



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs Aces

22/5/2019

POM: Rachel Pithers (TB5)

POM: Emily Gill (Aces)

It was the last fixture of the season for thunderbirds 5 who were taking on Aces. Thunderbirds sitting at the top of the table with Aces just behind who had a game in hand. It was an intense game for both teams and you could just tell that this was going to be a tough match and both teams were going to have a fight on their hands.

The game started with hardly any goals and both teams defending and attacking well but the ball going from one end of the court to the other. The first quarter ended on a score with Aces leading 5-3.

The second quarter saw more of an increase as both teams were getting more settled and nerves had calmed from both sides with great drives into the shooters from both ends of the court and this quarter finished with Aces still leading the way 14-9.

Thunderbirds 5 decided to make a change and their GS M Asghar came off for a quarter to allow C Hodgetts to go on to see if they could change the game up slightly and close the gap a little more. This quarter was an intense battle but thunderbirds saw Aces increase the gap a little further and this quarter ended with Aces leading the way on 22-12.

The final quarter thunderbirds tried another change and bought their GS back on and substituted C Hodgetts into WA taking off R Mason. This quarter thunderbirds came back fighting and were determined to not allow the gap to increase even more. The defence for both thunderbirds and Aces worked extremely hard alongside all the attacking and centre court players and the ball was constantly up and down the court with both teams converting from their centre passes and a few turnovers from both sides. The final quarter ended with Aces holding onto their lead and winning the game!

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 18 - 30 Aces**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs Thunderbirds 2

03/4/2019

POM: Rachel Pithers (TB5)

POM: Philippa Legg (TB2)

A dry but chilly evening for the first match of spring after clocks went forward with game starting with the last of the daylight before floodlights came on. This fixture had two top 5 Thunderbirds teams playing each other - Thunderbirds 5 (TB5) as the home team and Thunderbirds 2 (TB2) away team with blue overhead bibs. TB2 Megan Sheppard played a good game as WA despite being out of her normal position to replace their usual WA (Emma McCarthy) who was away on holiday. TB5 won first centre but strong defence from Sandra Fulford (GK), Sandra Timney (GD) and Charity Mlambo (WD) prevented them scoring a quick goal. The ball went up and down the court a few times before TB5 scored off the first centre pass. TB5 took a quick 3 goal lead before TB2 got on the scorecard. TB2 then settled and converted some of TB5 centres to close the gap ending the first quarter with TB5 on 6 goals and TB2 on 5 goals.

Second quarter saw TB5 bring on substitution Rachel Mason to replace Julie Kinsella as WA. Both teams displayed speed and quick passing down court to their shooters. TB5 managed to edge ahead to increase their lead with great interceptions from TB5 centre Sarah Widdows and WD Rachel Pithers and accurate shooting by Abi Collins (GS) and Chloe Hodgetts (GA) who was shooting instead of Maryam Asghar who was on her honeymoon. The second quarter ended with TB5 on 16 goals and TB2 on 10 goals.

In the third quarter players from both teams kept up the pressure with great defence and attack to convert goals for their teams. TB2 centre Philippa Legg kept the ball flowing up and down court and great positioning from her and WA (Megan) around circle edge enabled them to put some well-placed passes into TB2 shooters Jenny Obin (GS) and Jane Hodgetts (GA). Great defensive play from both TB2 and TB5 resulted in teams taking the ball from one end of court to the other in fast pace scoring goals from their turnovers. TB2 kept up the pressure to keep the quarter goal for goal but were unable to close the gap from previous quarters. The Third quarter ended with TB5 on 24 goals to TB2's 17 goals.

The fourth quarter saw TB5 pull further ahead as they maximised on turnovers taking the ball from TB2 possession. Good defensive play from TB5's Rachel Vaughan (GK) and Karisha Browne (GD) prevented TB2 scoring. TB5 won the game 33 goals to TB2's 21 goals. Great teamwork and team spirit from these two Thunderbirds teams.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 33 - 21 Thunderbirds 2**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs Sweaty Nettys

27/2/2019

POM: Rachel Vaughan (TB5)

POM: Melissa Johnson (Sweaty)

This was a rearranged fixture to finish the first half of the season. Both teams started and were raring to go.

The first quarter was evenly matched both teams starting and converting their centre passes and it continued forward that way. TB5 took an early slight lead and ended up turning over a few of the Sweaty's centre passes. The first quarter ended with TB5 leading by three goals.

