



MATCH REPORT

RG7 Comets Vs Thunderbirds 2

11/9/2019

POM: Ula Hanham (Thunderbirds 2)

POM: Jo Starling (RG7 Comets)

This was an intense match right from the start. RG7 were caught unawares early on by some very solid defending from TB2 to gain an early turnover. There was a lot of turnover both forced and unforced in the first quarter keep the score low and despite the exceptional start from TB2, Comets held firm and went into the break 5-3 up.

The 2nd quarter was won by TB2 by 3 goals taking the lead 12-11 at half time. They had solid connections and good teamwork across the court with the defence making multiple tips making it very difficult for RG7 to score. Although RG7 also had a few tricks of their own, owing to the team familiarity and good passing, but in the end TB2 edged the quarter.

In the third quarter TB2 began to dominate, they had made some changes at half time which bedded in well. They capitalised on RG7 errors and bring the ball swiftly down to score some goals, increasing their lead by 5 goals at the end of the quarter by doubling RG7s quarter score.

Last quarter saw a couple of inspired position changes for RG7. Against a strong TB2 team and a great TB2 cheering squad, RG7 went on a run of 7 straight goals that brought them from a 5 goal deficit into a 2 goal lead. TB2 snuck in a couple at the end to make it well fought draw.

Final Score: RG7 Comets 24 – 24 Thunderbirds 2



2018/2019 Season



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

Aces Vs Thunderbirds 2

20/3/2018

POM: Alex Webb (Aces)

POM: Jenny Obin (TB2)

Aces and Thunderbirds 2 met for the second time in a matter of weeks. This marked the first match following the league split, based on results so far this season.

This time, the game was very close. Both teams matched each other goal-for-goal almost throughout all four quarters.

As soon as a small deficit opened, the opposing team would pull back level - and the result felt like it could have genuinely gone either way.

Aces showed good patience bringing the ball down the court, trying to counter TB2's fast play and intense defending. At the other end, TB2's GS Jenny Obin had a fantastic match, showing tremendous balance to hold on to the most challenging of feeds and expertly finishing almost every shot.

For this second meeting of the two teams, the win went to TB2. At the end of a hard-fought match, they scored a slender victory of 34 goals to 32.

Final Score: Aces 32- TB2 34

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

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

Thunderbirds 2 Vs Razzlers

03/10/2018

POM: Phillipa Legg (TB2)

POM: Polly Gardener (Razzlers)

Both teams started strongly taking their own centres. After a few offside calls Razzlers pulled into the lead by 1 goal for the first quarter.

The second quarter saw excellent play from Thunderbirds 2. Their defence ensured only a few balls made it into the shooting end. They made good use of Razzler's mistakes and stormed ahead 17-9 to finish the second quarter.

During half time Razzlers regrouped and came out with some better play strategies. Advice from the side line helped and the play became less frantic. The third quarter saw some superb play around Razzler's shooting end as the TB2 defence applied heavy pressure. After a couple of turnovers thanks to Razzler's GD the scores began to equalise (17-13)

Both teams made positional changes going into the last quarter. It was a fast game with lots of turnovers. However a build up of small Razzlers errors, picked up by some sharp umpiring, meant that TB2 were able to cement the win 29-20.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 2 29 Vs Razzlers 20



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 2 Vs Panthers

19/09/2018

POM: Jane Hodgetts (TB2)

POM: Rebecca Wright (Panthers)

The Netball season is definitely here..... dark, tick... rainy, massive tick... cold, actually no, but super windy... Not ideal, and I certainly didn't want to leave my house to play...

But all teams did... In the game between Thunderbirds 2 (TB2) and Panthers, TB2 were quick out the block turning over Panthers centre pass and their GA (Jane Hodgetts and TB2's Player of the Match) and GS (Jenny Orbin) shooting effortlessly despite the wind to score 6 quick goals in succession. Panther soon settled but Thunderbirds were ahead at the end of the 1st quarter finishing 8-4.

In the second quarter Panthers settled, taking their time with their passes and their WA (Carmelle Bell) and C (Steph Jones) driving forward onto the ball and therefore safely bring the ball into their attacking quarter and giving their GA (Di Williams) and GS (Ang O'Neill) opportunity to take a shot at goal. This steady play by the whole team saw Panthers quickly catch TB2 up to finish the second quarter within 2 goals.

The third quarter saw Panthers defence GD (Rebecca Wright and Panthers Player of the Match), WD (Claire Smith) and GK (Amber Rhind) continue to work hard to win ball, but Thunderbirds defence threesome of WD (Sandra Timney) GD (C Mlambo) and GK (Sandra Fulford) worked even harder in the TB2 defensive end stopping Panthers from converting the turned over ball. The third quarter ended with a goal difference of 5.

The last quarter saw frustration show in the Panthers attack, and Thunderbirds lead extend for the game to finish.

Final Score: TB2 30 – Panthers 18



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 2 Vs RG7 Comets

05/09/2018

POM: Emma McCarthy (TB2)

POM: Jo Starling (RG7 Comets)

A pleasant dry evening for the first Midweek Wednesday match of the season. Thunderbirds 2 (TB2) joined Division 2 after being demoted from Division 1 at end of 2017/2018 season. TB2 started with new team members Ellie Mears at GD and Emma McCarthy at WA. Jenny Obin (GS) was back in the shooting circle after being out for most of season 2017/2018 due to injury and maternity. TB2 had first centre pass and got off to a good start. The first quarter was goal for goal until RG7 succeeded in turning over a TB2 centre. RG7 ended the 1st quarter in the lead at 6 goals to TB2 5 goals.

The 2nd quarter was close with both teams getting the ball to the shooting circles. RG7 were able to score a couple more goals with the accurate shooting of their GS, Jo Starling. RG7 ended the 2nd quarter 3 goals ahead at 14 goals to TB2 11 goals.

In the 3rd quarter both teams matched each other goal for goal. TB2 defence worked hard to turn over RG7 passes but the team were unable to convert them to goals and pull back the gap RG7 had gained in 2nd quarter. By end of 3rd quarter RG7 still maintained their 3 goal lead at RG7 19 goals to TB2 16 goals.

In the 4th quarter both teams again matched goal for goal. There were some loose passes from both teams but RG7 were successful in keeping their 3 goal lead ending the game RG7 25 goals to TB2 22 goals.

Final Score: TB2 22 – RG7 25