



## MATCH REPORT

### Mortimer Sapphires Vs Aces

5/6/2019

POM: Sam Moon (Sapphires)

POM: Nicki Archer (Aces)

Took the first quarter for both teams to settle, as there were lots of nerves from both sides. Quite a low scoring quarter but Sapphires managed to just pull ahead by 3 goals ending 6 - 3

Sapphires put the pressure on this quarter with some excellent passing down court and accurate feeds from Liz PB and Moon (POM) into Jubb and Butler to finish off, increasing the gap and pulling ahead. ACES shooter Webb managed to get some great shots under pressure with the quarter ending 15 - 6

Sapphires defence unit Evans, Rizan and Mogford putting pressure on any feeds into ACES shooters and picking up any loose balls and turnovers to bring carefully down court into the attack end. ACES had a change around in their defence and were putting more pressure on the shooters space so more patience was required feeding in and GK Webb managed to get a couple of tips with the quarter ending 21 - 9

ACES came into this quarter fighting and their C Nicki Archer (POM) - (usually plays GK) keeping control of the court and working tirelessly to get the turnovers. This was ACES best quarter moving the ball accurately through court so WA Mytton and Archer could get it to their shooters.

The whole Sapphires team defended extremely well throughout the whole game making it difficult for ACES.

Final Score: Mortimer Sapphires 27 - 17 Aces



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs Aces

22/5/2019

POM: Rachel Pithers (TB5)

POM: Emily Gill (Aces)

It was the last fixture of the season for thunderbirds 5 who were taking on Aces. Thunderbirds sitting at the top of the table with Aces just behind who had a game in hand. It was an intense game for both teams and you could just tell that this was going to be a tough match and both teams were going to have a fight on their hands.

The game started with hardly any goals and both teams defending and attacking well but the ball going from one end of the court to the other. The first quarter ended on a score with Aces leading 5-3.

The second quarter saw more of an increase as both teams were getting more settled and nerves had calmed from both sides with great drives into the shooters from both ends of the court and this quarter finished with Aces still leading the way 14-9.

Thunderbirds 5 decided to make a change and their GS M Asghar came off for a quarter to allow C Hodgetts to go on to see if they could change the game up slightly and close the gap a little more. This quarter was an intense battle but thunderbirds saw Aces increase the gap a little further and this quarter ended with Aces leading the way on 22-12.

The final quarter thunderbirds tried another change and bought their GS back on and substituted C Hodgetts into WA taking off R Mason. This quarter thunderbirds came back fighting and were determined to not allow the gap to increase even more. The defence for both thunderbirds and Aces worked extremely hard alongside all the attacking and centre court players and the ball was constantly up and down the court with both teams converting from their centre passes and a few turnovers from both sides. The final quarter ended with Aces holding onto their lead and winning the game!

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 18 - 30 Aces**



## MATCH REPORT

### Aces Vs iSwim Theale

24/4/2019

POM: Jen Wright (Aces)

POM: Amy Taylor (iSwim Theale)

1st 1/4 - Both teams were fairly even in the first quarter each getting the goals on their centre throws. At the end of this quarter Aces lead by one goal. (12-11)

2nd 1/4 - Both team are fighting hard to get a turn over and get a lead in the game. Both ends shooters rarely missed. Again this quarter was an even play. Aces increased their lead. (21-19)

3rd 1/4 - In the 2nd half Both team knew they couldn't make any mistakes as the other team would use it to their advantage. Aces managed to get a few turnovers to give them more of a lead. (31-27)

4th 1/4 - The last quarter was intense both teams wanting to win, every player outing their all in to the game. Theale closed the gap but not enough. In the end Ace won 39-37.

**Final Score: Aces 39- iSwim Theale 37**



## MATCH REPORT

### Aces Vs Thunderbirds 2

20/3/2019

POM: Alex Webb (Aces)

POM: Jenny Obin (TB2)

Aces and Thunderbirds 2 met for the second time in a matter of weeks. This marked the first match following the league split, based on results so far this season.

This time, the game was very close. Both teams matched each other goal-for-goal almost throughout all four quarters.

As soon as a small deficit opened, the opposing team would pull back level - and the result felt like it could have genuinely gone either way.

Aces showed good patience bringing the ball down the court, trying to counter TB2's fast play and intense defending. At the other end, TB2's GS Jenny Obin had a fantastic match, showing tremendous balance to hold on to the most challenging of feeds and expertly finishing almost every shot.

For this second meeting of the two teams, the win went to TB2. At the end of a hard-fought match, they scored a slender victory of 34 goals to 32.

**Final Score: Aces 32- TB2 34**



## MATCH REPORT

### Aces Vs RG7 Comets

28/11/2018

POM: Jen Wright (Aces)

POM: Charlotte Ellis (RG7 Comets)

Second placed Aces met RG7 Comets, just below them in the league in third, in windy conditions. The first quarter was low scoring with both teams struggling to convert attacking opportunities.

Comets were thwarted by Aces' circle defence pairing of Char Webb and Nicki Archer, who worked well together to intercept the feeds in to the Comets shooters. Meanwhile Aces came up against very tight centre court marking from Comets, particularly Comets C and POM Charlotte Ellis. However Aces were able to capitalize on their turnovers to lead 6-2. The second quarter was again end to end; Aces' defence continued to secure turnovers, which their attack were able to convert into goals thanks to some patient build up play. Aces led 13-5 at half time.

Both teams picked up the pace in the third quarter. Comets' shooting pair of Jo Starling and Amy Mulroy worked the ball quickly and effectively in the circle and managed to increase their scoring rate. However Aces centre court play seemed to step up a gear; all members of the team combined to get out of the tight Comets defence and release C and POM Jen Wright to quickly feed the ball in to their shooters. Aces had increased their lead to 21-10 after the third quarter.

Aces then dominated the final quarter; despite quick movement and passing from Ellis and Mulroy, Comets were only able to score one goal. Meanwhile Wright found more space in the Aces attacking third, setting up GS Charlotte Fox with fast and accurate passing around the circle.

Final score was a 32-11 win for Aces, although the match felt much closer than the scoreline suggests.

**Final Score: Aces 32- RG7 Comets 11**



## MATCH REPORT

### Aces Vs Mortimer Sapphires

17/10/2018

POM: Nicki Archer (Aces)

POM: Rachel Jubb (Mortimer)

This was a match that was always going to be closely fought, with Mortimer and Aces having played several evenly-matched training matches together. Mortimer came out fast in the first quarter, with Aces - settling in to working with a new line-up - taking a while to pick up the pace. Aces held a narrow one-goal lead at the first break.

Mortimer settled into some calm and decisive play in the second quarter, utilising every player on the court to patiently build in feeds into their shooters Emma Butler and their player-of-the-match Rachel Jubb. Aces' play was less organised but they overcame any errors to doggedly stay within reach of Mortimer.

At half-time, Mortimer had the upper hand, leading by two goals. Aces made a switch-up in positions in a bid to change the pace of their game. But Mortimer's game remained strong and they'd extended their lead to three goals to lead 21-18 at the end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Aces switched up a gear to score several goals in a row to bring them back into the game. Patient attacking play and incisive defending by their circle pairing Char Webb and Nicki Archer led to them bringing the score even. In the final five minutes, it was end-to-end play and the result could have gone either way. A last-gasp goal by Mortimer's Rachel Jubb brought the score back level and the match ended in a 27-27 draw

**Final Score: Aces 27- Mortimer Sapphires 27**