



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 6 Vs Nexus

13/4/2019

POM: Chloe Hodgetts (TB6)

POM: Kelly Crowley (Nexus)

A lovely sunny but slightly windy day saw Nexus win the toss and took the centre from the whistle. A strong start saw some great balls into the circle straight into the capable hands of Sally Brinkley at GS who, despite the occasional wobble, shot fantastically.

As play settled, Thunderbirds started to capitalise on their own centres and great movement all the way down court from TB WA – Emma McCarthy and TB C – Philippa Legg saw the ball into the circle and goals scored by TB GS - Holly Humphreys and GA - Chloe Hodgetts who also, despite a few wobbles, both had their eye in and shots on target closing the lead Nexus had gained. However, strong defence from Nexus GK – Amy Thatcher, GD – Claire Morris and WD – Lou Porter meant rebounds made in the circle were capitalised on and Nexus ended the quarter leading 13-5.

Thunderbirds made a change going into the 2nd quarter with Holly Humphreys going to GK and Jenny Obin switching to GS, Thunderbirds hoping the additional height in the defensive circle may be able to slow down Nexus' goals. Thunderbirds had some lovely play and continued excellent shooting with circle movement looking very impressive with the new attacking duo and some sensational ball placement from WA and C, but Nexus were not going to let them close the gap too quickly. Capitalising on interceptions of loopy passes, strong defence and their own excellent centre passes taken by C – Lisa Bird allowed GA – Laura and WA – Kelly Crowley to manoeuvre the ball well into the circle allowing the GA and GS to convert and score an additional 12 goals despite the strong defensive trio of TB GK – Holly Humphreys, GD – Sandra Timney and WD – Lolly Barnes. The 2nd quarter ended 25-18 to Nexus.

A switch in defence between GD and GK for Thunderbirds and no changes for Nexus saw the start of the 3rd quarter. GD – Holly and WD – Lolly made some crucial interceptions down court and the excellent movement of GS - Jenny and GA – Chloe with accurate shots allowed for the conversions. However, despite their best efforts, Nexus strong team ethic and continuous accurate balls into the circle allowed them to gain a further lead despite GK – Sandra's best efforts for the intercepts (doesn't help she is about a foot shorter than Sally!!). The third quarter ending 38-28 to Nexus.

The final quarter saw no changes for Thunderbirds or Nexus, who felt they had got into a good flow and raring to take on the last 15 minutes. Nexus started the final quarter and the strong partnership of the team allowed continued goal scoring opportunities. However, an exciting final quarter for Thunderbirds who managed to keep Nexus to only 9 goals (the least for the game) and managed to claw back to a 4 goal difference! Final moments saw both teams continue to fight until the final whistle with great enthusiasm and energy, and the game was a great one all round.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 64 – Nexus 47



MATCH REPORT

Nexus Vs Tadley

03/3/2019

POM: (Nexus)

POM: (Tadley)

An even start from both Tadley & Nexus. Loose balls picked up from both team. Great shooting from Nexus GS Sally Brinkley and Tadley GA Helen Thompson.

Nexus started to pull away but Tadley reacted with the quarter ending Nexus 11 - Tadley 7

Tadley swapped the centre court players around. Nexus started the quarter strong, scoring 6 goals on the trot. Tadley responded with loose balls being picked up by Tadley GS Rachel Cross. Good shooting and passing between Nexus GS Sally Brinkley and GA Chloe Mordue. Tadley GK Lauren Veitch and GD Lee Heaver tried to intercept these but were just not tall enough! Nexus WD Kelly Crowley turned an ankle so substitute Jane McCarry was swapped in during the quarter.

Nexus 31- Tadley 11

Nexus started the quarter really strong with excellent shooting from GS Sally Brinkley and GA Chloe Mordue. Tadley fought back hard to gain some turnovers but Nexus extended the lead even further.

Nexus 50 - Tadley 16

Nexus continued feeding some excellent balls into GS Sally Brinkley and GA Chloe Mordue which gave Nexus a strong start to the last quarter. The Nexus GK A Thatcher had some good tips in the circle that led to overturned play allowing Nexus to extend their lead.