Second quarter again very evenly matched. Both teams came on with the fighting spirit. This quarter saw many centres being turned over for both sides and Sweaty's scoring on TB5 centres and vice versa. TB5 held on to their three goal lead for this quarter also.

The third quarter, Sweaty's made some changes and their WA and WD ended up swapping positions to see how that would effect their game and whether it would make a difference. The goal lead for TB5 still continued with them being 4 goals up this quarter.

The final quarter saw Sweaty's making another change and swapped their WD and GK. This quarter saw Thunderbirds 5 fighting and turning over the Sweaty's centre from the moment the quarter started. Both teams continued to fight and the defence for Thunderbirds were intercepting and working the ball back to the shooters who were having a great game in terms of conversion. The final quarter saw the goal lead increase by 7 for TB5.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 29 - 22 Sweaty Nettys**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs Panthers

13/2/2019

POM: Abi Collins (TB5)

POM: Carmelle Bell (Panthers)

TB5 came out strong, with seamless passing between their WA, Centre, and WD Julie Kinsella, they took panthers by surprise and took a quick lead. Panthers simply couldn't find their shooters and it showed in the 1st quarter score of 1-10 to TB5.

In the second quarter Panthers made some quite substantial changes, changing up their shooting circle. These changes were the right decision with Nikki Barrie and Panthers Best Player Carmelle Bell being able to now find their shooting duo of Di Williams and Amber Rhind. Quarters 2 and 34 were much more even between the 2 teams, with Panthers not letting TB5 extend their lead any further.

The damage had however been done in the 1st quarter, and with TB5 continuing to make great interceptions and passes, and Panthers looking defeated, TB5 monopolised and stormed the last quarter to take a comfortable win with the final score being 16-36 to TB5

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 36– Panthers 16**



## MATCH REPORT

### Razzlers Vs Thunderbirds 5

16/1/2019

POM: Sarah Widdows (TB5)

POM: Lucy Farrell (Razzlers)

Both teams took to a while to settle into the first quarter with a particularly unsettled start for Razzlers however they managed to finish the first quarter ahead by one. T'Birds worked the Razzlers attack hard with some great interceptions from their GK.

Both teams came back into the second quarter more settled. T'birds showed great play down the court working it well from their defence to attack and with superb holding from T'Birds GS they managed to keep Razzlers on their toes, although they fought hard to keep their lead. Both the Razzlers GA and GS had some great shots with the score at half time being 13-12 to Razzlers.

The battle continued into the third quarter with the score staying close. T'Birds were still feeding the ball well into the D with their shooting becoming more precise. Razzlers GK and GD continued working hard, with some fantastic rebounds from Razzlers GK ensuring that Razzlers had the chance to keep their one goal lead. Razzlers attack took every opportunity to work the ball up the court and into the D with on point shooting and rebounds from Razzlers, even with the continuing pressure from T'birds defence. Third quarter ended 21-20 Razzlers.

Both teams put all their effort in for the last quarter, the passing between the T'birds attack was smooth ensuring that the shooters had every opportunity, which they took to keep the pressure on Razzlers. Razzlers carried on with their defence and good efforts in working the ball up the court. Razzlers C made some great drives to get into space to receive the ball and feed into the D. Razzlers GS and GA kept working round the D to get in position to shoot and go for the rebounds.

T'Birds kept working hard until the final minute of the game to finish the game with a draw, final score 27-27.

Player of the match to T'Birds Sarah Widdows who ensured a smooth transition from the defensive end to their attacking end, never stopping moving and working hard and Razzlers Lucy Farrell who constantly kept working for the best shooting position and getting the rebounds.

**Final Score: Razzlers 27 – Thunderbirds 5 27**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 5 Vs iSwim Theale

12/12/2018

POM: Karisha Browne (TB5)

POM: Katie Potts (iSwim Theale)

On a bitterly cold night, the game started off very evenly with both teams converting on their first centre passes. There weren't a lot of errors, however at the end of the first quarter I swim theale had just edged in front at 6-4. Theale were utilising the height in the circle at their shooting end and making some very accurate feeds to their GS, Gemma Goodall. With a shorter shooting duo of Maryam Asghar (gs) and Jane hodgetts (ga), thunderbirds were forced to work the ball in patiently but with some great long shots, they kept just behind theale at 12-8 at the end of the first half.

