



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 1 Vs Laurel Park Hurricanes

24/4/2019

POM: Jade Waite (LP Hurricanes)

POM: Amelia Hodgetts (Thunderbirds 1)

Despite many of Thunderbirds' usual players away on holiday, they were able to make a confident start marking their dominance taking the first quarter 11-4.

Seamless play through mid court from centre, Becky Nichols (C), and WA, Anna Kerry into the dynamic attacking duo of POTM, Amelia Hodgetts (GA) and GS, Clare Cusack saw thunderbirds extend their lead to 19-12.

In the third quarter the thunderbirds defensive unit of Jenny Obin (WD), Holly Humphries (GD) and Lotty Woodley (GK) stepped up the pressure limiting the Laurel Park attack to 5 goals. Sadly just before the three quarter time whistle, the Laurel Park defence suffered a devastating blow when Adele Brickley suffered an ankle injury. The quarter ended 26-17 to Thunderbirds.

Despite strong, consistent play from Laurel Park C, Jodie Penny, and hard work from Megan Walmsley who moved from WD to WA following the loss of GD, Brickley, they were unable to close the gap. The injury left Laurel Park with 6 players and forced other changes with Jade Waite having to move into GA where her continued commitment and well-timed movement saw her awarded POTM. The calm, controlled play from Thunderbirds saw them seal the victory.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 1 33 – Laurel Park Hurricanes 24



MATCH REPORT

Nexus Vs Thunderbirds 1

03/4/2019

POM: (Nexus)

POM: (Thunderbirds 1)

Another game played at the JMA due to floodlight failure Theale saw the late arrival of the Nexus WD after getting lost.

Thunderbirds came out of the stocks running and went into a 4 goal lead with some great shooting from GA Holly Humphries.

Nexus did manage to get on the board due to some great defending from GK Amy Thatcher & GD Sophie Lightowlers, but Thunderbirds sustained there lead and finished the Qtr. 10-3 up.

Unfortunately Nexus GD was unable to take back to court after sustaining an injury so were down to 6 players for the rest of the match.

Nexus battled on but the great defensive duo of Healing (GD) & Rees (GK) limited the ball into the Nexus shooters although Bryne (GS) made some great long bombs to keep Nexus within touch.

Nexus Centre court of Kelly Crowley and Lisa Bird battled hard to try and limit the passes into the Thunderbird shooters but with no WD this proved very hard in deed.

With accurate passes into the circle from Barnes (C) & Cusack (WA) Nexus ran out of steam and the match finished 33-14 to Thunderbirds.

Final Score: Nexus 14 - Thunderbirds 1 33



MATCH REPORT

RG7 Rockets Vs Thunderbirds 1

30/1/2019

POM: Alix Palmer (RG7 Rockets)

POM: Stacey Delve (Thunderbirds 1)

In an impressive show of dominance and an epic performance from POTM and Thunderbirds centre, Stacey Delve Thunderbirds scored an incredible 46 goals to RG7 Rockets' 10.

Off to a strong start, the fluid play of Thunderbirds saw them take the first quarter 8-4.

With fabulous linking play in attack and super shooting the attacking trio of Abbie Walker (GS), Holly Humphreys (GA) and Anna Kerry (WA), Thunderbirds extended their lead in Q2 going in to half time ahead 19-7.

Despite dynamic play from the POTM Alex Palmer (GA) RG7 we only able to score a further three goals in Q3. Unfortunately RG7s' hard working defensive unit of Myers (GK) and Callaway (GD) powered by the relentless effort of Olivia Thompson at WD they were unable to prevent Thunderbirds from running away with a lead of 31-10.

The intuitive play of Thunderbirds defensive duo Laura Alldis and team captain, Jo Healing, paired with the intense pressure from WD, Karisha Browne, RG7 failed to score in the final quarter, whilst Thunderbirds netted a further 15 goals to take the game 46-10.

