



MATCH REPORT

LP Whirlwind Vs Whiteknights

14/9/2019

POM: Michelle Barton (Whiteknights)

POM: Hannah Scott (LP Whirlwind)

It wouldn't be the start of the season without the sun shining down on us making the first match back even harder after the summer break. It also wouldn't be a usual Saturday having the luxury of full length posts ready for the start of the games! The Div 3 reps offered both teams the option of delaying the match for 10 minutes to get the posts or to start on time with short posts and switch them at half time which is what we opted for.

Both teams started strong with the excitement of the new season but it didn't take long for the sun and shorter posts to affect everyone. Some of LP's shots were passed over the short post a few times until they finally went in but it didn't stop LP's fast paced start. There were some great interceptions from LP's defence gaining some much needed early turnovers. Whiteknights GD made it increasingly hard for the LP shooters but with time and patience the goals were going in. The end of the first quarter saw LP leading 15-6 and most players delayering in the glorious sunshine.

Quarter 2 was much of the same as the first quarter and was Whiteknights turn to attempt shots at the lower post. LP switched their shooters around and had to adapt their shots to the higher post. Whiteknights had some great attacking chances with some speedy drives from their C who along with the WA had some superb feeds in to the never missing GA. LP's defence stayed strong and were key to numerous turnovers which helped LP extend their lead ending the 2nd quarter 14-6.

Quarter 3 saw Whiteknights switch up there defence with the GK and WD but due to the heat fatigue looked like it was setting in although no one gave up and everyone fought for their balls. The heat didn't seem to affect Whiteknights GD who looked like she still had loads left in the tank and continued putting pressure on LP's shooters. LP's GA was trying to match the speedy GD by drawing her out of the circle and away from any

intercepts which helped LP continue to pull away. LP's defence had an awesome 3rd quarter only conceding 4 goals! LP took the 3rd quarter 15-4.

Quarter 4 saw a slightly different game. Whiteknights came out fighting determined to stay within half to gain a point. Both teams fought hard and pushed their bodies with everything they had left in the tank. Whiteknights capitalised on any loose balls and sloppy passes but LP's defence was too much for them in the end although they did come away winning the 4th quarter 9-10.

Final Score: LP Whirlwind 53- 26 Whiteknights



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MATCH REPORT

Storm Vs Whiteknights

15/06/2019

POM: Tara Lacey (Whiteknights)

POM: Clare McCarthy (Storm)

Whiteknights started fast and strong, converting their centre passes and turning over many of Storms'. A tumble from Storm WD Elisa Saunders early in the match, leaving them down a player for a few minutes, helped Whiteknights gain an extra goal or two whilst her injury was tended to. However, Elisa soon returned and fought well in her defending position. The general play from both sides was, at times scrappy with handling errors but with pin-point scoring from the Whiteknights GS, they led the first quarter by 5 goals which ended 12-7.

The slightly scrappy play from the first quarter was still evident as the second quarter progressed. However, a much improved Storm side fought back with the defenders making some great interceptions. Great positioning and shooting in the "D" from GS Kelly Silverstone saw Whiteknights' lead diminish to nothing leaving the quarter ending level on 19-all.

After half time, it was clear both sides were hungry for a win with both teams making a few changes to their tactics and tightening up on defence. Whiteknights C Tara Lacey performed superbly ensuring a smooth transition up the court to their attacking "D"; consistently in the right place at the right time allowing her team to increase the goal tally. At the other end, Storms' circle defenders GK Katie Allen and GD Clare McCarthy worked harmoniously to put pressure on the Whiteknights attackers and succeeding in many cases preventing them from scoring. Storm put a little breathing space between them and Whiteknights with the third quarter ending with them ahead 33 goals to 30.

Final quarter, final match of the season and still everything to play for! Storm remained tight in defence and accurate with their shooting, aided by some great interceptions and a few unfortunate errors by Whiteknights, they gained some coveted quick turnovers and increased their lead. Whiteknights fought till the very end but it was a determined Storm team that finished triumphant.

