



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

Thunderbirds 6 Vs Business Moves

2/3/2019

POM: Jenny Obin (TB6)

POM: Jenny Meredith (Business Moves)

Business moves won the toss and took the centre from the whistle. A scatty and blustery start to the game for both sides lead to some fast-paced passes and play down court that left both teams with some overturns and lost balls.

As play settled, both teams started to capitalise on their accurate passing. Great movement all the way down court from TB WA – Lolly Barnes and TB C – Philippa Legg saw the ball into the circle and goals scored by TB GS Jenny Obin and GA Jane Hodgetts who both had their eye in and shots on target gaining an early lead. However, strong defence from Business Moves GK – Sandra Fulford, GD – N Smith and WD – Carly Partridge meant interceptions made in the circle were capitalised on by BM. The quarter ending 8-4 to Thunderbirds.

No changes made going into the 2nd quarter by either team meant play continued swiftly from where it had been left. Thunderbirds had some lovely play and continued excellent shooting with circle movement looking very impressive, but BM were not going to let them run away with it. Capitalising on interceptions of loopy passes and their own excellent centre passes allowed GA – H Dodsworth and GS – J Meredith to convert and score an additional 7 goals despite the strong defensive trio of TB GK – Julie Kinsella (who made some excellent interceptions throughout the first half of the game whilst playing out of position), GD – Holly Humphreys and WD – Chloe Hodgetts. The 2nd quarter ended 23-11 to Thunderbirds.

A switch of position for BM meant a change between WA, C and WD. Thunderbirds also had a change of positioning with Julie going off and being replaced by Chloe Hodgetts at GK and TB Emma McCarthy coming on at WA. Quarter 3 was a strong defensive quarter for Thunderbirds, limiting BM to only 4 goals, despite their best efforts of getting the ball in the circle. GD – Holly made some crucial interceptions down court which TB converted and some excellent rebound from GK – Chloe stopped BM from being able to shoot further. With a new attacking trio Thunderbirds GA - Jane continued to control the circle and some excellent space holding from GS – Jenny and balls in from WA- Emma allowed them to increase the score gap. GK and GD from business moves tried all sorts of tactics to slow down Thunderbirds from double marking to man-marking and their efforts did not go unnoticed. The third quarter ending 34-15 to Thunderbirds.

The final quarter saw no changes for Thunderbirds who felt they had got into a good flow, but a switch between GS and GA and C and WA for business moves. Business Moves started the final quarter and a strong partnership between C – Ruth Griffiths, WA – Sam Moon and great movement from GA – J Meredith allowed great passes into the circle with precision and increased goal scoring opportunities – the final quarter being their best with 8 goals! Both teams

continued to fight until the end with great enthusiasm and energy and the game was a great one all round. The final whistle saw Thunderbirds win 50-23.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 6 50 - Business Moves 23



MATCH REPORT

CGL Rock Vs Thunderbirds 6

16/2/2019

POM: Chloe Hodgetts (TB6)

POM: Laura Aldis (CGL Rock)

Thunderbirds won the toss and took the centre from the whistle. Both teams started off well and it was goal for goal at each end for the first half of the qtr. CGL Rock gradually took the lead with new shooting combination of GS Clare Cusack (Pyne) and GA Leigh de Klerk. It was a second start for the CGL Rock GS – Clare Cusack (Pyne) who is making a staggered return to a full netball match due to chronic injury. Thunderbirds missed shooting opportunities were easily bought down by CGL Rock GK Jo Healing and converted by their shooters. Tbirds had to make a quick change, GD had to go off with an injury again this was well received by CGL Rock.

Going in to the second quarter, CGL Rock lead 17-8. CGL Rock GD -Laura Dean made some fantastic interception and both herself and WD - Shannon Holmes bought the ball up in to attack, either being available as a backup. CGL WA - Maddy Wyllie made some lovely passes in to the circle. The Tbirds shooting improved immensely bringing them within only 8 behind. Quarter finished 29 – 21 to CGL Rock.

CGL Rock bought on their sub GA - Charlotte Wilson (Bolden) and they made a strong start to this quarter. Both CGL Rock defence and attack fighting hard. CGL Rock defence let very little through, they matched their 1st quarter and only let in 8. Tbirds GD pushing hard and making some solid interceptions but CGL Rock shooting combination proved too much with an incredible 19 goals. CGL Rock lead 48-29.

Fourth quarter started with a change in attack CGL Rock attack, sub came back on this time as GS -Leigh de Klerk . The qtr started off goal end to end Tbirds attack worked hard to convert their centres but the hands of CGL C Rock Laura Aldis (Guest) managed to pull some amazing interceptions, Tbird GD -Chloe Hodgetts continued to push hard and made some cracking interceptions but the CGL Rock defence made it difficult for Tbird to convert with CGL Rock pushing forward for a win. The final score 62-37

Final Score: CGL Rock 62 – TB6 37



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 6 Vs CGL Rock

20/10/2018

POM: Jenny Obin (TB6)

POM: Charlotte Bolden (CGL Rock)

Hurrah the sun is shining, with the disappointment of the last 2 games being cancelled due to rain, everyone was keen to get back on the courts.

Great passing and shooting by both teams made it impossible for that all important turnover. Holly Humphries and Sandra Timney worked well in defence for Thunderbirds trying to stop the amazing goals from ROCKS Charlotte Bolden. Thunderbirds did take the lead for the 1st qrt 12-11.

2nd QRT 22-19

Thunderbirds had a strong start with great Centre court Play to feed balls to their shooters Jane Hodgets and Jenny Obin. ROCK defence stepped up and made fast passing into the circle tricky. Thunderbirds had to make several passes before the ball eventually reached the shooters and score.

3rd QRT 30-27

Both teams made a few changes trying to strengthen their changes as the game still remained very close. Thunderbirds kept their flow and pressured ROCK in attack this enabled them to retain the lead.

With the glorious weather it was certainly a great day for netball. Both team continued to fight for the lead and showed no signs of giving up. Thunderbirds managed several turnovers in the last 15 mins to lead by 7 goals at one point but ROCK dug deep with incredible play from the whole team brought the score back to within 3.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 6 42 - CGL Rock 39