

## GRASSHOPPERS 5 SUTTON VALENCE 1

Another beautiful autumnal day, and back at our spiritual home playing on that spiritual medium , grass. The pitch was in immaculate condition , prepared by our Groundsman David Tankard, who also joined us for the game .Again, we had a large squad, 16 at the last count. But the rotation was well organised and so did not disrupt our free flowing play. Against the run of play our opponents took the lead after about 15 minutes, but we soon struck back with goals from Holliday, Shimell, Ghostley ( at the third attempt), Tankard and David Robinson. However, during this period, it must be reported, that our goal tender , Crawford, pulled off some miraculous saves, one up to the right, with his stick, was almost mystical. But for him we could have lost. The score was not really a fair reflection on the play. Sutton Valence played well and had their chances. As always, with them, the game was played in a fair and friendly spirit. And then to the dinner dance where some of our team hopped the night away fueled by our victory and alcohol.

Other Mens results: 2s won 2-0, 3s won 5-3, Monarchs won 3-2

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Within five minutes of the game starting on Saturday, Wells 4ths had scored their first goal following a superb cross by Becky Law which was picked up mid air by Sarai Howkins and flicked into the goal. Once the 4ths got over their astonishment they were left with a great belief in their ability to take hold of a game and play with winning vigour.

There was no need for the bribe of chocolate cake as the 4ths took hold of the game and played with intelligence and great communication between the players.

So the goals started rolling in as first Kate Fowler, welcome addition to the team, and then Tess McClelland, who finally got on the scoresheet and then another by Sarai howkins left the half time score at 4-0.

Keen to capitalise on their position and increase their strong place in the league, the 4ths came out strongly determined to at least double the score. The whole team played as fresh as the first half and really worked hard to get the ball into the back of the net. Kate Fowler came back with another goal and Tess McClelland after promising to get on the score sheet this week came away with a hat trick . Sarai Howkins stunned herself and the goalie by closing down a 16yd hit out and rushing into the circle and finally hitting the ball through the legs of the goalie. The captain finished the game with 5 goals.

The whole team needs a mention this week:

Megan Grist, Sam Barker, Jennie Bowler, Kira Boulton, Emma Beamish, Tess McClelland, Maria Watson, Becky Law, Amanda Wren, Sarai Howkins (capt) and Kate Fowler.

Special mention should also go to the Brom Becks goalie who played an exceptional game.

Other Ladies scores: 1s lost 4-1, 2s drew 1-1, 3s lost 3-1, 5s conceded.