

Tunbridge Wells Ladies I 2 Blackheath 2

Tunbridge Wells Ladies 1st XI travelled to Blackheath looking for a result that would pull them away from the relegation zone. With several players missing Wells welcomed a number of second XI players into the team who stepped up admirably in what was a scrappy match. Emma Allington put Wells into the lead with a strike from the top of the circle before Zoe Shepherd slipped past the keeper to ensure that Wells had a 2 goal lead at half time. The second half started poorly for Wells and with very few decisions seeming to go in their favour they conceded some cheap short corners that allowed the hosts to score twice and share the points.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies III 5 Remnants I 0

Wells fielded a strong team for this Kent Div 1 match and with Remnants only having ten Wells were able to dominate from the outset. Good possession and early passes created plenty of shots but the Remnants keeper was on top of her game and saved several direct shots. Wells began to pass the ball around inside the circle in an effort to eliminate the keeper and their persistence paid off with a solid poke in from player of the match Georgia Nokes. Milson added to the score and Nokes scored with a terrific acute angled shot to make it 3 - 0 at half time. The Wells defence were rarely troubled and keeper Poth didn't touch the ball in the entire game. Any attacks by Remnants were quickly snaffled by a solid Wells defence and Wells continued to pressurise the Remnants goal throughout the second half. Bateman put a rebound shot high into the goal and Wells were awarded a flick for persistent stick tackles in the circle which was ably dispatched by Milson finishing the match 5 - 0. Wells are now equal top of the league.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies IV 5 New Beccs III 1

After the disappointment of losing the week before, the 4th team were determined to right the loss –and with promise of chocolate cake for winning there was a huge incentive!

New Beccs are not a team to take on lightly but the 4ths dominated the first half with numerous attempts at the goal face but to no avail. Just before half time New Beccs sneaked in a goal.

With a rousing half time call to arms by the captain the 4ths stormed back and scored a goal through Amy Stables tenacity within minutes of the whistle being blown. With a goal in the bag the 4ths were pumped up and raring to go. With the cry of "chocolate" ringing in their ears Amy Stables went onto score 2 more goals with Niamh Blackburn scoring one as well. All after much hanging around the goalie waiting for the loose ball. Maria Watson scored her first ever goal with a great hit from the outside edge after moving into a free position.

The final score reflected the 4ths great play against a strong team. Their captain is very proud of them.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 4 Gillingham Anchorians 2

With no more incentive needed than the desire to stay above our aspirant 4s in the league, Wells hit Gillingham, the scene of heartbreak the year before. With the non-appearance of a player at the meet, Michelle Murphy was dragged from her bed to fill the squad.

As usual, it took a goal against the run of play to rouse Wells. So at 1-0 Tessa Harrison hammered home a short corner. Also in keeping with the pattern, Anchs were given a freebie short with which to regain the lead.

Heads were only down for a few minutes. An excellent run from newcomer Nicola Freeman led to an exchange of passes finding Alex Hadaway loose in the circle. She calmly placed the ball past the goalie to score her first senior goal. At this point the game might have gone either way, but the defence, with Charlie de Burgh Marsh saving well in goal held the attack at bay.

From out of defence Sam Barker found Ali Holme. She brought the ball forward and passed to Tessa Harrison. Her shot was saved, but Denise Holme was on hand to bang in the rebound.

Wells made the game safe with a pressure relieving fourth goal. Anchs star defender was tackled and the ball pushed to Tessa Harrison. There was another taste of the understanding she is developing with her daughter when another exchange of passes gave Izzy Harrison her goal.

It may be fleeting, but Wells found themselves in second position in the league. This matches the 2s and 3s in their respective leagues.

Grasshoppers (AM) 6 Sutton Valence Veterans 2

On a crisp autumn morning, Grasshoppers' first side, captained by Mills, beat Sutton Valence Veterans by 6 goals to 2. Despite the experience of first team Veterans Holloway, Holliday and Mitchell, Grasshoppers were behind twice in the first half but replied through Holliday's reverse stick shot and then Landolt, who struck quickly from the edge of the circle to score the best goal of the game.

In the second half, Crawford in goal was seldom troubled, as Athey, Hastings, Pelmore and Fitzwater defended ably to nullify any Sutton Valence pressure. Poulton's reverse cross after a powerful run to the byline was bundled in by Barker, Ghosley pounced after Poulton's shots were blocked, Holliday added his second and Mitchell capped the win with a hard shot which went in off two posts and the goalkeeper

GRASSHOPPERS (PM) 2 NPL 1

Today was a first in The Grasshopper's long and illustrious history. We fielded a team in the morning and a completely different team in the afternoon (apart from our Goalie, Crawford, who played in both). The morning game was a crushing victory over Sutton Valence 6-2. And so the 'afternoon' team had a lot to live up to in order to preserve our unbeaten record that stretches back all the way to the beginning of the season.

As is our normal pattern the game got off to a furious start. Our opponents had the greater skills but our commitment and hard tackling made up for that, and all the pressure was on their goal. This was soon rewarded when a cross by Niker following a good passing movement was converted, in imperious style, by the President of the Club, Lancaster, returning from a long period of inactivity. We created more chances but, as is often the case, they were squandered by our profligate forwards. Another returnee, Robinson, eventually scored a second and that was the half time score 2-0.

NPL then found their attacking skills and we were put under more pressure which resulted in a goal. 2-1. NPL's centre half tended to dominate when the ball was in their defensive midfield, and set up their centre forward, right winger and TW's Tom Holme guesting for them at inside right. However, although they had the pressure it did not result in our goal being greatly threatened, and our keeper had little to do, partly thanks to the defensive work of David Tankard - a fourth player making his season's debut - and later helped by the NPL right winger pulling a calf muscle. The only other excitement was our left winger becoming involved in a skirmish with the corner flag. And so we ran out victors, a good clean game on a beautiful autumnal afternoon.

