



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 4 Vs Sharks

18/09/2019

POM: Kara Gill (Elements Fire)

POM: Jenny Hewison (Thunderbirds 4)

A clear evening for the second game of the season saw Sharks win the toss and take the centre from the whistle. A strong start saw some great balls into the circle straight into the capable hands of both GA - L and GS - Lisa who both shot fantastically throughout the game, with the occasional wobble. Thunderbirds narrowly missed out on a goal seconds beforehand.

As play settled, Thunderbirds started to capitalise on their own centres and great movement all the way down court from TB WA – Mia (who had a well fought game against a tough WD of Clare) and TB C – Charlotte saw the ball into the circle and goals scored by TB GS - Jenny and GA - Erin who also, despite a few wobbles, both had their eye in and shots on target closing the lead Sharks had strongly started with. Thunderbirds were leading 3-2 but despite the best efforts of both defence and shooters, the quarter ended on a tie of 4-4.

No changes for the second quarter for either team. Sharks went out strong and made some excellent interceptions, which were capitalised on with excellent balls into the circle from WA – Kate and C – Amy, to allow a small margin of a lead. Thunderbirds had some great play down court, with great marking and interceptions from all players, however, were finding it difficult to capitalise on the shots due to the formidable defence of Sharks GD – Lydia and GK – Sarah whose fingers were tipping everything just out of Thunderbirds reach. A well fought quarter, that ended 12-8 to sharks.

A switch in defence between GD and GK for Sharks and a switch in GA and GS for Thunderbirds saw the start of the 3rd quarter. GK – Izzy O'S, GD – Izzy S and WD – Rachel (who had already been to athletics!) made some crucial interceptions down court and forced play out of court, which accompanied by the change in position and movement of GS – Erin and GA – Jenny allowed for great conversions. However, despite their best efforts, Sharks strong defence supporting the attack and their continuous movement onto the ball allowed them to gain a further lead despite GK and GD (Izzy x 2) best efforts to intercept the high ball. Thunderbirds passion and fight was shining through and the third quarter ended 18-11 to sharks.

The final quarter saw no changes for either team, both feeling they had got into a good flow and raring to take on the last 10 minutes. Sharks started the final quarter and the strong partnership of the team allowed continued goal scoring opportunities. However, an exciting final quarter for Thunderbirds who managed to keep sharks to only 4 goals (the least for the game) and score 2 more of their own! Final moments saw both teams continue to fight until the final whistle with great enthusiasm and energy, and the game was a great one all round. The final whistle saw Sharks win 22-13, meaning Thunderbirds came away with a point and some great learning opportunities ready for next time

Final Score: Thunderbirds 4 13- 22 Sharks



MATCH REPORT

Elements Fire Vs Thunderbirds 4

4/09/2019

POM: Kara Gill (Elements Fire)

POM: Jenny Hewison (Thunderbirds 4)

Thunderbirds settled quickly into the first quarter although the general play was fairly even. Some great defending by Elements brought the end of the first quarter to only 5-1.

Elements struggled to find a rhythm despite changing their team around and TB capitalised on this with a steady string of goals 13-1 at half time.

Another change around for Elements still didn't create many chances for shooting but play settled a little with 19-2 being the result at the break.

Elements just couldn't find the net and the final score was 25-4.

Final Score: Elements Fire 4 – 25 Thunderbirds 4



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MATCH REPORT

Mortimer Rubies Vs Thunderbirds 4

29/05/2019

POM: Emily Hutchinson (Mortimer Rubies)

POM: Ula Hanhan (Thunderbirds 4)

Both teams started the match with 6 players on a drizzly cool evening. The initial play was very even, goal for goal until Thunderbirds brought on a 7th player and pulled away, ending the quarter two goals up 5-7.

The second quarter was again closely fought, with some good shooting at both ends, Mortimer's shooter Heather Schofield pulling off some spectacular goals from close to the circle edge, and some lovely interceptions from the Thunderbirds WD and C. The quarter was drawn with the final score 12-14 to Thunderbirds. Mortimer brought on a 7th player midway through the quarter.

In the third quarter Thunderbirds took an early lead but Mortimer quickly pulled back 4 goals to even with some good centre court turnovers. Thunderbirds then pulled away with some excellent shooting and circle movement from the Thunderbirds GA and GS, the quarter ended 18-22 to Thunderbirds.

In the final quarter Thunderbirds continued to dominate, scoring 7 goals in quick succession. Mortimer had a mid quarter run of form and scored a further 7 goals, but Thunderbirds regained control and won the match.

Final Score: Mortimer Rubies 25 – 33 Thunderbirds 4



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 4 vs Headcase

17/4/2019

POM: (TB4)

POM: (Headcase)

In the first quarter both the teams started strongly with accurate shooting from Headcase GS and the Thunderbirds GS Okeyo. Towards the end of the 10 minutes, Headcase were leading 9 : 5.

Second quarter, Thunderbirds pulled the score back with accurate passing and movement onto the ball. At half time the score was 14 : 9 to Headcase.

