



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 7 Vs Mortimer Gems

3/11/2018

POM: Charity Mlambo (TB7)

POM: Emma Butler (Mortimer Gems)

A lack of posts delayed the start by a few minutes which gave both teams the chance to be well warmed up and psyched ready to start.

The first quarter started fast and very competitive. Despite a large squad, Thunderbirds could only field 6 of their own players and Mortimer's tall GA, Emma, looked like she was going to prove tough competition for Thunderbirds short defensive pair of Charity and Louise. However, Louise's determination combined with Charity's bounce meant it was a struggle to get the balls into Mortimer's circle. Thunderbirds had borrowed Gill from Bombprint as their GS and she quickly worked well around the circle with Abi meaning the first quarter ended 12-6.

The second quarter had some great turnovers from Thunderbirds. The match felt much more even than the score line showed at this point. Centre court play was fast with lots of interceptions in both directions - determination to pick up loose balls and fast passes into the circle from Thunderbirds C and WA Rachel and Lucy provided their shooters with some great opportunities and the second quarter ended 26-9.

A change at half time for Mortimer saw their WA and C change places. Their new C (J Vinton) was fighting hard and fast but took a tumble and had to leave court due to a bleeding hand. She was replaced by Sarah (with an existing injury!) who brought a stability to their centre court play. The battles in both circles continued throughout the match with Gill and Dawn fighting over each ball into the Thunderbirds shooting end. With a change in centre court Mortimer were able to convert more of their shooting opportunities for a much more evenly scored quarter - a score of 38-18 took the teams into the final quarter.

The last quarter saw another injury - this time a Thunderbird as Abi went down in the circle and couldn't get back on court (her ankle was swollen beautifully by the end of the match - what an egg!). Luckily Kelly from Zodiac stepped in and continued with some excellent shooting as Thunderbirds attack were now made up of players from 3 different teams. Mortimer's GD, Harriet, was determined not to let a change of player faze her and continued her great defensive work in the circle. Mortimer were now hanging on to keep their half score and became even more determined in the last 10 minutes. Both

WD's, Cath from TB7 and Stephanie from Mortimer, we're putting pressure on every centre pass and making life difficult for the attacking teams. Whilst Mortimer held onto their points for half score there was no catching Thunderbirds by now and the final score was 49-26. A great game to play - here's hoping all injuries recover quickly.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 7 49 – Mortimer Gems 26



MATCH REPORT

Mortimer Gems vs Laurel Park Cyclones

22/09/2018

POM: Rachel Jubb (Mortimer Gems)

POM: Hannah Scott (Laurel Park Cyclones)

The start of the game was a tense affair with both teams fighting hard and keeping the score pretty much even. Rachel Jubb's speedy dodges and accurate shooting helped Mortimer Gems to pull ahead by one goal at the end of the first quarter. The second quarter saw many interceptions from both teams. Mortimer Gems defence fought hard to prevent the impressive long balls into the D. Laurel Park Cyclones applied pressure to force errors in Mortimer Gems centre passes which lead to a 2 goal lead at the end of the second quarter.

The third quarter saw LP Cyclones begin to pull away with as they continued to apply pressure to the mid court and win many interceptions which they speedily converted into a 7 goal lead. Mortimer Gems fought hard and towards the end of the quarter regained structure to add 4 more goals to their tally and lead them into a more successful fourth quarter. However, LP Cyclones quick passes and wide use of the court helped them to keep clocking up the goals and ended the game with a 9 goal difference and win. LP Cyclones WA, Hannah Scott, earned the team's POM for her excellent interceptions and awareness of space and Mortimer Gems GA, Rachel Jubb, was a well-deserved POM for her energetic movements and shooting accuracy.

Final Score: Mortimer Gems 23 - Laurel Park Cyclones 32