

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Back to the Grind

The Diamonds have been training throughout the summer as they work hard to prepare for the upcoming season.

Once again we will field three teams this year, an Elite team, a Premier team and an U16 team and all the players have shown great commitment over summer as we have had excellent attendances to most training sessions, so thanks must go to the girls for their excellent efforts this off-season.

We are delighted to have also had a few new girls who have started training with us, all of whom have never played hockey before but are all trying really hard and are starting to progress really quickly, we hope they keep up the good work and continue to play our amazing sport for many years to come (a big thank you to everyone who brought any old/spare kit along for these girls to use, without it they wouldn't have been able to start!)

The Diamonds season is kicked off quite early this year with the Premier team opening the campaign on 24th September with an away fixture at Nottingham before the Elites begin their season with a short away trip to Sheffield on 1st October (at the time of printing, we still await our U16 fixtures)

Diamonds Premier

The Prems start with an away trip to Nottingham, hoping to get a good start to the season.

The Diamonds opened the scoring at 7.42 with a powerplay marker from Kiana Tait, followed by a strike from Carla Clark, just 17 seconds later at 7.59 for 0-2. Captain, Beth Barwell scored her first of the night at 12.49 to give the Diamonds a 0-3 lead but Nottingham struck back at 15.09 through Megan Rathbone to put the scores at 1-3.

Nottingham capitalised on two powerplay chances in the second period, Rathbone scoring her second at 25.26, and Madison Wright tied the game at 3-3 at 27.03.

The Diamonds opened the third period with enthusiasm and Barwell scored her second of the game at 40.34, before Kiana Tait got her second less than a minute later at 41.26 for 3-5. Nottingham made it a tense last few minutes as they got back within one, Madison Wright scoring again at 53.32 but the Diamonds held strong and ran out eventual winners, picking up a huge two points to start the season. Hannah Gibson picked up the 'Spirit of the Game' award for the Diamonds.

Final Score Nottingham 4-5 Kingston

Fundraising and Sponsorship

Over summer we have set up a Fundraising Committee who are tirelessly trying to increase funds for our club.

Through the off-season our new Fundraising Committee have been working together to increase the number of sponsorship options available to companies and increase the attractiveness of our club to potential sponsors. As we all know running the club costs thousands and player subs don't always cover the basic costs so added income through sponsorship and other fundraising endeavours is vital for the club to run.

All of our new sponsorship options are available to view on the website (www.kingstondiamondsfihc.co.uk) so if you or your company are interested in sponsoring the Diamonds get in touch with the committee on kingstondiamondsfihc@gmail.com.

Throughout last season Dawn Dickinson ran a raffle at all the Elite and U16 games and this was a great way of bringing in a little bit extra cash, averaging £35-£50 per game. Coupled with £50 match sponsorship this raised in excess of £800 for the club last year. This year we will continue the raffles but we really need someone to carry them on at the Premier games, as all the members of the committee play for the Prem team, if you'd be willing to do this please let us know!



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