



## MATCH REPORT

### Mortimer Sapphires Vs Aces

5/6/2019

POM: Sam Moon (Sapphires)

POM: Nicki Archer (Aces)

Took the first quarter for both teams to settle, as there were lots of nerves from both sides. Quite a low scoring quarter but Sapphires managed to just pull ahead by 3 goals ending 6 - 3

Sapphires put the pressure on this quarter with some excellent passing down court and accurate feeds from Liz PB and Moon (POM) into Jubb and Butler to finish off, increasing the gap and pulling ahead. ACES shooter Webb managed to get some great shots under pressure with the quarter ending 15 - 6

Sapphires defence unit Evans, Rizan and Mogford putting pressure on any feeds into ACES shooters and picking up any loose balls and turnovers to bring carefully down court into the attack end. ACES had a change around in their defence and were putting more pressure on the shooters space so more patience was required feeding in and GK Webb managed to get a couple of tips with the quarter ending 21 - 9

ACES came into this quarter fighting and their C Nicki Archer (POM) - (usually plays GK) keeping control of the court and working tirelessly to get the turnovers. This was ACES best quarter moving the ball accurately through court so WA Mytton and Archer could get it to their shooters.

The whole Sapphires team defended extremely well throughout the whole game making it difficult for ACES.

Final Score: Mortimer Sapphires 27 - 17 Aces



## MATCH REPORT

### Mortimer Sapphires Vs Razzlers

30/1/2019

POM: Rizan (Mortimer Sapphires)

POM: Lacey (Razzlers)

Razzlers got off to a strong start moving the ball quickly into their shooters with accurate shots from GS Farrell. Sapphires took a while to defrost and get into their stride. Razzlers WD Linley was key in center court working well with C Lacey (POM) helping to get the ball back down to their attack from turnovers.

Quarter ending 8-6 to Razzlers

Sapphires warmed up and started to bring back the score line with more accurate shooting from GS Wasylciw and GA Jubb who both rarely missed with great movement and holding in the attacking circle. Razzlers kept the pressure on with goal for goal action and great movement and accurate shots from GA Ogilvie around the circle.

Quarter ending 15-16 to Sapphires

All to play for this quarter and Sapphires put their foot down capitalising on every turnover. With strong pressure put on Razzlers feeders outside the circle from WD James. Excellent circle defenders GK Evans and GD Rizan (POM) who shutdown Razzlers shooters effectively. Great through court passing and accurate feeds from C Pickston-Bartlett and WA Moon into the Sapphires shooters who again did not miss this quarter pushing the lead further ahead.

Quarter ending 16-25 to Sapphires

Much the same as Q3 with Razzlers finding it difficult to get the ball into their attacking unit, due to some lovely interceptions by GD Rizan (POM) when bringing it up court.

**Final Score: Mortimer Sapphires 34 – Razzlers 19**



## MATCH REPORT

### RG7 Comets Vs Mortimer Sapphires

12/12/2018

POM: Rachel Jubb (Mortimer Sapphires)

POM: Charlotte Ellis (RG7 Comets)

RG7 Comets made an impressive start scoring from the first 2 centre passes, however Mortimer Sapphires soon got into their rhythm and with strong defence from their GD and GK prevented RG7 scoring again in the first quarter to go into the break 7-2 up. RG7 made a switch to team up their usual defensive partnership of Harvey and Fountain, with some great tips from both players making Sapphires have to work much harder to score in this quarter. This, along with impressive teamwork from RG7s shooters Mulroy and Starling won the quarter and lessened the gap to just 3 goals by half-time.

The third quarter was very even. Mortimers defence continued to put pressure on RG7 and their shooters Rodd and Jubb (player of the match) worked hard to keep the scoreboard ticking over with good support from their C and WA Moon. However good tracking from RG7 all the way up the court forced some mistakes and allowed RG7 to match Sapphires 6 goals so their 3 goal lead was not increased.

