



MATCH REPORT

Aces Vs LP Hurricanes

26/1/2019

POM: Libby Covell (LP Hurricanes)

POM: Georgie Keelty (Aces)

Aces and LP Hurricanes played out an intense match in windy conditions. The match started very evenly and the lead changed hands several times in the first quarter. Hurricanes GD and POM Libby Covell read some of Aces longer passes superbly, and her team mates in attack were able to capitalise on this, to take a 4 goal lead. However at the end of the quarter Aces GS Charlotte Fox unfortunately took a painful blow to the eye and had to be assisted off court. Luckily Aces new signing Chloe Palmer was watching on from the sideline; Aces had to make some significant changes to their usual lineup, moving GD Georgie Keelty in to the shooting circle, and bringing Palmer on for her debut at GD. Unsurprisingly this disrupted Aces' rhythm, and they started the quarter slowly. Covell continued to pick up interceptions in the Hurricanes defence, and GS Lucy Cousins (Whirlwinds) held her space well at the other end to secure shooting opportunities. Aces settled towards the end of the quarter, but Hurricanes had extended their lead to 29-15 at half time.

Aces fought back well in the second half – WD Natalie Alleyne and C Jen Wright defended well against Hurricanes WA Jade Waite and C Jodie Penny to intercept several attacking feeds. Meanwhile Aces POM Keelty found her shooting rhythm, despite the close attention of Hurricanes GK Adele Brickley. Aces won the third quarter but were still behind going into the final period, 37-26. By the final quarter Aces had adapted much better to their new combinations, with Palmer and Alleyne combining well in the centre third to support Aces' attacking play. The final score was a 48-34 win for Hurricanes, a result that could have been much closer had Aces not had to adjust to Fox's injury. Both teams wish her a speedy recovery..

Final Score: Aces 34 – LP Hurricanes 48



MATCH REPORT

Nexus Vs Aces

12/1/2019

POM: Chloe Mordue (Nexus)

POM: Jen Wright (Aces)

First game of 2019 and Nexus and Aces were buzzing to be back on court! First 15 and both teams came out strong. Nexus defence managing to turn over some feeds into the circle, allowing shooting due of Clo Mordue and Julia Eatwell to capitalise ending first quarter Nexus 14-8.

Aces picked up pace with Fox and Wright feeding great balls into the circle. Talking of foxes - fox poop was on court which delayed play but this clearly didn't distract GS Humphrey's sinking some exceptional shots from anywhere in the circle. Nexus responded to 5 goals on the bounce with Crowley breaking down the attacking play and sending the ball up court for Nexus to capitalise.
Half time Nexus 26-17

Changes were made to both teams at half time. Porter clearly keeping up her fitness level over the festive season and making an impact straight away (and ending up on the floor) Turnover ball was not easy to convert however with Webb and Keelty applying pressure and getting their hands to ball meaning Eatwell now under pressure to sink long range shots - which she need
BOOM! Nexus leading 31-40.

Final quarter & the ball was still going goal for goal at either end. McCarry and Wright (BP) still keeping the ball flowing and working effortlessly up and down the court with Aces WD making it hard for Byrne to find space. Morris and Taylor clearly becoming a formidable defending duo continuing to breakdown attacking play. A great game and a friendly game.

Final Score: Nexus 53 – 40 Aces



MATCH REPORT

Business Moves Vs Aces

08/12/2018

POM: Alex Webb (Aces)

POM: Olivia Goodall (Business Moves)

It was a normal cold Saturday morning up at Theale but the wind was high and very bitter. Both teams turned up wrapped up for the occasion.

Aces literally commenced with a flying start with 3 goals in a row – strategically from under the post whilst Business Moves were slow to get started. Aces continued to storm ahead with the first quarter finishing 17 (Aces) vs 8 (BM).

With a couple of changes to positions within the Business Moves team the gap soon narrowed and the game was a bit more competitive – the half time score being 26 (Aces) vs 19 (BM)

Sadly Business Moves didn't capitalise and maintain their second quarter form and soon Aces were running away with the game with Aces scoring more than twice Business Moves goals in the third quarter and also winning the final quarter. Some great interceptions by both Aces defenders stopped a number of potential goals being scored by Business Moves. The weather was threatening to rain and it became dark and cloudy. Luckily for everyone it didn't rain properly and the game carried on.

