

Storm Vs Thunderbirds 3

15/05/2019

POM: Claire Evans (TB3)

POM: Grace Simms (Storm)

A steady start from both teams which saw Thunderbirds take an initial early lead. But Storm soon settled into their stride, making some good interceptions and turning the game around to finish the first quarter ahead by 6 goals.

The 2nd quarter saw a tactical change from Thunderbirds, moving their GS Emma Desbois to GK, adding some much needed height to the Storm attacking circle against Jude Taylor, GS. Some great turnovers from both teams made for a very close quarter, with Storm scoring 8 goals vs Bird's 7.

The 3rd quarter saw Storm pull away with some excellent, on point shooting from both teams. Thunderbirds continued to fight back with some astonishing goals and impressive interceptions. The lead at this point was 11 goals.

The final quarter saw some sloppy mistakes from Storm with Birds taking advantage with several turnovers. With tactical double marking by Birds this caused issues for the Storm shooters. However Storm dug deep and despite some awesome shooting from both the Thunderbirds GS and GA in the final minutes, Storm managed to maintain their lead and win by 13 goals.

A friendly and competitive game with some excellent play by both teams; you could be forgiven for not thinking the score was closer.

Final Score: <u>Storm 36 – 23 Thunderbirds 3</u>



Netchix Vs Storm

1/05/2019

POM: Saskia Hocking (Netchix)

POM: Grace Simms (Storm)

Storm won the toss and took the first centre pass of this game. Both teams took a little while to settle (with both of the first two centres being turned). The first quarter was fast paced with nice passages of play through the centre court for both teams. The storm defence (GK, Steph Daire and GD, Grace Simms) made it clear from early on Netchix were going to have to work hard to get balls into the circle. The quarter ended 9-7 to Netchix.

In the second quarter Netchix C (Hannah Bloomfield) and WD (Beth Webb) tried to mark GA (Minnie Symondson) out of the circle, with some success. However, some excellent shooting from long range from storm resulted in an even quarter ending 15-13 to Netchix.

The second half started with one switch from Netchix, with Morgan Reid to GD and Claire Keeling to GK. Netchix utilised this swap well with some excellent turnovers from their circle defenders and WD (Beth Webb). Controlled feeds from Netchix C (Hannah Bloomfield) and WA (Cath Venning) and confident shooting from Netchix GA (Saskia Hocking) and GS (Deb Fisher) resulted in Netchix going into the final quarter with a lead of 28-18.

In the final quarter storm came out strong and capitalised on a couple of early mistakes from Netchix. Centre (Lorriane Cleaver) and WA (Lucy Moore) fed some excellent high balls into GS (Jude Taylor) which took some impressive acrobatics from Netchix circle defence to get a hand on. Netchix finished the game strongly, with the defence not being phased by the height that storm had in their attack. Both teams worked hard right to the final whistle. An enjoyable game to play and watch!

Final Score: Netchix 35 – 27 Storm



Zodiac Vs Storm

13/03/2019

POM: Kelly Bilverstone (Zodiac)

POM: Lucy Moores (Storm)

The first quarter saw some really lovely end-to-end play from both teams. Zodiac were able to work the ball up the court swiftly which led to them taking an early 11-7 lead.

In the second quarter both teams were still very much in the game. Some really lovely high balls into Storm's attacking circle allowed them to capitalise with some awesome shooting. At the other end of the court, some good play around the Zodiac circle lead to them extending their lead by 7.

In the third quarter, the wind really started to pick up meaning both teams had to adapt their play. Multiple bullet passes into both circles from the centre court players meant this was a high scoring quarter, more so for Zodiac who scored 10 to Storm's 6.

Storm's shooters had a really clinical fourth quarter, scoring 11 goals. However, this wasn't enough to take the lead and the game ended 41-33 to Zodiac.

A great, fast-paced game from both teams, seeing many interceptions-particularly with the blustery weather!

Final Score: Zodiac 41 – Storm 33



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: LP Tornadoes 36 – Storm 38



Showcase Steelers Vs Storm

05/12/2018

POM: Kerrie Walsh (Showcase Steelers)

POM: Grace Simms (Storm)

It had been such a rainy day,

Heavy showers and really grey

Will we be playing we cried

Games are on! they replied

The sky cleared, a dry match, Hooray!

Calling Heads or Tails, the coin toss

ShowState Steelers were at a loss

First centre from Storm

With their opposition on form

Winning the quarter like a boss

There were changes from both teams

Storm fought hard, lots of screams

They disabled Steelers attack

Ending 10 -10, bringing it back

Tough quarter it was, there goes our dreams

Both the teams came out fighting

The interceptions so exciting

Neither defences would fade

Great skills were displayed

Storm now ahead by 2 and delighting

The game so close, the teams evenly matched

All the players were fighting but no one was scratched

Goal after goal, it was getting so tense

Storm just couldn't break the Steelers defence

It ended 22-21, the win ShowState just snatched

Final Score: <u>Showcase Steelers 22 – Storm 21</u>



Bomb Print Vs Storm

21/11/2018

POM: Beth MCKenzie (Storm)

POM: Emily Warne (Bombprint)

Both teams started the 1st quarter with like for like goals. Storm took an early lead and finished the quarter ahead by 7 goals. Each team played well but Storm continued their lead going into half time 18-9.

Bomb Prints had to mix up their defence however Storms shooters were on top form ending the 3rd quarter 28-15. In The final quarter Storm again extended their lead with both their shooters continuing to not mis a single shot.

Final Score: Bomb Print 20 – Storm 35



Storm Vs LP Whirlwinds

10/10/2018

POM: Stephanie Daire (Storm)

POM: Kelly Thomas (LP Whirlwinds)

Whirlwinds got off to a quick start with quick, effective passing through centre court. Storm fought hard but many of the long, overhead lobs were easily read and intercepted by Whirlwinds. GD Nina Brown (Whirlwinds) prevented many balls successfully entering the Storm "D" and at the other end, clever movement in the "D" and error-free scoring by GA Kelly Thomas thrown in resulted in the first quarter ending 2 goals to 9 to Whirlwinds.

The second quarter was a little more even with Storm slowing down the fast pace of the Whirlwinds side and capitalising on a couple of footwork errors by Whirlwinds. However, the Whirlwinds defence never looked like it was going to crack and neither did the shooting. They maintained their consistent form from the first quarter and the goal difference was only reduced by 1. Score at the end of the second quarter: Storm 8 - Whirlwinds 16

An effective team talk during at half time saw a strong Storm side come back fighting. Key inceptions made by defenders GD Stephanie Daire and GK Elisa Saunders dramatically slowed down the steady flow of goals from Whirlwinds. Centre court passing was more focused and precise coupled with accurate shooting from both GA Debs White and GS Minny Symondson resulted in the third quarter ending with Storm just 2 goals behind Whirlwinds' 20 goals.

Storm kept fighting til the end, trying to reduce the 2 goal lead by Whirlwinds. A fairly even quarter played by both but it was a stronger Whirlwinds wide that managed to edge slightly further ahead and securing a win. Their lead increased to 4 goals for a well deserved win and a hard-earned 2 points for Storm.

Final Score: Storm 23 - LP Whirlwinds 27