A final push from RG7 in the last quarter put more pressure on Mortimer with RG7s centre and player of the match Ellis incessant in chasing the ball and winning turnovers with the support of WD O'Connell. With some strong passes into the circle from WA Moore at one point RG7 were able to get within 1 goal, but the lead Mortimer took in the first quarter was enough for them to hang on for the win.

**Final Score: RG7 Comets 19 - Mortimer Sapphires 21**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 2 Vs Mortimer Sapphires

31/10/2018

POM: Charity Mlambo (TB2)

POM: Tish Rizan (Mortimer)

Q1 Sapphires first game with their full team tonight and a couple of mis-placed balls gave Thunderbirds some shooting opportunities for Hodgetts and Obin who worked well in the circle to get good positioning. Sapphires got into their stride mid way through this quarter and managed to just pull ahead with the quarter ending 6 - 4 to Sapphires.

Q2 Sapphires put more pressure in the defensive line up with their WD Evans picking up an early interception to gain another turnover. The Thunderbirds GK Fulford managed to get some good tips and put lots of pressure on the Sapphires shooters to stop a few shots and gain possession of the ball. This quarter ending in 13 - 8 to Sapphires.

Q3 Thunderbirds made a couple of defensive changes bringing on POM Charity Mlambo as GD and Timney as WD, but there was no stopping Sapphires as they continued with their accurate feeds from Moon and Pickston-Bartlett and accurate shooting from Jubb and Butler. Thunderbirds struggled to find the goal with continued pressure in the defensive circle. This quarter ending 22 - 11 to Sapphires

Q4 - The goals kept on coming and the Sapphires dynamic defensive duo Pearce and POM Tish Rizan worked hard to stop the ball going into the Thunderbirds shooters with plenty of tips and forcing errors from the feeders and fast transaction through court. This quarter ending 29 - 13 to Sapphires

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 2 13- Mortimer Sapphires 29**



## MATCH REPORT

### Aces Vs Mortimer Sapphires

17/10/2018

POM: Nicki Archer (Aces)

POM: Rachel Jubb (Mortimer)

This was a match that was always going to be closely fought, with Mortimer and Aces having played several evenly-matched training matches together. Mortimer came out fast in the first quarter, with Aces - settling in to working with a new line-up - taking a while to pick up the pace. Aces held a narrow one-goal lead at the first break.

Mortimer settled into some calm and decisive play in the second quarter, utilising every player on the court to patiently build in feeds into their shooters Emma Butler and their player-of-the-match Rachel Jubb. Aces' play was less organised but they overcame any errors to doggedly stay within reach of Mortimer.

At half-time, Mortimer had the upper hand, leading by two goals. Aces made a switch-up in positions in a bid to change the pace of their game. But Mortimer's game remained strong and they'd extended their lead to three goals to lead 21-18 at the end of the third quarter.

In the final quarter, Aces switched up a gear to score several goals in a row to bring them back into the game. Patient attacking play and incisive defending by their circle pairing Char Webb and Nicki Archer led to them bringing the score even. In the final five minutes, it was end-to-end play and the result could have gone either way. A last-gasp goal by Mortimer's Rachel Jubb brought the score back level and the match ended in a 27-27 draw

**Final Score: Aces 27- Mortimer Sapphires 27**



## 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**



## MATCH REPORT

### Mortimer Sapphires Vs Fast Track

19/09/2018

POM: Sandra Gibson (Fast Track)

POM: Letitia Ritzan (Mortimer)

Sapphires had a very fast paced 1st quarter and doubled the number goals scored by Fasttrack and defended strongly.

The 2nd quarter saw Sapphires increase their lead with some excellent shooting. Fasttrack dug in deep and defended very well and started getting into their stride.

3rd quarter was really tough for both teams as the weather was horrendous. Sapphires continued to score accurately but with great defending from Fasttrack, FastTrack began to hold their own and close the gap.

4th quarter saw Fasttrack begin to pull back with some excellent shooting and court play and winning this quarter and taking a point from the match.

**Final Score: Mortimer Sapphires 29 - Fast Track 15**