



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 3 Vs LP Whirlwinds

24/10/2018

POM: Louise Boisclair (TB3)

POM: Nina Brown (LP Whirlwinds)

After a panicked start that saw Thunderbirds having to borrow a player literally as they took to court, it really seemed to unsettle the team right from the beginning. With quick centre court play and great shooting, LP took the lead early on. Thunderbirds desperately tried to pull it back but they just couldn't convert the goals, scoring only 2 in the first quarter. First quarter score 8-2 to Whirlwinds.

Thunderbirds came out more positively after their missing player arrived to join them for the second quarter, but even with GS Beryl Okeyo's height in the circle, TB3 still couldn't seem to get the ball past LP's strong defensive, with Nina Brown making some fantastic interceptions earning her the well deserved POM for LP. Their turn overs were quickly converted into goals by Kelly Thomas and K Harvey. Second quarter score 19-6 to Whirlwinds.

After a massive change around from Thunderbirds, that saw all but two players swapping positions, things seemed to be a bit more settled. Whirlwinds were on fire though and too much for Thunderbirds to handle. TB3's normal game seemed to go out of the window and with Captain Lucy Sullivan absent, the team really missed her vocal encouragement. Thunderbirds defence Angie Cornelius and Charlie Greenaway worked hard and never gave up, but LP's shooters were unstoppable. Third quarter score 29-9 to Whirlwinds.

With some advice and encouraging words from some of Netchix players at the end of the third quarter, Thunderbirds came out fighting but sadly it was too late to make a dent in the score. This was by far their best and most even quarter with Whirlwinds, with some great centre court play from WD Catherine Redding, WA Becky Dunne, and TB3's POM Louise Boisclair. TB3's shooters Claire Evans and Beryl Okeyo also had a great quarter with some lovely shots going in. If Thunderbirds had played like this the whole game they would of given Whirlwinds a real run for their money.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 3 17- LP Whirlwinds 37