Aces played well throughout and their shooting was consistent from both shooters and they deserved the win. The final score was Aces 52 vs BM 34 with players of the match being Alex Webb (GA) for Aces and Olivia Goodall (GD) for Business Moves

Final Score: Business Moves 34 – Aces 52



MATCH REPORT

Aces VS Tadley

24/11/2018

POM: Louise Leach (Tadley)

POM: Jen Wright (Aces)

Aces and Tadley played out an exciting and friendly match in front of vocal support for both sides. The first quarter was very close. Tadley GK Nicki Archer read the feeds in to the Aces shooters very well (unsurprising as she plays for them in the midweek league!). Meanwhile the Aces defenders Char Webb and Georgie Keelty were putting great pressure on the Tadley attack. Keelty rebounded strongly and Aces were able to convert a couple of turnovers to lead 12-10. The second quarter continued in a similar vein but Aces started working the ball around the attacking circle more effectively and led 24-17 at half time.

Aces then came out raring to go for the second half and soon pulled further ahead. GA Alex Webb controlled the attacking third with great movement and accurate shooting, despite the close attention of Archer and Tadley GD Bridget Hinchens. The Tadley shooters linked up well together, POM and GA Louise Leach in particular moving fantastically well round the circle and finding GS Helen Thompson with accurate feeds. However the Aces defence held firm and secured several interceptions, then patiently worked the ball out to POM and C Jen Wright to quickly create a scoring opportunity. Aces pulled further ahead, score 39-23 after the third quarter. The last quarter was closer, as Tadley demonstrated great spirit to keep the pressure on the Aces attack and slow down the scoring rate. Aces again showed good composure to continue their patient play and close out the match with a 50-31 victory.

Final Score: Aces 50 – Tadley 31



MATCH REPORT

Volume Vs Aces

03/11/2018

POM: Lauren Jennings (Volume)

POM: Alex Webb (Aces)

The game started even with the ball working from each end and each team scoring their own centre, however errors from Volume allowed Aces to take advantage of the turnovers and take a strong lead. First quarter finished 16-6 to Aces.

Volume came out with much more fight and put pressure on Aces. However strong shooting from the Aces combo, especially POM Alex saw Aces barely miss. Some good interceptions from volumes centre court disrupted the game and allowed the volume shooters to find their flow a little more. The 2nd quarter finished with aces still holding their lead 27-19

The third quarter saw lovely play by Aces working it up court to their shooters. Making the most of their own centres and scoring on turnovers. Volume made a break at the end of the quarter and bought the score to 34-27.

Both teams came out fighting into the last quarter, and some tough defence from volumes POM Lauren saw Aces advantage decrease with it being made hard for the ball to get into the circle. Both teams kept on fighting right up until the last minute, Aces held onto the well-deserved lead, but Volume managed to get within 5 to gain the extra point.

Final Score: Volume 36 – Aces 41



MATCH REPORT

Aces Vs Nexus

22/09/2018

POM: Chloe Mordue (Nexus)

POM: Jen Wright (Aces)

Both teams came into this game having recorded a victory in their first match the previous week. Nexus had a familiar lineup, while Aces had a few changes, with regular GD Georgie Keelty covering the GS position and Whiteknights' Kerrie Walsh stepping in to the defensive circle. Matches between these teams are always fast paced and friendly and this was no exception.

Nexus raced into a 6 goal lead at the start of the first quarter as Aces struggled to adapt to their new setup. Nexus circle defenders Claire Morris and Sally Brinkley kept the pressure on the Aces attack and managed to pick up some interceptions, which Nexus quickly converted at the other end. Their shooters held on to some challenging but accurate feeds into the circle - GA and POM Chloe Mordue held on to everything that came her way and showed composure to convert her shooting chances. However Aces showed the fighting spirit that earned them a win over LP Hurricanes in the first game, getting back into the game with patient play down the court. Shooters Keelty and Alex Webb grew in confidence and the score was 32-15 at half time.

The second half continued in the same vein, with Nexus converting several hard-won turnovers to pull away, but Aces never let their heads drop. GK Char Webb started reading the Nexus feeds into the circle really well and gained some interceptions. WD Natalie Alleyne grew in confidence and supported WA Leigh Mytton and C and POM Jen Wright as they managed to work the ball through a tight Nexus press.

Aces fought hard to try and get within half, but the final whistle came too soon, final score 64-28 with last season's champions showing their class once again.

Final Score: Nexus 64 – Aces 28