



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 3 v Elements Ice

4/09/2019

POM: Charlie Greenaway (TB3)

POM: Aradia Chawama (Elements Ice)

First match of the season for both teams and a great turn out of both players and supporters for this match. After an initial very balanced start, Ice pulled away in the first quarter using height of both their shooter (Emily) and GK (Aradia) to capitalise on passes around the circle and ended up finishing the quarter 8-3.

Thunderbirds came out with a change of shooter positions for Becky and Kris in the second quarter which seemed to work better against the Ice defense circle. With some determined mid court court position and with Abie and Charlie communicating well in the Thunderbirds defense the second quarter ended 14-13 to Ice with Thunderbirds back in the game.

The third quarter was not great for Thunderbirds, scoring only 2 goals in this quarter. With some errors in passing, Ice's C and WA (Poppy and Lauren) managed to turnover some centre court play into Ice's advantage and, building in confidence, they helped their GA (Millie) to put some great balls into their shooting circle and finish the quarter up by 6 goals at 21-15.

Thunderbirds seemed to perform better when the underdogs - the final quarter saw a huge adrenaline rush and the atmosphere on court definitely changed. Thunderbirds C (Louise) and WD (Catherine F) were picking up every loose ball and despite the previous quarter, Thunderbirds pulled back in the last few minutes to nearly be within grasp of a draw. The final score was only 3 apart, with Ice winning 26-23. A great game all round, with some fun audience participation from Louise Ellams and Su Oliver!! Thanks for all the support.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 3 23 - Elements Ice 26**



# 2018/2019 Season



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### Storm Vs Thunderbirds 3

15/05/2019

POM: Claire Evans (TB3)

POM: Grace Simms (Storm)

A steady start from both teams which saw Thunderbirds take an initial early lead. But Storm soon settled into their stride, making some good interceptions and turning the game around to finish the first quarter ahead by 6 goals.

The 2nd quarter saw a tactical change from Thunderbirds, moving their GS Emma Desbois to GK, adding some much needed height to the Storm attacking circle against Jude Taylor, GS. Some great turnovers from both teams made for a very close quarter, with Storm scoring 8 goals vs Bird's 7.

The 3rd quarter saw Storm pull away with some excellent, on point shooting from both teams. Thunderbirds continued to fight back with some astonishing goals and impressive interceptions. The lead at this point was 11 goals.

The final quarter saw some sloppy mistakes from Storm with Birds taking advantage with several turnovers. With tactical double marking by Birds this caused issues for the Storm shooters. However Storm dug deep and despite some awesome shooting from both the Thunderbirds GS and GA in the final minutes, Storm managed to maintain their lead and win by 13 goals.

A friendly and competitive game with some excellent play by both teams; you could be forgiven for not thinking the score was closer.

**Final Score: Storm 36 – 23 Thunderbirds 3**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 3 Vs Whiteknights

17/04/2019

POM: Charlie Greenaway (TB3)

POM: Tara Lacey (Whiteknights)

A strong start from both teams meant the first quarter was fairly even. A couple of interceptions from TB3 defenders allowed them to sneak ahead finishing 9-6 at the first quarter end.

TB3 settled in well in the second quarter with some strong shooting from Emma GS and Claire GA and some accurate passing around and in the circle meant that, despite the best efforts of Whiteknights defenders, TB3 pulled ahead to end the second quarter 22-16, 6 goals ahead.

The pace of the game was fast throughout the third quarter and Whiteknights WD Tara was relentless, helping to turnover balls in the centre court. Aggressive play from both teams meant the quarter was an ongoing battle from end to end and Whiteknights crept one goal closer by the end of that quarter having been 10 down at one point but clawing it back.

The final quarter was tense with accurate play from both teams meaning the score continued to be very even. Towards the end a turnover from Whiteknights allowed them to pull closer towards TB: but a final push from TB3, particularly from the ever energetic GD Charlie, allowed them to finish the quarter as it had started - with a 6 goal lead.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 3 41- Whiteknights 35**



## MATCH REPORT

### Thunderbirds 3 Vs LP Whirlwinds

24/10/2018

POM: Louise Boisclair (TB3)

POM: Nina Brown (LP Whirlwinds)

After a panicked start that saw Thunderbirds having to borrow a player literally as they took to court, it really seemed to unsettle the team right from the beginning. With quick centre court play and great shooting, LP took the lead early on. Thunderbirds desperately tried to pull it back but they just couldn't convert the goals, scoring only 2 in the first quarter. First quarter score 8-2 to Whirlwinds.

Thunderbirds came out more positively after their missing player arrived to join them for the second quarter, but even with GS Beryl Okeyo's height in the circle, TB3 still couldn't seem to get the ball past LP's strong defensive, with Nina Brown making some fantastic interceptions earning her the well deserved POM for LP. Their turn overs were quickly converted into goals by Kelly Thomas and K Harvey. Second quarter score 19-6 to Whirlwinds.

After a massive change around from Thunderbirds, that saw all but two players swapping positions, things seemed to be a bit more settled. Whirlwinds were on fire though and too much for Thunderbirds to handle. TB3's normal game seemed to go out of the window and with Captain Lucy Sullivan absent, the team really missed her vocal encouragement. Thunderbirds defence Angie Cornelius and Charlie Greenaway worked hard and never gave up, but LP's shooters were unstoppable. Third quarter score 29-9 to Whirlwinds.

With some advice and encouraging words from some of Netchix players at the end of the third quarter, Thunderbirds came out fighting but sadly it was too late to make a dent in the score. This was by far their best and most even quarter with Whirlwinds, with some great centre court play from WD Catherine Redding, WA Becky Dunne, and TB3's POM Louise Boisclair. TB3's shooters Claire Evans and Beryl Okeyo also had a great quarter with some lovely shots going in. If Thunderbirds had played like this the whole game they would of given Whirlwinds a real run for their money.

**Final Score: Thunderbirds 3 17- LP Whirlwinds 37**