Tadley continued to fight back with some good passing around the shooting D which allowed Rachel Cross to score Tadleys first 2 goals of the quarter. Tadley took some great interceptions and GK Bridget Hitchens and GD Lee Heaver continued to put pressure on the Nexus shooters.

Despite this Nexus continued to consistently extend their lead.

Final Score: Nexus 64 – 24 Tadley



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

CGL Rock Vs Nexus

8/12/2018

POM: (Nexus)

POM: (CGL Rock)

Newley formed, only this season, CGL Rock started well, playing some great netball and were able to take the lead finishing the quarter with a 2 goal lead. Second quarter Nexus defence fought hard and got lots of interceptions by their amazingly tall GK, rebounds were batted away to their team which was then converted by their GA who now seemed to have her eye, CGL Rock shooters appeared to lose confidence. Nexus's determination reflects the half time score CGL Rock had given up their lead by 4 goals

The 3rd qtr saw Nexus extend their lead by another 4 goals, GA movement within the circle was smart needing both GCL Rock defence to cover where she hardly missed a goal.

The final qtr CGL Rock worked hard made a change on court bringing a new WD, moving the WD to WA and taking off the current WA, Rock wanted to bring on fresh legs and a change was needed but they were unable to catch the lead that Nexus has gained their momentum in the second qtr and denying CGL Rock the extra point.

Final Score: CGL Rock 31 - 41 Nexus



MATCH REPORT

Volume Vs Nexus

06/10/2018

POM: Lauren Jennings (Volume)

POM: Leighton Mytton (Nexus)

The second meet for these 2 teams this week. An even start from both teams with the ball playing from end to end with turnovers from both defence. A low scoring first quarter with 5 goals a piece.

The second quarter stayed the same, each team making turnovers but then losing their own centre. An injury to the Volume GS saw them play the rest of the game with 6. Nexus made a last turnover which saw them going into the third quarter leading by 1 - another low scoring quarter 10-9.

Nexus came out fighting against 6 but volume held their own, by the end of the quarter nexus took advantage of the extra player and made some good interceptions to make a few turnovers, they led the third quarter by 3. 17-14

The pressure of 6 players started to show and nexus took advantage, although volume defence made it difficult, Nexus defenders made it equally as hard. Nexus found the net more and the lead started to creep away from volume. However, hard fought by Volume they managed to keep the score within 5 and gain the extra point. The game was well played by all on court.

Final Score: Volume 19 – Nexus 23



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



MATCH REPORT

Nexus Vs Business Moves

15/09/2018

POM: Chloe Mordue (Nexus)

POM: Kiy (Business Moves)

First game of the season saw Nexus take on Business Moves. A high energy and fast paced first quarter.

Moves shooters Bevan and Hodsworth were put under attack as the Nexus Defence duo Thatcher and Morris made superb interceptions limiting Moves chances of scoring.

Subs Crowley for Nexus and Smith for Moves provided fresh legs for both teams, players settled quickly into the game.

Nexus went into the second quarter wanting to build on their momentum from the end of the first quarter. However Moves came back fighting, with some excellent defensive play from Smith and Griffiths.

Nexus pressured every ball and were able to force errors, which they quickly transitioned down the court and converted, ending the quarter 11 – 33 to Nexus.

Moves defence Fulford and Kiy worked tirelessly in the D but just couldn't stop Nexus's Mordue and Eatwell's strong partnership, Nexus's Bird and Bryne feeds into the circle were on point.

Nexus extended their lead by 32 goals to end the 3rd quarter.

An attack reshuffle made by Nexus, changed their momentum, Moves Meridith and Moon picked up on the changes and took advantage of the weakness in their play. After a disruptive 5 minutes Nexus settled, Nexus Porter supporting Eatwell in the centre court found their rhythm and continued to feed the Nexus shooters now Byrne and Mordue scoring a further 11 goals.

Final Score: Nexus 63 – Business Moves 28