Final Score: Storm 44 – Whiteknights 37



MATCH REPORT

Whiteknights Vs iSwim Theale

23/3/2019

POM: Kayleigh Puryer (Whiteknights)

POM: Sasha Billing (iSwim Theale)

Whiteknights started the game at a distinct disadvantage with only 6 players. They played the quarter with a weakened defence, dropping the WD position. Whiteknights battled hard, using longer passes down court and concentrated on keeping possession of the ball from their centre passes to reduce the impact of the missing player. Whiteknights GD, Kayleigh, played a sterling game, attempting to cover for both GD and WD. ISwim Theale took full advantage of their free player, taking time to move the ball down court with shorter and sharper passes. Close marking and great interceptions from their defence meant Whiteknights found it difficult to get the ball into their shooters, therefore reducing opportunities at goal. The first quarter ended with ISwim Theale ahead at 22 goals to 5

The second quarter closely mirrored the first. Whiteknights GD and GK attempted closer marking of the shooters but found it difficult to stop the high overhead balls coming into Gemma, Theale's GS. Her team made full advantage of her height and long reach. Even with a number of misplaced balls over the back line, Gemma managed to stretch out and scoop them back in with relative ease. Once Gemma had the ball a goal was virtually guaranteed, either from a first shot at goal or from the rebounds which the defence had difficulty intercepting. With consistently accurate play, ISwim Theale increased their lead to finish half time at 41 goals to 10

The third quarter saw Whiteknights' missing player take to court, bringing them up to full strength, with all players now in their correct positions. A change in tactics from Whiteknights defence proved beneficial in this quarter. Double marking of the GS by Whiteknights GD and GK meant more balls were passed to the GA. Although the GA shot really well, Whiteknights' defence managed to intercept more of the incoming lower balls and those being passed within the circle. Unsurprisingly this proved to be Whiteknights' best quarter, conceding only 12 goals, to end the quarter at 53 goals to 16.

The fourth quarter saw both teams continuing to fight for every ball. ISwim Theale's strong defence continued to deny Whiteknights shooter's the ball, with close marking and great interceptions of the ball. Despite the great court play demonstrated between Whiteknights players, it was still difficult to penetrate ISwim Theale's defence. Sasha, their goal defence was on good form, reading the ball well, anticipating the passes and jumping out of nowhere to intercept them at speed. ISwim Theale gained a seemingly easy, but well deserved win to finish the game at 70 goals to 19.

Despite the large goal difference, the game remained a competitive one, with both teams fighting for the ball. It was a friendly and enjoyable game, played on a lovely sunny morning. Many thanks to the umpires and scorers.

Final Score: Whiteknights 19 – iSwim Theale 70



MATCH REPORT

Razzlers Vs Whiteknights

2/03/2019

POM: Sophie Georghiou (Razzlers)

POM: Tara Lacey (Whiteknights)

Great first meeting between Razzlers and Whiteknights with both team's fighting and playing very strongly. Razzler's took lead straight away with faultless shooting from GS Sophie Georghiou and GA Amy Chesswas and a determined defence ensuring most centres were turned over. This resulted in the first quarter ending on 18 goals to Whiteknights's 4 goals.

The second quarter saw Razzler's secure their lead even further despite Whiteknights's attempts to double mark and push Sophie Georghiou further away from the shooting post. Consequently the end score was 33-10 to Razzlers.

In the third quarter, great interceptions and defence from Razzlers GD Gemma Lazenby and GK Emma Desbois enabled Razzlers to keep their strong lead, end of the third quarter score was 43-16.

Razzlers continuously strong shooting and man-on-man marking proved too difficult for Whiteknights to catch up with however they fought hard to secure an over 50% score to gain every point for the table possible. With great interceptions from Whiteknights's C and player of the match Tara Lacey and great shooting from GS Helen Knowles this resulted in Whiteknights winning this final quarter.

Final Score: Razzlers 52 – 27 Whiteknights



MATCH REPORT

RG7 Purple Vs Whiteknights

12/1/2019

POM: Jo Awbery (Whiteknights)

POM: Katy Norris (RG7 Purple)

Both teams took to court on a bright sunny morning and were pleased to be playing after the two previous weeks cancelled games due to rain.

The first quarter was a very close thing, pretty much goal for goal throughout the first 15 minutes. Superb shooting from both teams saw RG7 Purple take a slight 2 goal lead just at the end of the quarter to 14- 12.

The second quarter was equally as close. Close marking, accurate passing and shooting could not separate the two teams. As a result, both teams scored 12 goals apiece meaning RG7 Purple remained ahead at 26 - 24 at half time

