

#### LP Tornadoes Vs Showcase Steerlers

17/04/2019

POM: Rachel York (LP)

POM: Natalie Bishop (Showcase Steerlers)

Showstate had the stronger start with 3 unanswered goals in the first few minute thanks to great shooting from Showstate GS Rachel Thompson. Tornadoes took a bit longer to settle but a couple of unforced errors from Showstate enabled them to pull it back to within 1 so we went into quarter time with Showstate on 9 and Tornadoes on 8.

Showstate swapped S Wilkinson into GA for the second quarter to give them a bit more height in the shooting circle. Initially this seemed to work well, although the move weakened their defence and enabled Tornadoes to utilise the overhead ball into GS Shelli Read who was on fire with her shooting. Tornadoes pulled ahead to finish Q2 on 15 goals relative to Showstate's 11.

Showstate switched back to their original defensive line up in Q3 to put more pressure on the Tornadoes attack. Tornadoes adapted to this and kept working it around with good movement from POM Rachel York (GA) and Shelli in the circle. The Tornadoes defensive pair of Sian Brewer (GK) and Sarah Lay-Flurrie (GD) also increased the pressure on the Showstate attack and pulled off lots of important turnovers. The score at the end of Q3 was Showstate 15 - Tornadoes 22.

The game got a bit messy in the final quarter with both teams fighting for every ball. Natalie Bishop was very strong for Showstate in the WD position and turned over several balls, earning POM as a result. Tornadoes centre court players used the space well and brought the ball up court at speed into the shooting pair who stayed calm and scored when it counted to stay ahead.

Final Score: <u>LP Tornadoes 29 – Showcase Steelers 20</u>



## LP Tornadoes Vs Whiteknights

27/03/2019

POM: Ellen Few (LP)

POM: Tracey Fox (Whiteknights)

The game took place at Theale and thankfully the weeks of strong winds and wet weather seem to have ended. The game got off to a slow start with the ball travelling to both ends of the court twice before a goal was scored. With both teams settling down Tornadoes managed to turn over and convert three consecutive centre passes and a call for breaking gave them a 10-3 lead at the end of Q1.

It was a messy second quarter with both teams frequently giving away the ball and Whiteknights were able to capitalise on their defence's tight marking. There were two flying interceptions from GD R.Lane and super fast C Tracey Fox brought the ball down the court time and time again but they were not able to close the gap. Half Time 19-11.

Both sets of shooters had their eyes in now and it was goal for goal with 9 apiece scored.

Both teams were fighting hard to keep possession and there were very little opportunities for either set of defenders. The score at the end of Q3 was 28-20.

In the final quarter Tornadoes came out fighting, they moved the ball more quickly up the court, often only needing three passes to goal at the centre pass. Tornadoes WA Sam Ellis was firing beautiful overhead passes into GS Shelli who did not miss a shot in this quarter. A great defensive effort restricted Whiteknights to only 3 goals and Tornadoes were able to pull safely ahead for the win.

Players of the Match went to both centres for their tireless running and excellent passing up and down the court.

Final Score: <u>LP Tornadoes 40 – Whiteknights 23</u>



## LP Tornadoes Vs Storm

20/02/2019

POM: Shelli Read (LP)

POM: Lucy Moore (Storm)

This weeks game was played at JMA due to floodlight issues at Theale. Both teams got off to a good start scoring successfully off their respective Centres. Some great interceptions mid court gave LP the opportunity to turn over a couple a few of Storms Centres, sending them into a 3 goal lead. Storm trying to keep up with their tight marking and quick moves. End of q1 - LP leading 11-8.

Q2 was fairly similar to Q1 with some interceptions from LP WD Jackson and accurate shooting from LP Shelli Read securing them an extra three goals to tear away from Storm. LP C Ellen adding pressure in the Centre third to help bring the ba down to their Circle. Storm only scoring 7 goals this quarter to LPs 10.

Q3 and Storm came back fighting, some crucial interceptions from Storm GD Grace and WD Stephanie contributed greatly for Storm to turn over LP Centres. Their GS Jude's shooting and accurate feeds in from C Lorraine and WA Lucy helped push Storm into the lead. Incredibly, Storm kept turning over LP Centres to put them in a strong position for the final quarter. Despite Shelli Read's accurate nigh on flawless shooting, some minor infringements alongside Storm's defence interceptions allowed Storm to bring the ball down and score some more goals. Q3 ending 29-27 - Storm leading by two.

It was all to play for in Q4 and both teams came out fighting for that win. LP came straight out and scored x 3 goals in a row pushing them ahead. Some great long shots from GA Hayley. Neck and neck the next few goals Storm kept chasing to level the score each Centre. The final two minutes saw Storm overturn LP centre and swoop into the lead.

Final Score: <u>LP Tornadoes 36 – Storm 38</u>



## LP Tornadoes Vs Netchix

24/10/2018

POM: Sian Brewer (LP)

POM: Cath Venning (Netchix)

LP Tornadoes had a flying start making the most of some early mistakes from Netchix scoring 4 goals without reply. After a slow start Netchix found their feet however struggled to get the ball into a good shooting position. In centre court both teams were well matched and both WD Hayley Yates and WA Cath Venning (POM) had to compete for position in order to get free for passes down the court. Netchix 2:9 LP Tornadoes

In the second quarter Netchix found their rhythm. With some fantastic supportive play from WD Katy Withers, Netchix were able to move the ball up the court matching LP almost goal for goal. LP kept Netchix working hard with great defensive play from the whole team directed from GK Sian Brewer (POM) at the back. Netchix 8:16 LP Tornadoes

Third quarter saw Netchix come out strong, bolstered by gaining half points by half time. With a quick succession of goals GA Beth Webb and GS Debbie Fisher brought Netchix back into the game, doubling their score. LP were unflustered, playing consistently to bring the score to Netchix 16:24 LP Tornadoes.

Finally quarter LP ramped up their play showing off GS Lucy Hallidays and GA Rachel Yorks fantastic partnership within the semi-circle with some effective set plays. Despite the difference in score, both teams had some excellent court play and kept up the fast pace through to the final whistle bringing the final score to 21-38

Final Score: LP Tornadoes 38 - Netchix 21



#### LP Tornadoes Vs Showstate Steelers

12/09/2018

POM: Sian Brewer (LP)

POM: Rachel Thompson (SS)

It was a direct rematch of the last game of the 2017 winter season but with a very different result! Both teams started nervously with missed opportunities at both ends. Steelers worked well in defence, making it very hard to get the ball in to the LP Tornadoes attack.

Both teams settled a bit after the nerves of the first quarter and the ball started moving down court more smoothly. Steelers POM GS Rachel Thompson was virtually unstoppable once the ball got into her hands and helped Steelers build up a decent lead.

LP Tornadoes switched around their shooters and went out fighting after the break. With more confidence in attach they produced their best quarter of the game, edging Steelers by 1 goal.

Steelers upped the pressure in the last quarter and once again pulled ahead. There was very little the LP defence including POM Sian Brewer could do to stop the ball dropping beautifully through the net once it got into the circle.

Well deserved win for Steelers - congrats all!.

Final Score: <u>LP Tornadoes 16 - Showstate Steelers 28</u>