the first time. The game began in our favour as Reagan Downing put the Diamonds ahead 1-0 at 14.08 with a shorthanded goal. The Diamonds held the narrow lead for much of the game, largely thanks to netminder Charlotte Cook who made 33 saves across periods one and two. It was to be the final shot of the second period that was scored as Chelmsford levelled with just one second remaining in the second period. The third period began with the scores tied at 1-1. The Diamonds ran into penalty trouble in the third and despite the PK running at 100% they struggled to settle. Eventually it was to be a tale of missed chances as the Diamonds failed to score on three open nets before Chelmsford capitalised twice more at 54.34 and 59.08 to finish the scoring. Cook finished the game with an impressive 94.34% svs. A disappointing result but improvements were obvious as the Prens continue to look for that elusive first win.

## Final Score Kingston 1-3 Chelmsford

## A View from the Top

**Head-coach Tim Healand shares his thoughts on a busy month.**

"The only negative for October is the Prem team still looking for our 1st point this season, but at least we have won two periods in a row. It's a shame they were a week apart and in different games! Keep going girls the win will come."

"A big positive for the Elite team was taking a point from the Vixens in the 5-5 draw at home, a good turnaround from the 5-1 defeat in Solihull the week before."

"Following on from that, the U16s have, in one game, amassed more points than they did for the full season last year, and also scored more goals in one game than they did the whole of last year. Well done girls!"

"One final positive note, I've managed to annoy more refs in the first 10 games of the season, than I did all of last season. It could be a bumpy year!"



A big thank you to Needlers, who sponsored the Premier home game on the 16<sup>th</sup> October.



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