Final Score: RG7 Rockets 10 - 46 Thunderbirds 1



MATCH REPORT

RG7 Jets v Thunderbirds 1

12/12/2018

POM: Holly Humphrey (Thunderbirds 1)

POM: Laura Callaway (RG7 Jets)

Thunderbirds were off to a flying start in the first quarter scoring 12 goals to RG's 1. Some excellent zoning from Thunderbirds kept the ball from getting to the RG Shooters. RG's defence fought hard with some great tips from Callaway, but it wasn't quite enough to keep Thunderbirds shooters Walker and Humphrey away from the post. RG kept their heads up in the second quarter but it was dominated by Thunderbirds with some excellent play down court from Kerry and Delve, supported by the GD Nicholis.

Despite the scoreline, RG kept fighting all the way to end and were able to slip a few goals past the Thunderbirds defence in the second half. RG Shooters Wilkinson and Bell fought hard but the coverage of the circle by Nicholis and Healing forced a number of high passes creating backline opportunities for Thunderbirds. The RG defence made some great rebounds and interceptions in the final quarter but the great defensive play from Humphrey's prevented RG from getting it down to the their shooters.

Final Score: RG7 Jets 6 - Thunderbirds 1 47



MATCH REPORT

Laurel Park Thunder Vs Thunderbirds 1

31/10/2018

POM: Nicole Harkness (LP Thunder)

POM: Yasmin Browne (TB1)

Thunderbirds got off to a flying start with smooth attacking play and a dominant force from defence to assert themselves early taking the first quarter 10-2.

In the second quarter Laurel Park stepped up their game and capitalised on some poor decision making and lazy passes from thunderbirds. Laurel Park Centre and player of the match, Nicole Harkness made some great interceptions and picked up loose balls in mid-court whilst the defensive pairing of Corscadden and Pitcher increased the pressure in the circle drawing the second quarter with 6 goals each leaving the half time score at 16-8.

The third quarter saw the return from injury of long time Thunderbird Anna Kerry enthusiastically coming on at WA and helping to re-energise the attack. With some impressive turn overs from Thunderbirds defence Captain Jo Healing and Laura Alldis, Laurel Park struggled to get the goals as Thunderbirds marched ahead ending quarter 3 25-13.

The last quarter saw incredible play from all of the Thunderbirds squad with support down court from Stacey Delve at WD, patient play from Lolly Barnes at WA and confident shooting from Holly Humphreys and Abbie Walker.

The stand out player with consistently strong play throughout the game was the hard working Yasmin Browne who sadly played her last game for thunderbirds tonight and deservedly took the title of thunderbirds player of the match as her interceptions, speedy pace and pin-point passing helped secure the 37-14 win.

Final Score: Laurel Park Thunder 14 - Thunderbirds 1 37



MATCH REPORT

Nexus Vs Thunderbirds 1

17/10/2018

POM: Sophie Lightowlers (Nexus)

POM: Holly Humphries (Thunderbirds 1)

After the cancellation of the games on Saturday both teams were eager to get on court.

The first centre pass went to Thunderbirds but was quickly turned over by Nexus and converted into a goal.

The qtr. then went goal for goal with excellent shooting from both teams. Finishing 10-9 to Nexus

Thunderbirds came out fighting in the second qtr. with their defence turning over plenty of ball resulting in them going into a 4 goal lead. Despite this Nexus did not give up and with some excellent play, moved the ball through court and passed accurately into the circle for their shooters to finish off. At half time Thunderbirds were 1 goal up with the score 18 goals to 17.

After half time Nexus shuffled the pack moving there C to GK, GD to C, GK to GD, GS to GA and GA to GS. This did not faze Thunderbirds and they kept up the pressure with GA Holly Humphries seemingly playing all positions with some fantastic intercepts throughout the court and some fantastic shooting when she entered the circle. Nexus' new combinations settled and managed to still keep the score to 1 goal by the end on qtr3.

Now it was game on, who was going to take the initiative and put this game to bed. A very fast and frantic qtr of netball ensued with the ball going end to end, no one wanting to let up the pressure.