In the third quarter, Headcase came out strongly but Thunderbirds battled hard to bring the score within 2. There were some good feeds into the D at the Thunderbirds end from C Hewison and WA Mould, with great shooting from GS Hanham. The score was 18 : 16 to Headcase.

Then in the final quarter, it was goal for goal with Thunderbirds going ahead by 1 goal, but then Headcase pulled it away and won an exciting match by 2 goals.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 4 24 - Headcase 26



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 4 vs Bowmore AM

20/2/2019

POM: Ella Jupp (TB4)

POM: Charlie Grant (BW)

This was the first game back after a few weeks of cancelled matches due to courts being unfit to play on. Thunderbirds 4 were determined to keep first place in the league, and Bowmore driven to win this match. After a little delay the lights switched on it was game time...

The first quarter started strong for TB4 with GK and GD intercepting every overhead ball that came their way and dominating the shooting circle. This was matched by TB4's GA (Ula) and GS (Ella Jupp) effortless shooting leading to 7-0 lead. However, we couldn't overlook Bowmore's WD amazing interceptions down the court, driving her player out of the game.

Second quarter saw some changes in TB4 positions between WA and WD allowing for improved movement down court and excellent ball placement from the WA into the D.

TB4s lovely tall GK continued to frustrate the Bowmore shooters with some quick interceptions. The quarter ended TB4 11- Bowmore 1

The playing field evened out in the third quarter. Both teams continuing to play well as they had got into the rhythm of the game. However, Bowmore continued to apply the pressure and attacking play found space to receive the ball away from a TB4 player to take back a couple of goals. The quarter saw some dodgy throws from both ends of the court and balls weren't being caught successfully. Ended TB4 20- Bowmore 5

TB4 maintained the momentum in the final quarter with fast passing down to GA, who was producing some lovely shots allowing TB4 to seize the win 27-7.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 4 27 - Bowmore AM 7



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 4 Vs Mortimer Rubies

09/1/2019

POM: (TB4)

POM: (Mortimer Rubies)

It was a cold evening down on the courts and both teams were raring to get back into the matches after the Christmas holidays.

The opening quarter was very well matched with Thunderbirds leading only by one point as the bell sounded at the end of the quarter. There was some lovely feeds into the D at the Mortimer Rubies end from WA Telford and C Jones into the Rubies shooters Rayner and Hutchinson. There were some equally lovely feeds into the D at the opposite end of the court, with Thunderbirds C Hewison, and WA Ellison, making some beautiful passes into the GA Jupp and GS Hanham. The first quarter ended 5 : 6 to Thunderbirds.

Back on court for the second quarter again saw some fantastic play from both teams with some outstanding interceptions from Rubies WD, Whittingham and Thunderbirds WD Coleango in the centre third. The score at half time ended with Thunderbirds leading by 1 goal, 15, 14.

Mortimer Rubies got right into the game in the third and final quarters, with some outstanding shooting from Hutchinson and Rayner. Although Thunderbirds had a couple of great turnovers, the Rubies GK, Kaps made some great rebounds. The score at the end of the third quarter saw Rubies leading by 3 points.

Thunderbirds continued to fight hard into the final quarter, with some fantastic interceptions from the GA Jupp and from GD Browne in the centre third. Rubies however extended their lead and the game ended Mortimer Rubies 30 to Thunderbirds 23. A lovely game to start back with after Christmas.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 4 - Mortimer Rubies



MATCH REPORT

Thunderbirds 4 Vs Williams Home Heat

12/09/2018

POM: Ella Jupp (TB4)

POM: Linda Humphries (WHH)

The first Wednesday game back and both Thunderbirds 4 and Williams Home Heat were eager to start the season with a win. There was some lovely play in the first quarter as both teams got into their rhythm with some fantastic interceptions from both WD's, Humphries and Colangelo in the centre third. We also saw some beautiful play from both C's Hewison and Beth. The first quarter ended with Williams Home Heat just leading 5 to 4.

As the sun began to set, the second quarter saw some lovely play at the Williams Home Heat end of the court. Some great feeds from WA Sibley borrowed from Bowmore Asset Magnet and GA Johnson into the GS Ellie who made some exquisite shots. There were some equally lovely feeds into the D at the opposite end of the court, with Thunderbirds 4's Centre, Hewison, and WA Ellison, making some beautiful passes into the GA and GS. Thunderbirds started to pull away, with the score ending 13 to 8.

The third quarter saw a Thunderbirds substitution at WD with Frost coming onto the court. With fantastic defence and pressure from Thunderbirds' GK Bray and GD Browne, Thunderbirds raced ahead, turning over many of the centres and winning the quarter 25 to 12. Thunderbirds' shooters GS Willows and GA Jupp didn't miss a shot!

Still fighting for every ball into the final quarter, Williams Home Heat were eager to snatch back the win. Williams Home Heat's Prior-Williams made some fantastic interceptions in the D, which saw Williams Home Heat win the quarter.

A lovely game to start the season.

Final Score: Thunderbirds 4 30 - Williams Home Heat 16