

Tunbridge Wells Monarchs 3 Kings Alleyns 2

TW Monarchs win against the League leaders moved them into shared second place, 3 points behind but with a game in hand.

Kings Alleyns started brightly as TW initially struggled to adapt their formation, and had the ball in the back of the goal, only for TW's "12th man" to spot an infringement.

This seemed to rally TW's spirits for the rest of the half which they dominated, creating a number of chances and gaining short corners. From this pressure goals came first from Duncan Fiskin following a cross from the right, and then from Jack Mauduit, deflecting a short corner strike.

The second half saw Kings Alleyn push hard for goals, but the TW defence held out well with good judgement and strong challenges (Coakley-Black and Holme to the fore).

A goal was let in, but the response was immediate as yet another TW short corner was converted, albeit involving several passes, by Steve Grogan. By now Kings Alleyns were getting very frustrated, challenging decisions, and behaving like sponging spoilt students that expect everything to be given to them, that they are.

A second goal came, but in reality the number of chances created were few, Nick Hale having only a handful of saves to make all game. The TW 12 held out to the end, worthy winners.

Other Mens results: 1s drew 2-2 with Ashford 2, 2s drew 1-1 with Ashford 3, 3s lost 4-2 to Kings Alleyns, Vets lost 6-2 to Lewes

Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 6 Burnt Ash IV 1

Wells put together a strong team and the result followed. Tessa Harrison, back from charitable work in Nepal, was soon tuned in to her game. Having been thwarted by an excellent keeper for the first quarter of an hour, Harrison scored two quick goals from short corners. Surprisingly so the second as her stick was simultaneously flying over the crossbar.

In the second half Sarah Martins scored a deserved goal. Her first shot having been stopped by a foot, she followed up with an unstoppable shot. Wells felt more confident despite Harrison being injured. New girl Emily Vallance had a couple of crashing shots saved and Lucy Milson helped herself to a brace. Her second was a delicate finish to slick move involving Martins, Izzy Harrison and Alex Hadaway. Denise Holme was able to poke away a rebound. Despite the overwhelming pressure Wells conceded a goal and Louise Togoh, on her senior debut, pulled off several ace saves.

Tunbridge Wells U14A Girls 2 v Sevenoaks A 0

Wells continued their unbeaten run with a 2-0 win over Sevenoaks in the Kent 'A' league.

The pattern was familiar with Wells having the majority of the possession, with many shots on goal by the forwards, Niamh Blackburn, Georgina Moore and Michelle Donnachie but good keeping and a strong Sevenoaks defence kept Wells out.

Wells had to wait until midway through the first half for Louisa Hockley and Georgina Barker to work well together in midfield and set Sarah Martins free on the right, who cut into the 'D' and scored from the tightest of angles. Sevenoaks were quick to counter attack and great defending by Jess Begg, Alice Weare and Alice Kidd kept the score at 1-0 at half time.

Wells were strong in the second half with some superb runs by Rose Down and the versatile Emma Gull helped set up Hatty Montgomery for a clever reverse stick shot and goal.

Wells continued the pressure but were unable to add to their score, yet Sevenoaks remained a threat, with Megan Grist pulling off some fine saves.

Wells remain top of the Kent 'A' league and hope, subject to the weather, to host Marden on Sunday for a top of the table clash.

U14A Girls beat Sevenoaks 2-0, U14B2 lost 1-0 to Sevenoaks, U16B2 drew 2-2 with BBHC, U16B1 beat Sevenoaks 5-2

