

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

The Elites look to continue their good run of form with a couple of away fixtures and a home game vs Streatham.

First up was Solihull away which is a tough place to play but the Diamonds were coming off the back of a great win vs the Vixens.

Solihull opened the scoring at 24.51 after a goalless first period as Martina Krupkova was on target, and then went ahead 2-0 through Saffron Allen at 35.52. The Diamonds hit back at 39.53 to tighten the gap with a goal from CJ Ashton. The Diamonds pushed hard in the third period for an equaliser and were rewarded at 50.02 as Kendall Vander Veen scored her first Diamonds goal on the powerplay. It was heartbreak in the end though as Solihull made it 3-2 with 33 seconds left in the game with a goal from Katie Henry.

A well matched and hard-fought game but unfortunately no points on the board.

Final Score Solihull 3-2 Kingston

Next up was an Easter weekend home game vs Streatham with a chance to clinch a playoff spot.

The Diamonds made a good start and were on the board early thanks to a shorthanded effort from Carla Clark at 1.05 following great penalty killing by Holly Cornford. Anja Kadujevic doubled the lead at 3.38 with a good skate down the wing before cutting in and drawing the netminder out for an empty net to shoot at. Sophie Campbell continued the onslaught at 4.43 to make it 3-0 before Streatham hit back with a breakaway goal scored by Isabell Whiteley at 8.04. Helen Emerson scored a lovely goal at 10.41 for four goals in just over ten minutes and Anja Kadujevic made it 5-1 with a beautiful between the legs goal at 17.47.

The second period was scoreless despite the Diamonds hitting 26 shots at Ruth Cattell in the Storm net. The Diamonds kept on the pressure in the third and Martha Brown was rewarded with her first Elite goal at 47.02 before Lois Tomlinson bagged her own first Elite goal on the powerplay at 57.56.

All in all a solid performance and good game despite both teams having short benches, and the Diamonds confirm their playoff place.

Final Score Kingston 7-1 Streatham

The final game of the month for the Elites was away to Bracknell for a tough test against the League Winners.

The first period saw chances at either end but remained scoreless as both goaltenders stood solid.

Bracknell opened the scoring at 21.24 with a goal from Rachel Cartwright and then a powerplay goal from Natalie Aldridge at 27.13 gave them a 2-0 lead. The Queen Bees lead 3-0 at the second intermission as Chrissy Newman scored at 32.56 but they would not score again this game. Martha Brown narrowed the gap with a goal at 44.17 but the Diamonds couldn't find any more goals despite their efforts. Sam Bolwell saved 46 of 49 shots in an excellent performance for the Diamonds.

Final Score Bracknell 3-1 Kingston

Diamonds U16s

The U16s had just one game in April as they played at home for the first time since January.

An excellent start for the Diamonds as Inez Brannan put them up 1-0 at 0.31 before Abi McCourt hit the back of the net at 5.35 for 2-0. Nottingham hit back at 9.30 as Chamonix Jackson found the net but the Diamonds responded quickly, Phoebe Mather on target with a powerplay goal at 10.30. Phoebe Mather scored her second of the game at 12.52 to give the Diamonds a 4-1 lead after the first period. The second period and most of the third was scoreless as the goaltenders played their part before Meeyah Forbes made it 5-1 at 41.58 to finish off the game. Another two points for the Diamonds in their hunt for back-to-back league titles.

Final Score Kingston 5-1 Nottingham



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Diamonds Premier

The Prem's are in a battle for a playoff place and need to earn some points from two games this month.

First was an away trip to Nottingham and Hannah Worthington put the Vipers ahead at just 0.51 and set the tone for Robin Mullen who converted at 3.10 and then Madi Wright who made it 3-0 at 7.17. Robin Mullen score her second at 11.43 and the period finished 4-0. Mullen scored her hat-trick goal shorthanded at 23.19 before Madi Wright got her second on the same penalty kill at 23.32. In the third period Emma Wilkinson was on the board with a powerplay marker at 43.15 before Wright completed her own hat-trick at 49.20. Hannah Worthington had a powerplay goal for her second of the game before Chamonix Jackson rounded off a fairly miserable game for the Diamonds. A short bench against a very good Nottingham side didn't bode well for the Prem's as they struggled through this game. Plenty to work on and plenty to forget about as they move on to Widnes later in the month.

Final Score Nottingham 10-0 Kingston

An away trip to Widnes against a Wild team that have struggled this season proved a good chance to put some points on the board. It didn't take long for the Diamonds to get started as a nice play from Martha Brown set up Jo Cockerton for 0-1 at 1.33. Widnes answered back with a goal following an odd-man rush and Emma Pearson hit home the rebound at 8.49. Ketziyah Robinson made it 1-2 with a wrap-around goal at 15.36 before Jo Cockerton got her second as she fired a puck off a defender's leg and past the netminder. Moment later a shot from the point was deflected on target, Keira David credited with the final touch at 16.48.

A good first period was followed by an excellent second. A nice pass from below the goal line from Lois Tomlinson found Carla Clark out front who one-timed home at 20.29. Ketziyah Robinson scored her second of the game with another wrap-around, backhanding the puck through the tiniest of gaps for 1-6. Reagan Downing then took the puck in, fired on net and then followed up her own rebound for 1-7 at 34.53. Jo Cockerton was not to be outdone by anyone today and completed her hat-trick, picking up the rebound before 10 seconds later she deflected a shot past the netminder for her fourth goal and 1-9 at 39.30.

The Diamonds romped into the third period as well, Martha Brown finally got a goal of her own at 41.39 before Ishbel Wright made a wonderful individual skate straight from the face-off and shot low glove side at 41.46. Less than a minute later Beth Barwell completed what she had threatened to do all game and skated coast-to-coast before finishing nicely at 42.16. Finally Carla Clark got her second of the game as Dannie Newlove made a nice pass from the corner to find Carla in front of net at 51.56. Ketziyah Robinson was awarded the MVP for the Diamonds.

A resounding victory and excellent all-round game with some brilliant games from players up and down the line-up, kudos to Stephanie Drinkwater in the Widnes net who faced 76 shots and several pucks to the head but made some superb saves all night.

Final Score Widnes 1 – 13 Kingston



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