



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