Going into the second half Whiteknights upped their game and this proved to be their best quarter. Through determination to win and keep the ball they started to put the pressure on RG7. Tara, Whiteknights fast and versatile C, not only ensured the ball flew down the court quickly and deftly but also turned defender to make some great interceptions when Whiteknights started to lose ground. Lovely passing into the circle and excellent shooting by Helen and Lorna, Whiteknights shooters meant that at one point they were leading by 4 goals. RG7's defence then started to fight back, intercepting and returning the ball back down court to their equally excellent shooters, especially Katy their tall GS. Close defending and great interceptions by Whiteknights defence meant RG7 only managed to score 8 goals this quarter, to bring the score back to within 1 goal at the end of the quarter, seeing Whiteknights leading by 35-34 goals. The game could have gone either way at this point. RG7 decided to make changes to their attacking players by swapping their GS, Katy, to GA and their WD, Jo, to GS. This move looked to be a good decision. The dynamics in the circle changed, with the shooters taking advantage of some well-rehearsed moves to allow closer shots of goal. Due to a slight lapse in concentration by Whiteknights, a number of centre passes were lost. This together with the closer marking and more determined interceptions by RG7 Purple's defence, meant fewer shooting opportunities were won by Whiteknights. RG7 Purple continued to apply pressure, pulling ahead to finish the game 4 goals up at 47-43. A very enjoyable, friendly and closely fought game that could have gone either way at any time. A disappointing defeat for Whiteknights but a well- deserved 2 points gained. Superb umpiring from both umpires ensuring the game flowed well and fairly throughout.



Final Score: RG7 Purple 46 - Whiteknights 37

MATCH REPORT

RG7 Purple Vs Whiteknights

20/10/2018

POM: Tara Lacey (Whiteknights)

POM: Katy Norris (RG7 Purple)

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MATCH REPORT

Whiteknights v Yateley

22/09/2018

POM: Laura Hastie (Yateley)

POM: Kelly Elsam (Whiteknights)

Both teams were raring to go in wet conditions. Whiteknights started out strong with some great play down the court and took an early lead. Some great feeds by Kelly Elsam for whiteknights into the GS and accurate shooting meant Whiteknights started to pull away. Yateley settled in after the first 10 minutes with some great links between WA Laura Hastie and GA Sarah Anderson. The first quarter finished Whiteknights 11 Yateley 10.

In the second quarter the court was getting slippery and players had to be careful with their passes. Whiteknights defence of R Lane GD and D Mumford GK managed to get a few turnovers and again strong shooting by H Knowles GS meant Whiteknights started to pull away. The second quarter finished Whiteknights 28 Yateley 16

Yateley mixed things up in the 3rd Quarter with V Rawlison moving to GK. Yateley came out hard and there were some great interceptions by Jess Storey WD. Yateley's GK read the feeds well and managed to get a few turnovers. There was some great work in yateley's attack and this quarter finished Whiteknights 31 Yateley 31.

With everything to play for in the final quarter it could have gone either way and both teams battled to the end. Kelly Elsam for Whiteknights was all over the court and there were great interceptions for both teams. Some great shooting from Kerry Gomme Yateley's GS but Whiteknights dug deep and turned over Yateley's last few centres.

Final Score: Whiteknights 42 – Yateley 40



MATCH REPORT

Whiteknights v Basingstoke

15/09/2018

POM: Kelly Elsam (Whiteknights)

POM: Jo Laffoley (Basingstoke)

The first game of the season saw both teams fielding a mix of players not use to playing together. As a result, both teams took time to settle into their positions. A slow start saw a very evenly matched game which found Basingstoke finishing just ahead at 11 goals to 10 at the end of the first quarter .

Second quarter started at a faster pace. Basingstoke started to pull away with some good accurate shooting from both their GS and GA. Whiteknights defence blocked well in the circle and despite several good interceptions, there were not many opportunities for them to turn the ball round through rebounds. Great passing between Whiteknights C and WA who controlled the speed of the game through this quarter, saw the ball effortlessly move down court for Whiteknights but the height of the Basingstoke defence made it difficult getting the ball into the Whiteknights circle. Whiteknights shooters therefore had fewer chances at goal. Once Brenda had the ball she rarely missed, even from the edge of the circle but through lack of possession Basingstoke inched further ahead to lead by 23 goals to 16 at the end of the first half.

Third quarter saw both teams make changes to player positions. Whiteknights made big changes swapping their shooters around, WA and C and defence players. This resulted in another very even quarter. Great court play was demonstrated by both teams, together with accurate passing and good close marking. Both teams scored 12 goals this quarter, with Basingstoke still 7 goals ahead at 35 goals to 28.

At the start of the last quarter Whiteknights seemed to lose momentum. They found it increasingly difficult to get the ball into their shooters, particularly tricky by the great interceptions being made by Jo, who seemed to spring out of nowhere to take the ball. Whiteknights fought hard to get back into the game. They overturned a number of centre passes but great passing into Basingstoke's circle, and the consistent shooting accuracy of Laura and Fiona meant Basingstoke increased their lead to finish the game 47 goals to 31.

Contrary to the final score this was a very evenly matched game. A great first game of the season, very friendly and enjoyed by all. Thanks go to the scorers and both umpires who maintained a great standard of umpiring throughout the game.

Final Score: Whiteknights 31 – Basingstoke 47