

### **RG7 Purple Vs Whiteknights**

12/1/2019

POM: Jo Awbery (Whiteknights)

POM: Katy Norris (RG7 Purple)

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Final Score: RG7 Purple 46 - Whiteknights 37



### **RG7 Purple Vs Whiteknights**

20/10/2018

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## 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 their 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 their 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



## 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