Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

A couple of games for the Elites see yet another long road-trip before finally returning to Hull for their first home game since September.

The Diamonds started strongly in Streatham and lead the game nearly 8 minutes in, CJ Ashton on target at 7.44 assisted Beth Scoon for 0-1. Streatham tied the game quickly with a goal from Rachel Morse at 9.03 and then took the lead at 13.15 thanks to Jennifer Lawrence.

The Diamonds tied the game at 36.04 with a powerplay marker from Beth Barwell assisted Ashton and Jones but once again Streatham hit back at once and regained their lead at 36.33 with a strike from Christina Mclean. CJ Ashton, the eventual Spirit of the Game winner, made it 3-3 at 46.05 assisted Scoon and Jones and that was the score that would remain till the end of the game. The Diamonds who heavily outshot Streatham could feel a little aggrieved that they didn't take the win but a point on the board is always a good thing. Next up is Solihull at home.

Final Score Streatham 3-3 Kingston

The Diamonds didn't get the start they wanted against Solihull as Saffron Allen scored early to give the visitors the 0-1 lead at 1.46, which they held to the first intermission despite Diamonds pressure. The Vixens had their best possible start to the second period as they doubled their lead at 20.47 as Saffron Allen got her second with a breakaway goal and followed it up less than a minute later with her hat-trick goal at 21.45. The Diamonds finally got back into the game after plenty of pressure as Shannon Jones took a nice pass from Kadijevic and redirected the puck past Franklin in the Solihull net at 27.45, powerplay goal. The Diamonds were pretty dominant in the remainder of the period and Hannah Worthington brought the score to 2-3 at 35.46 to give the Diamonds some more life heading into the third period. Once again though the Vixens scored early in the period, Rebecca Speckman on target at 42.25 for 2-4. Sophie Campbell clawed another back for the home side at 52.38 as Carla Clark made a lovely pass to Sophie who was alone in front of net for 2-4, but Solihull put the dagger in at 54.39 thanks to Jodie Bloom. Despite two more powerplays the Diamonds couldn't find a way to tie the game and went down fighting in a fast and furious game of hockey.

Final Score Kingston 3-5 Solihull



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Diamonds Premier

A home game vs Widnes and an away trip to MK give the Prems the chance to get back to winning ways and pick up some points.

A disappointing result in Whitley Bay was the fuel for the game against Widnes for the Prems and they started how they meant to go on with Captain Beth Barwell opening the scoring at 7.57 as her shot from the point found its way past an unsighted Drinkwater. Shortly after Ishbel Wright was on target as she picked up a rebound in front of net and jammed it home for 2-0 at 11.11 – both goals assisted by Dannie Newlove. Ishbel Wright got her second of the game at 16.37 as she once again cleared up in front of net as a shot from Dawn Dickinson handcuffed the Widnes netminder.

The Diamonds let off a little in the second period as Widnes absorbed the pressure but Dannie Newlove got herself a goal at 24.15 as the puck bobbled out in front and she squeezed a nice backhand shot into the net for 4-0. 5-0 came at 35.05 as Ketz Robinson scored her first senior goal on the powerplay and she waited quietly at the back door and the puck found its way through the crease to her for a nice shot.

Widnes hit back more in the third period and tested Charlotte Cook, once demanding a save on a breakaway chance but the Diamonds netminder stood tall and denied everything that came her way. The Diamonds didn't get as many chances this period, though not for lack of effort and Beth Barwell, who opened the scoring, also closed the scoring with a nice individual effort at 58.13 for 6-0.

Probably the best all-round effort since promotion into the Premier league, this really sets up the team nicely for the rest of the season as they look to secure a playoff spot.

Final Score Kingston 6-0 Widnes

A tight first period in MK saw neither side open the scoring despite sharing some decent chances, with both goalies dealing with everything thrown their way. It was shortly into the second period that MK broke the deadlock as Piotrowski fired home a rebound at 24.05 for 1-0. The home side kept the pressure on and doubled their lead at 35.24 with a powerplay goal from Deana Cuglietta. The Diamonds got themselves within one just before the end of the period as a shot from the point rebounded off the goalie and Reagan Downing was on the spot to jam it home at 39.29.

Despite shortening the bench the Diamonds couldn't find a way to tie the game, and a number of ridiculous penalty calls against them hindered their efforts further. MK extended their lead to 3-1 at 49.04 with a 5 on 3 powerplay goal from Kirsten Noble as the puck bobbled to her on the backdoor and she tapped it into the gaping net. Piotrowski got her second of the game with an individual effort at 55.29 to round off a poor game for the Diamonds. A lack of preparation seemed to be the tale of this game and hopefully some lessons will have been learnt because the Prems have a tough couple of games on the horizon.

Final Score Milton Keynes 4-1 Kingston