

Laurel Park Hurricanes v CGL

27/2/2019

POM: Jane Rees (CGL)

POM: Jade Waite (LP Hurricanes)

In a very quick first quarter, both teams were settling and assessing the opposition. Interceptions were made on both sides but shots were also converted both ends, finishing the quarter completely level at 6-6.

Quarter 2 saw Hurricanes make a bit of headway, with a few goals in quick succession but CGL immediately fought back flying down the court and popping the ball into GA, Bolton, whose long range shooting was on form. Defensively, CGL were forcing errors, allowing Hurricanes to think that Cousins and Covell were free before a perfectly timed arm of Rees picked the ball out the air and allowed CGL to get back on the attack. The first half finished 12-15; close but Hurricanes needing to try something new.

CGL marked Hurricanes' centre passes tightly, forcing them to use a back option and still Rees was getting round her player to make it a real challenge for Hurricanes to feed the D. Some centre court changes from CGL brought an extra wave of energy and the team made a few successive turnovers to pull away further to 17-23 by the last break.

In the final quarter, Hurricanes knew they had to work the ball in more patiently to their shooters who needed to get in front; work the triangles; offer a cheeky bounce pass!! Waite's drives to the circle edge were helping and her ability to offer and re-offer earned her POM for Hurricanes. With Covell and Brickley switching ends, Hurricanes gained a bit of confidence and kept the momentum going. Key and Southall for CGL were getting the ball down court really quickly for their side and the shooters weren't missing. Whilst it was a valiant effort from Hurricanes (managing to stay level in the final quarter) there wasn't enough time for them to close the gap and CGL came out victorious!

Final Score: <u>LP Hurricanes 24 – CGL 31</u>



CGL Vs RG7 Jets

30/1/2019

POM: Jane Rees (CGL)

POM: Leanne Hammond (RG7 Jets)

CGL and RG7 Jets took to the court on a rather cold Theale evening, where temperatures had dropped into the minus degrees! CGL started the game well, despite another new combination which meant stalwart goal shooter Leigh de Klerk was the only player in position in the attacking end. Katie Sanford - starting at wing attack and usually goal defence - was dynamic in the position and was feeding de Klerk and goal attack Charlotte Southall superbly well; aided by Southall sweeping the front of the circle and creating the front option ball and space for de Klerk behind. The shooters soon found their range in front of goal and CGL entered the break leading 7 - 2.

Jets came out fighting in the second quarter. They were working the ball up the court more consistency through their mid courters Duncan - Brown and their player of the match Leanne Hammond. Despite this they were struggling to convert their possession into goal. CGL continued to control the game and went into the half time break up 17 goals to 5.

CGL made more changes at half time with their player of the match Jane Rees moving back into the more familiar goal keeper position from goal defence, Sanford returning to goal defence, Shannon Holmes moving out to wing defence and defender Laura Dean taking on the wing attack bib. This new combination really gelled with Dean linking well with the shooters and centre Sarah Key. In defence Rees was taking advantage of some loopy balls into the goal third and making intercepts and CGL were able to confine Jets to one goal for the whole quarter. CGL were leading at three quarter time 30 - 6.

RG7 Jets really stepped up their game in the final quarter and Leanne Hammond moving into the shooting circle in the goal attack position really impacted on Jets play. Goal shooter Morag Bell and Hammond worked really well together to create space, which resulted in more opportunities on goal and got the scoreboard ticking over. CGL just edged the quarter 9 - 7 but ran out comfortable winners.

Final Score: <u>CGL 39 – RG7 Jets 13</u>



Business Moves Vs CGL

17/09/2018

POM: Jane Rees (CGL)

POM: Rachel Green (Business Moves)

The first quarter was quite low scoring, as both teams made passing errors particularly in the goal third and shooting circles. Both teams' defences were capitalising on the errors, and although CGL got off to a better start, Business Moves improved towards the end of the quarter to go into the first break one goal up,6-5.

Business Moves had 8 players so swapped in a new WD for the second quarter, whereas CGL had a straight seven although missing a couple of regular players. CGL's Shannon at WD put a lot of pressure on Moves passing into the circle and GK and eventual player of the match, Jane, really started to warm up, intercepting a huge variety of passes from the Moves attack. Moves GK and GD Sallie and Lauren worked hard to limit CGL's opportunities, but CGL pulled away.

In the 3rd and start of 4th quarters, CGL appeared to dominate the game, with more balls getting into their shooting circle and Jane continuing to pick off balls left right and centre. However, Moves' Rachel at GA, in her first game back after having a baby, had a fantastic second half. Her moving, passing and shooting was fast and accurate and Moves pulled level to 18-18 in the last quarter, really getting their hopes up. However CGL made a couple of crucial moves in the last few minutes to pull off the victory by two goals.

Final Score: <u>Business Moves 20 – CGL 22</u>



CGL Vs TRBL

05/09/2018

POM: Lauren Mallins (CGL)

POM: Isabel Kemp (TRBL)

TRBL put out at strong performance in their first Wednesday fixture of the season, to bring to an end CGL's three match winning streak against the reining division one champions. As was to be expected it was a tight opening quarter. A new look TRBL started well and raced into an early lead, but CGL clawed their way back into the game to leave the teams level at 5-5 at the end of the first quarter.

CGL struggled to keep pace with TRBL in the second quarter as TRBL capitalised on every CGL error and gained the momentum. TRBL goal shooter Lou Grainger had a great game, rarely missed a shot on goal and controlled the attacking end beautifully, ably supported by their talented new centre and player of the match Isabel Kemp. Her fake passes successfully drew the CGL defence on numerous occasions and her pin point feeds ensured TRBL had the higher number of shots on goal. At half time the score sat at 15 – 10 to TRBL.

CGL entered the second half determined and worked hard to get back into the match. Their player of the match Lauren Mallins was dynamic in the wing attack position and made herself available for a large percentage of CGL's centre passes, whilst centre Sarah Key took some crucial interceptions in the centre third. CGL's circle defenders (Katie Sanford and Jane Rees) worked hard to try to contain the TRBL attack, whilst up the other end the balls finally started to land to CGL shooter Leigh De Klerk. The quarter was tied up at 6 – 6 but TRBL still led the game 21 - 16.

CGL fell away again in the final quarter as TRBL pressured every CGL pass and continued to punish every mistake by effortlessly finishing off their possession in front of goal. The TRBL defensive unit (Donna Hancock, Nancy Leadley and Claire Beasley), who combined well and were solid throughout the game, had a particularly strong final quarter and closed down a number of CGL's attacking plays. TRBL won the quarter 9-5 and the game ended with in a well deserved 30-21 victory to TRBL.

Final Score: CGL 21 - TRBL 30