

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamond U16s

The U16s came into April with the chance to clinch the U16s North League title, with a game against Sheffield.

It didn't take long for the Diamonds to make their mark on the game, 2.08 into the first period and Emma Taylor-Lonsdale was on the spot to fire home assisted Inez Brannon. Three minutes later they reversed roles as Inez Brannon scored her first of the game with the assists to Taylor-Lonsdale and Dannie Newlove at 5.51. The Diamonds took a 3-0 lead into the first break as Dannie Newlove scored a nice wraparound goal at 14.54 unassisted.

Into the seconds period and it took Sophie Campbell just 8 seconds to find the back of the net. She took the puck straight from the face-off, raced into the zone and fired a sweet shot past the Sheffield netminder, assisted Kiana Tait.

It was another role reversal soon after as Kiana Tait put one home at 21.30 assisted Campbell.

Inez Brannon scored her second of the game shortly before the end of the period, assisted Dannie Newlove at 28.23.

Sheffield managed to keep the Diamonds scoreless in the third period, but despite two powerplays they couldn't put the puck past Chloe Rees.

The final buzzer sounded on the game and the Diamonds were League Champions, confirming their place in the end of season playoffs where they will face Bracknell!

April Ramsey earned the 'Spirit of the Game' award for the Diamonds, kindly sponsored by Hoetech.

Final Score Kingston 6-0 Sheffield

U16s are Champions!

Since the U16 leagues introduction in 2006 the Diamonds won the title every year until 2016, when Sheffield took the trophy over to South Yorkshire and it stayed there following the 2017 season too.

After a couple of years of developing some younger talent the Diamonds came into this season with determination to bring the league back to where it belongs! This year there was some new opposition as Solway dropped out and were replaced by Nottingham but the Sheffield rivalry remained.

The season began in excellent fashion with the Diamonds taking a convincing 1-13 victory over Sheffield. The team grew in confidence and were stringing together some really promising performances and were winning games left, right and centre. Sheffield made things a little more interesting as they took a 3-4 win over the Diamonds in February, handing them their first loss of the season. The girls responded in astonishing fashion and hammered Nottingham 1-27 the following week, getting their title hopes back on track.

Into April and the Sheffield – Hull rivalry came down to its finale, a win for Sheffield would put them top at the end of the weekend but a Kingston win would confirm the trophy to come back home to Hull.

The girls delivered on the ice and a 6-0 victory crowned them league champions, bringing the title back to Kingston for at least another year.

This triumph means that the Diamonds have booked their place at the Women's Trophy Weekend to face off against Bracknell in a game to crown the National Champions!

We are extremely proud of the U16s this season, and we know they will give everything in their attempt for national glory.

Congratulations to the girls (who still have a game remaining vs Nottingham) and best of luck at the playoffs.

Upcoming Fixtures

05.05.18 – Premier vs Nottingham @ Home

05.05.18 – Elite vs Streatham @ Home

06.05.18 – U16s vs Nottingham @ Home

06.05.18 – Elite vs Bracknell @ Home

12.05.18 – Elite vs Sheffield @ Home

13.05.18 – Premier vs MK @ Home

13.05.18 – Elite vs Solihull @ Home



Diamonds Elite

Three home games this month for the Elites who are looking to pick up points and confirm their playoff spot, these games mark the start of a very busy stretch in the run up to playoffs.

First up was Sheffield, and having beaten them twice already this season, the Diamonds were keen to make it a hat-trick over their Yorkshire rivals. The Diamonds got into some penalty trouble early in the game and it cost them as Sheffield went 0-1 ahead. With Sarah Hutchinson, Shannon Jones and Beth Barwell all serving minor penalties Sheffield took advantage of the 5 on 3 powerplay and Hazel Taylor jammed the puck past Bolwell for the lead at 15.08

The Diamonds got their own powerplay a little later in the period and a scramble in front lead to Maddie Wright tying the game for the home team at 22.02.

The game continued in a frenzy of back and forth play for quite some time and neither team could break the deadlock in the remainder of the first or second period with both goalies pulling off some excellent saves to keep the game close.

Into the final period and the Diamonds finally managed to pull ahead. Sarah Hutchinson saw her shot from the point blocked, and an excellent play saw her keep the puck in the zone, denying a breakaway to the Sheffield forward. Having kept the puck in at the blue-line she quickly released another shot to the net and Hannah Worthington with a deft touch in front scored the second goal for the Diamonds at 48.16. Sheffield continued to pressure the Diamonds net and Bolwell had to stand strong to keep them at bay, but the Diamonds managed to kill the remaining minutes off the clock and scraped out a gritty 2-1 win for two vital points. Sam Bolwell earned her-self a well-deserved 'Spirit of the Game' award, sponsored by the Wright Family.

Final Score Kingston 2-1 Sheffield

The first game of a double-header saw Solihull visit the Hull Arena.

Both teams were up for it from the start and shared chances in a back-and-forth first period, with both netminders standing tall. Solihull created the better of the chances early on and eventually found a way past Holly Steeples, Katie Henry got the final touch on a bobbling puck which found its way across the goal-line at 15.02 for 0-1 which remained into the first intermission.

The second period was much of the same from both teams, Solihull getting more of the chances but the Diamonds looking dangerous on the break and getting some decent zone time, but neither team found the twine in the second period.

Into the final period and the Diamonds threw everything at the Solihull defense, who were beginning to tire with a short bench. Their hard work finally paid off and a defensive error gave the Diamonds a 2 on 1 rush, Shannon Jones carried the puck into the zone and sent a feather pass straight to the tape of Hannah Worthington who fired home to tie the game at 41.03. The Diamonds pressured for another goal and Solihull had a couple of their own chances but again both netminders stole the show and the game finished 1-1, with each team gaining a well-earned point in the standings.

Final Score Kingston 1-1 Solihull

Into the final game of the month for the Elites before a hectic May, the Guildford Lightning paid a visit to the Hull Arena. The game couldn't really have started worse for the Diamonds as Guildford opened the scoring just 30 seconds into the first period, Charmain Easton clearing up in front of net after an offensive rush. Guildford kept up the pressure throughout the period, heavily outshooting the Diamonds and they reaped the rewards once again at 17.01 as Hannah Ingledew doubled their lead, 0-2 at the end of the first period.

The Diamonds found a lifeline early in the second period as a nice play in front of net from Holly Cornford got the puck to Kirsten Deighton who was open in the slot, with time and space she ripped one past Barrow in the Guildford net for 1-2 at 22.31. A more even period in terms of chances but Guildford regained their two goal cushion at 35.46 as Louise Adams fired past Bolwell for a 1-3 scoreline heading into the final period.

Once again the Diamonds closed the gap early in the period with a powerplay goal, a nice play from the point got the puck down low to Deighton, who found Dannie Newlove in front of net, her shot was saved by Hannah Worthington was wide open at the backdoor to jam the rebound home for 2-3 at 41.44.

The Diamonds tried everything they could to find a tying goal, with multiple chances on the powerplay but they couldn't break down Guildford's defense again. Guildford sealed the deal late in the third period with a goal from Amy Mansbridge with a nice finish from the left side at 57.41. Kirsten Deighton took the Spirit of the Game award, kindly sponsored by Jonathan and Julie – "Fife4Life"!

Not the result the Diamonds wanted but they move swiftly on to next weekend with two more games; with results around the league this weekend the Elites have confirmed their place in the playoffs weekend.

Final Score Kinaston 2-4 Guildford



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