

# Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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## Diamonds Elite

**The Elite team take the long trip down to Bracknell in their only game of the month.**

The Elite team with just one game in January travelled down to Bracknell in the hopes of grabbing some points from league leaders, and reigning league and playoff champions the Queen Bees.

The Queen Bees opened the scoring at 7.24 as Great Britain stalwart Leanne Ganney scored on her first game back after a long injury. The goal came on the first powerplay of the game with Shannon Jones sitting a two minute minor. Both teams pushed for a goal in the next 30 minutes but nothing came to fruition.

It was special teams that proved to be the difference in the game as Leanne Ganney doubled Bracknell's lead at 39.23 and got her second of the game on a shorthanded effort. Both teams ran into more penalty trouble in the final period and both powerplays and penalty kills got some practice.

Bracknell rounded off the scoring at 55.53 with another powerplay goal, this time coming from Chrissy Newman with Leanne Ganney gaining an assist for her third point of the afternoon. Holly Steeples in net kept the Diamonds in the game as she saved 36 of 39 shots faced for a save percentage of 92.3%.

The Elites have another long road trip coming up as they turn to face the Guildford Lightning away on 12.02.17.

**Final Score Kingston 0-3 Bracknell**

### Upcoming Fixtures

12.02.17 - Elite vs Guildford @ Guildford

18.02.17 – Elite vs Guildford @ Home

19.02.17 – Prems vs Chelmsford @ Chelmsford

25.02.17 – U16 vs Scotland @ Home

26.02.17 – Prems vs Nottingham @ Nottingham

## Winter Universiade 2017

**Six Diamonds jet out to Kazakhstan to play in Winter Universiade.**

We are very proud to say that 6 Diamonds girls (CJ Ashton, Sarah Hutchinson, Lucy Kendall, Holly Steeples, Abbie Thornton and Hannah Worthington) have been selected to represent Great Britain at the Winter Universiade 2017. This year the biennial games are being held in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 29.01.17 – 08.02.17. GB will face ice hockey giants Canada as well as China and Kazakhstan in group A of the Women's competition. Group B is made up of USA, Russia and Japan. The girls play their first game on 28<sup>th</sup> January vs Kazakhstan and we wish them all the very best of luck and hope they make the most of this amazing experience!

## Diamonds U16s

**The junior Diamonds make another trip to Dumfries and look to take their third win from three games vs Scotland U16s.**

The first period in Dumfries ended scoreless despite 16 shots on net between the teams.

The Diamonds upped the pace in the second period and were rewarded as Brodie Kidd broke the tie at 18.22 with assists coming from Jemma Brown and Madison Wright. The rest of the period was dominated by the Diamonds as they scored a further 3 unanswered goals. Goal number two came from Dannie Newlove as she got her first goal of the season assisted by Caren Callaghan and Meg Harrison at 26.25.

Another flurry of pressure gave the girls their third goal at 27.20 as Brodie Kidd got her second of the game with an unassisted strike. Emily Johnson finished off the scoring at 29.24 with another unassisted goal.

The final period was again scoreless with both goalies making some good saves. Courtney Smith saved all 20 shots for her first shutout of the year.

The U16s gain their 3<sup>rd</sup> win from 4 games this season and remain top of the league. They also reign the scoring charts with Emily Johnson, Caren Callaghan and Kiana Tait taking the top three scoring places.

**Final Score Kingston 4-0 Scotland**



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