

Brentwood 0 Tunbridge Wells Ladies I 5

Wells took a big step in their development this season as they ran out resounding winners at Brentwood in East League Division 2.

It took Wells ten minutes to settle into their game, the opening goal following shortly afterwards as Jen Hunt continued her fine form with a well taken penalty corner. Continued pressure on the hosts' circle lead to several more penalty corners, one of which was converted by Lisa Fiddimore to double Wells' lead 5 minutes before half time.

Looking to dictate the tempo of the second half, Wells came out and moved the ball swiftly around the pitch, rotating the forwards regularly in order to wear down the home side's press. Continued Wells attacks saw desperate defending hand Wells several more penalty corners, Jen Hunt again finishing well, before a foot on the line saw Roberta Organ convert a penalty stroke.

A fine win was rounded off when a lengthy spell of possession saw Brolley Player of the Match Ele Cairns find space to fire in from the top of the circle.

Tunbridge Wells Royals 2 Gravesend 2

Royals keep their unbeaten record going with a 2- 2 draw against an experienced Gravesend side. Royals started strongly pinning Gravesend into their own end for most of the first half and took a deserved lead after a short corner interchange between Di Dunmall and Carolyn Pollard allowed Fran Hawkins to scramble the ball in. Royals went into the second half and after a re-shuffle Sophia Scott came on and made an excellent run slipping the ball out wide to Beccy Law who rounded the last defender and slid the ball to Maddie Godfrey who calmly scored. 2-0 to Royals and all looked good until a lapse in concentration let Gravesend in for a scrappy goal.

Royals were under pressure now and the goalkeeper and man of the match Lydia Walter who had been amazing throughout was beaten by a soft shot at the near post. Royals were happy with a point but having been 2-0 up will have tighten defences in the latter stages of matches to keep all 3 points.

Royals maintain 4th spot in the Kent Premier League.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies III 0 Holcombe 1

In a hard fought game Tunbridge Wells Ladies 3s were unlucky to come away with no points. Both teams struggled to make decisive inroads into attacking areas and most of the game was played between the two 23m lines. Wells defense with Alex Hadaway, Kelly Maywood and Laura Blaxland tackled well and dispossessed Holcombe regularly. Unfortunately Wells couldn't capitalise once the ball was played forward and possession was lost cheaply.

Wells had one shot from Lou Bateman in the first half which was well saved by the Holcombe keeper. Holcombe gained a short corner and scored from a rebound after a solid save from Wells keeper Chris Poth. Wells are looking forward to a return to winning ways with a home game against Canterbury next.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies IV 4 Gravesend Ladies 1

Keen to make a hat trick of wins, TW 4ths went up against division headers Gravesend with some nerves especially as Gravesend were playing with 5 subs.

An early goal by TW Louise Wren who was hanging at the goal face settled the jitters, but by the end of the first half Gravesend came back with an equaliser whilst TW took their eye off of the game.

A strong chat a half time lead by all players resulted in 2 goals coming in quick succession from Sarai Howkins and again Louise Robinson. Amanda Wren finished off the score with a great hit from the top of the circle.

Again this week, the midfield played with much authority and kept the ball wide and created much space for the forwards to run onto.

Amanda Wren thoroughly deserved her second man of the match for this season.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 1 Anchorians 3

Wells 5s went for their own hat-trick- for the third match running they were compelled to play short, this time 9 players. This is extremely disappointing as those who have turned out have put in a sterling effort and would probably have won two of the games. Wells scored one goal from Denise Holme and but for an incomprehensible interpretation by the

umpire as to what should be awarded what the ball is stopped on the line by a foot, would have had a penalty flick chance.

As usual, Tessa Harrison provided a huge challenge for the oppo. She was aided was aided by the excellent running of Amy Stables and Sarah McClelland. Ellen Landolt marshalled the defence with Juliet Harrison flourishing at right back. Here's to a full team this week.

TW Monarchs 5 BBHC 3

TW were slow out of the blocks, due to many changes from the previous week. However once they settled - having let BBHC take the lead - they scored 5 consecutive goals through Duncan Fiske, Andrew Jenner (2 short corners), Jon Taylor and Craig Thomas. Although not dominant, Monarchs had the better of the play creating chances through teamwork and passing.

The TW forwards put the BBHC defence under pressure forcing short corners which were well despatched and open play chances.

Nick Hale made a couple of good saves to stop BBHC getting back into the game, although they managed to score 2 goals late on.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS GRASSHOPPERS 2 BLACKHEATH 2

And so today we meet our first opponents in the Surrey Grass Conference, which we have joined for this season, and, hopefully, for the coming seasons. We did play some of the teams, last week, at Kenley's tournament, but this is our first full match against a team from SGC.

A 2.15 start confused some of our players, as we normally push back at 2.45. But we were all present and correct for the start. We were somewhat nervous as Blackheath were an unknown quantity to us, but a well known team and these Vets sides tend to field old county players.

We were not surprised when the game got off to pulsating start, with our defence being pushed back and all the pressure being exerted on us. However they held out, marshalled by our captain and goalie Crawford, incidentally he had an excellent game, until after about 20 minutes they scored after a bit of a scramble in front of our goal.

However our forwards started to receive more of the ball from the backs and there were a few good runs and crosses, unfortunately none of them converted. But then a melee in their D and from a tackle by Bannerman the ball shot up in the air, bounced a couple of times, confused their goalie and defence and ended in the net. 1-1.

Half time, a rousing team talk, juicy oranges, and back to the fray.

The opposition seemed to be controlling the mid-field, but Revell, Holloway, Burton, Pelmore, Fitzwater and Landolt, our defence, held out until Crawford got a hand and foot on a blistering shot but could not prevent it entering our goal. We were also lucky when another of their shots hit the bar and post but stayed out.

The forwards were still getting the ball and attacking Morson, Ghosley, Ivory, Poulton and Bannerman all combining well with slick, quick passing. Then a shot past their goalie, stopped by a defender and the rebound converted by Poulton. 2-2. That is how it ended, we were very pleased with our performance, they looked a little dejected.

We will see how we do at Sandwich next week.

Other Mens results: Mens I 3 Crawley 0, IIs 2 Gore Court 2, IIIs 3 BBHC 5, Vets 4 Marden 5. EH Vets (O40) Cup : TW 7 Milton Keynes 3