

MATCH REPORTS

Lowestoft 3 – 3 Tunbridge Wells women's 1st XI

Tunbridge Wells Ladies 1st XI travelled away to Lowestoft on Saturday and despite a three hour drive dominated early play. With the exception of the keeper there were periods when the whole of the Tunbridge Wells side were inside the Lowestoft half.

Driving with pace down the right Hunt linked well with Rohan and Wells were rewarded with a Penalty Flick. However, Wells failed to convert being unfortunate to hit the post and soon after were caught unawares with a quick break by Lowestoft. Wells pushed forward again and switched the ball at a Penalty Corner to make the score equal at the break with a well taken shot by Foster.

Lowestoft started the second half strongly and took a two goal lead over the visitors. Bekker however found the form that had been elusive in the first half and began to trouble the Lowestoft defence.

Dogged effort was rewarded with a superbly injected short corner that saw Gee strike the ball towards the nearside post for Hunt to deflect into the goal and Wells were looking to compete again. Intuitive play by Turner in the absence of a sickly Tyburski helped win a short corner seven minutes from full time that Bekker put away to gain the draw.

Creasey's Man of the Match: Lucy Turner

Tunbridge Wells women's 5th XI 1 – 1 Folkestone III

This was an excellent game of hockey with which to conclude January, between two friendly well- matched teams under amicable umpires.

Much of the early game was very even, with fairly few attacks breaching the defences. Wells broke the pattern with, perhaps, their finest goal of the season so far. Sam Barker received the ball deep on the right. She cracked to ball down the wing to Elisabeth Floyd, who beat the first defender then moved the ball on to Emily Buckland. After an exchange of passes, Sarah McClelland fired the ball home.

After this Folkestone were compelled to press forward more. Wave after wave of attack was repelled, in particular by Kira Boulton. Eventually their forwards were rewarded with an equalizer and might well have forced a winner, so Wells were fairly relieved to hear the final whistle blow.