Thunderbirds switched up their wings in the second half with Rachell Mason moving to WA and Julie Kinsella to WD. This helped them to drive forward and feed in a little easier with the help of their C, Sarah Widdows. The Thunderbirds defence changed their tactics to double up on theale's goal shooter, but theale were patient with moving through court and used their opportunities well. Despite the best efforts of Rachel Vaughan (gk) and Karisha Browne (gd) theale were just able to convert a few more goals.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 5 26 - iSwim Theale 17**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 2 Vs Thunderbirds 5

14/11/2018

POM: Philippa Legg (TB2)

POM: Rachel Vaughan (TB5)



This fixture had the two Division 2 Thunderbirds teams playing each other on this cold dry evening – Thunderbirds 2 (TB2) and Thunderbirds 5 (TB5). TB2 were the away team and wore blue overhead bibs, which helped both players and umpires tell the teams apart. TB2 won the first centre pass, although the ball went end to end a couple of times before the first goal was scored. TB2 turned over TB5's first centre pass and took an early 3 goal lead. TB5 players rallied and soon put some goals on the scorecard. TB2's Jane Hodgetts (GA) scored some amazing goals from the edge of the circle. The 1st quarter ended with TB2 leading 8 goals to 5 goals (TB5).

TB5 came out in full force in the 2nd quarter and put pressure on TB2 attack resulting in TB2 only scoring 2 goals. Rachel Vaughan (GK) made some great defensive interceptions and TB5 took advantage of the turnovers. TB5 scored 11 goals this quarter with some quick passing and accurate shooting from Maryam Asghar (GS) and Rachel Mason (GA). Q2 ended with TB5 overtaking TB2 to gain a 6 goal lead - 16 goals (TB5) to 10 goals (TB2).

The 3rd quarter saw TB2 change player positions with Charity Mlambo (GD to WD) and Ellie Mears (WD to GD) switching in defence and Jenny Obin (GS to GA) and Jane Hodgetts (GA to GS) switching in the circle. This defensive change proved successful in preventing TB5 going further ahead. Emotions became strained in Q3 as players pressured their opponents for possession of the ball and court positions. TB2 managed to close the gap by 2 goals but

Unfortunately not enough to prevent TB5 still leading by 4 goals at end of Q3 -19 goals (TB5) vs 15 goals (TB2).

As the mist rolled in on 4th quarter there was strong centre court play and accurate passing from both TB2 and TB5 which saw the ball move quickly down court to their respective shooters. TB2 kept the pressure on TB5, but could only close the gap by a further 1 goal. TB5 won the game 3 goals ahead at 25 goals (TB5) to 22 goals (TB2). A strong performance by all players in this Thunderbirds fixture.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 2 22- Thunderbirds 5 25**



## MATCH REPORT

### Mortimer Sapphires Vs Thunderbirds 5

03/10/2018

POM: Abi Collins (TB5)

POM: Emily Hutchinson (Mortimer)

The game started with Mortimer taking the first centre pass and converting it into a goal. Both teams were fighting hard for the ball but within the first few minutes Mortimer took the lead and were up 3 goals. It took a little while for thunderbirds to settle in and link their play but once they were warmed up, they ended winning the quarter 7-5 this was a great defensive quarter from GK R Vaughan and GD K Browne (both Thunderbirds).

The second quarter Mortimer Sapphires came out fighting. Both teams were converting their centre passes and working very hard to turnover the other teams centres. The ball was constantly up and down the court with every player on the court working hard and applying pressure on their opposition. The second quarter ended 13-13.

The third quarter was intense, every player could feel it as the game was so close that every pass mattered and every goal could make a difference to the final result. Sapphires took the lead this quarter with some great shooting from the GA E Hutchinson and the GS E Butler (both Sapphires) and ended up finishing this quarter with a lead of 23-20.

The final quarter started with a thunderbirds centre and them successfully converting it to a goal. They went onto continue to turnover the next sapphires centre pass and again scored from their centre pass. It was neck and neck again. Everything to fight for from both teams. You could see the determination on all team members faces. It was a game that both teams wanted to win. Thunderbirds took a slight lead with 2 goals and then sapphires caught up. Just before the final whistle GS M Asghar (thunderbirds 5) got a goal in and it was the winning goal with the very close game finally coming to an end.

**Final Score: Mortimer Sapphires 29 - Thunderbirds 5 30**