All 14 players giving their all. 20 seconds to go and Nexus gained the lead, the score was 34-33. Thunderbirds centre rushed to take the centre pass and they managed to get it into the circle, just before the bell went the ball passed through the net resulting in the game being a draw.

Maybe a fitting end to such a fun competitive game played in the spirit that such a match should be played.

Final Score: Nexus 34 - Thunderbirds 1 34



MATCH REPORT

Laurel Park Hurricanes V Thunderbirds 1

03/10/2018

POM: Vicky Heath (Volume)

POM: Abbie Walker (Thunderbirds 1)

Hurricanes faced Thunderbirds midweek and what an exciting game it was! The play was great quality, fast paced and competitively friendly throughout, with Hurricanes just clinching the win on the ring of the bell.

The game started evenly with strong play from both teams. An early interception from Humphreys, gave TBirds their first opportunity to go ahead and with great shooting from both Humphreys and team-mate Walker, there was little Hurricanes could do once the ball was in the D. Hurricanes were defending hard though and converting their own centre passes, ending the start of the 1st quarter with just a 2 goal deficit (9-11).

Neither team made changes in the 2nd quarter and play continued much as before, but TBirds started to build pressure in the centre court, forcing Hurricanes to drive through their zone and work harder to get the ball into their attack. Penny and Waite worked tirelessly to offer and re-offer and create opportunities but a couple of key turnovers by Healing and super speedy downcourt play from POM, Mason, allowed TBirds to pull away by a further 2 by half-time (18-22).

Hurricanes needed to up their game and make some changes. Maxwell came on to add some height in the D, with Brickley and Martin pushing up court to defend but also offer more support for the attack. On her birthday-eve, Martin took some cracking interceptions and Hurricanes started to build momentum, coming within 1 goal at a point in the third quarter. TBirds weren't ready to let go of their lead though, with Humphreys continuing to dominate all over the court and Mason delivering the ball securely to her shooters with her drives to the edge of the D. The quarter ended 28-32, with TBirds still ahead but all to play for.

Going into the final quarter, Hurricanes really needed to dig deep and get their arms up over every ball to apply pressure and force TBirds' errors. Covell and Ostrowski were battling hard against Alldis and Healing, but Ostrowski's long range shots were on point and TBirds fell back a few goals. With Walmsley losing her voice on the sidelines to support her team, Hurricanes continued to give it their all. TBirds were also fighting hard and with the game coming to a draw, then going goal for goal at both ends, it really was

getting tense! At 38 all, Hurricanes took the centre pass and had to work it in patiently due to a continued solid defence from TBirds. Ostrowski took the ball towards the edge of the D, put up the shot and scored the winning goal, just as the bell rang for the end of the match. Really enjoyable and well fought by both teams!

Final Score: Laurel Park Hurricanes 39 - Thunderbirds 1 38



MATCH REPORT

Volume Vs Thunderbirds 1

19/09/2018

POM: Vicky Heath (Volume)

POM: Abbie Walker (Thunderbirds 1)

A very wet & windy evening meant difficult playing conditions and a slow start to the game with both teams struggling to catch or throw a slippery ball!

Thunderbirds circle defenders put the pressure on with tight marking throughout Q1 forcing Volume to switch their GA and GS at the start of Q2

Thunderbirds looked strong with plenty of space and movement in mid court and fast on court play especially from C Yasmin Brown. Fantastic shooting from their player of the match Abbie Walker meant they stormed ahead in Q2 scoring 11 goals to Volume's 2. The quarter ended 15-5 to Thunderbirds

Volume responded with another change in their shooting combo and came out fighting in Q3. Player of the match GA Vicky Heath worked well with GS Kelly Bailey creating more space in the circle & more time for accurate shooting. An even quarter with both teams scoring 6 goals

Thunderbirds pushed up the pace again in the final quarter & some great interceptions from GK Jo Healing allowed them to turn over a few centres increasing the lead. Volume kept on fighting & managed to hold on to gain a point in the final few minutes

Final Score: Volume 16 – Thunderbirds 1 30