

LP Whirlwinds Vs Showcase Steerlers

19/06/2019

POM: Rachel Stout (LP Whirlwinds)

POM: Natalie Bishop (Showcase Steerlers)

It was finally the last midweek match of the season for Div 3 and LP Whirlwinds took to the court with Showstate Steelers. The game started with Showstate making full use of every opportunity provided to them. Rowse (C) was vital in bringing the ball up the court for Showstate and had some great feeds into the attacking circle. Whirlwinds had to settle quickly and needed to adapt to the fast place however Lada (GD) was on hand to pick up any loose balls through the centre court. The first quarter saw Whirlwinds fight back however Showstate came away with the first quarter win of 7-5.

The second quarter started much the same, however Whirlwinds fell behind with Topping (GD) and Walsh (GK) picking up every rebound and attacking every high pass which was making their way into Whirlwinds attacking circle. Through the court however Whirlwinds still tried to stop the ball from making it down to Showstate end with Howard (WD) defending well and providing vital passes. Showstate capitalised on their lead with Thompson barely missing a shot anywhere across the circle. It wasn't meant to be for Whirlwinds in the second quarter, and Showstate continued to dominate by extending their lead to 18-6.

Whirlwinds changed positions around the court with Stout moving to GK and Lada moving to WA with the thought that this may change the play. This made a difference with more interceptions and better play up court with Bromham (C) being crucial in the feeds into the circle for Harvey (GS) and Thomas (GA). However, Bishop (WD) from Showstate was dominate through the centre court and picked up any loose balls and was key in attacking play. The third quarter saw a better performance from Whirlwinds however Showstate still continued their lead (24 – 13).

The final quarter saw Desbois (GA) from Showstate providing support around and in the attacking circle and was crucial in getting the rebounds. Whirlwinds defence continued to try and stop the attacking play with Emmanuel (GD) getting key interceptions. Cook (WA) provided some great feeds into Showstate who continued to capitalise on their lead.

Final Score: <u>LP Whirlwinds 17 - Showcase Steerlers 35</u>



Showcase Steerlers Vs Mortimer Diamonds

29/05/2019

POM: Jenni Laffoley (Mortimer Diamonds)

POM: Rachel Thompson (Showcase Steerlers)

Both teams had different squads out tonight due to half term, loss of players and the dreaded end of season injuries. Mortimer were the first to find their feet, taking an early lead putting Showstate under lots of pressure in this table defining match. Showstate soon adjusted to their new shooting combination of Paige Harrison and Rachel Thompson, pulling ahead to end the 1st quarter 8-5.

Despite some questionable passing down the court, Showstate managed to keep up their scoring momentum. Meanwhile, Rachel Wasylciw and K Randell were unable to break through Showstate's hardcore defence allowing Showstate to increase their lead ending the quarter 16-8.

Mortimer having a tactical half time talk saw the defence now doubling up on Showstate's GS while their WD tried to slow down our GA. Showstate found the energy to adjust and work round this (quite possibly from the HT oranges) expanding the goal gap to 10, SS 23 - 13 MD

The final quarter and all to play for, Mortimer came out fighting. The surprisingly humid weather started to take its affect resulting in Showstate switching GA/GS to keep up the pace.

Despite the unstoppable Tracy Fox (borrowed from Whiteknights) playing a blinding match as WA for Mortimer, they was unable to close down the gap and the quarter ended up in a draw, 8 goals each.

Mortimer Diamonds tried hard for 4 quarters but couldn't slow down the Showstate Steelers. Both POM playing directly against each other making them both work hard and step up their game, well deserved Rachel and Jenni

Final Score: Showcase Steerlers 31 - Mortimer Diamonds 21



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>



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 Showcase Steelers

26/09/2018

POM: (Showcase Steelers)

POM: (Bomb Print)

Steelers took to the first quarter with only 6 players, due to traffic and work, but fortunately soon had a full compliment. This was a more even match than the final score, 20 - 13 to Steelers, suggested. On both sides the defending was awesome but Steelers just managed to pull away in the final quarter. Players of the match went to the centres on both teams, well deserved to Kelly & Emily.

Final Score: Bomb Print 13 - Showcase Steelers 20



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>