

## TW Monarchs 4 New Beccs III 0

Monarchs continued their impressive winning run with a comfortable 4-0 win over New Beccs.

The first half saw TW dominate but end the half only two goals to the good, Mauduit continuing his excellent form scoring both.

Again more chances should have been taken , although the New Beccs goalkeeper made some fine saves.

The second half saw New Beccs come at TW with real purpose, but a lack of cutting edge meant they were easily repelled. A couple of silly incidents marred the game (2 yellow cards shown). But in the last ten minutes Elley scored twice to put the game to bed.

## Kent Vets Cup

### TW VETS 4 SEVENOAKS SHADOWS 1

Tunbridge Wells started the defence of their trophy with a comfortable win .

However if TW had not squandered the chances they had created the game could have been more one sided.

However there were times during the game when TW struggled despite having the vast amount of possession. The killer pass was sadly lacking or the Sevenoaks GK made some terrific saves.

TW opened the scoring late on in first half with a solo run from Jon Perriss finished off by Bill Priestley. This was quickly followed by a second goal from Andy Wood. However Sevenoaks got one back from a short corner with the last play of the half.

TW created a lot of scoring opportunities in the first half and this continued at the restart. It was not until mid way through the second period that TW finally took control with 2 goals, the first from Darren Pullman and a second goal from Andy Wood .

Tunbridge Wells now meet BBHC at home on March 20th in the quarter final.

England Hockey Vintage Plate

### TW Vintage 6 Eastbourne Vintage 0

A comfortable stroll for TW who had all of the game and spent it mainly in their opponents half. A hat-trick from Schweitzer, 2 goals from Macnamara and one from Mitchell were equally spaced throughout the game. TW had too much pace for their opponents and should probably have been 6-0 rather than 3-0 up at half-time.

Goodwin and Nicholson had the run of the right flank, while Robertson and Holloway closed down the left to Eastbourne attacks.

Burton appeared in the far circle a few times and Digweed in goal had an untroubled match.

## GRASSHOPPERS V ANYONE- ELSE

This was to be a first for the Grasshoppers.

Two games played simultaneously, or at the same time, if we could arrange it ( or anything). Jamie, our Golly, had already decided how he could play in back to back games, or goals.

It all started so well, like picking up a bird at Davvinchi's, but all ended in disappointment. One of the dance floors was flooded, sorry, one of the pitches was flooded, and so we had to reduce our games from 2 to 1, which meant that we had 18 v the 12 of Chelmsford. It was a crowded pitch as we commenced the game, but we removed the extra 7 to allow the sweeping play that Grasshoppers are renowned for in the Southeast.

It was all one way, Hoppers forcing Chelmsford back into their own half like a bunch of rabid dogs, Jago picked the ball up( is that allowed?), drifted into their , D ' and slipped it( been nicer if it had been the ball) between their goalie and the post.

And then a terrible injury!! Stick to stick, a squirting ball( that takes you back) into the face of Chelmsford's right half ( well, he doesn't play in that position but will always have a half if a pint is not offered). Nasty flapping bit of face( before the game), and so to the Kent & Sussex, but this is, presumably good for the local economy. Nigel, the injuree, had to have a tetanus and rabies injection.

Well, I guess that that is enough of that.

As we had such a large squad we reconstructed the team, just as they were doing with Nigel's face at the K&S. And a new formation, but we continued and Crosby slotted it home after good work by someone else.

Then a late spurt from the opposition, a goal, Knight let his man go and it was in the net!!

But 2-1 Hoppers, another win.

Hastings remained cool, no card this week!!!

#### Tunbridge Wells Ladies I 2 Blackheath 1

Wells entertained bottom of the league Blackheath looking to gain some momentum from their much needed victory the week before. The visitors seemed content to play a slow pressing game, flooding players high to press back the Wells defence. This had the effect of producing a scrappy first half.

While Wells went in at 1-1 after the well built opener from Hunt was cancelled out by a lucky deflection that looped into the top of the net, Wells knew that they were playing nowhere near their best. With the half time team talk focusing on how to move the ball beyond the static press and the need for patience in the build up play, Wells came out and dominated the second half, moving the ball with intent but too often failing to create the final chance or upgrade for penalty corners. Several broken down attacks lead to Blackheath winning corners, but the composed shape of Wells' defence of Organ, Fiddimore, Cairns and Tooze nullified this threat, with Brolley man of the match Lisa Fiddmore particularly dominant in shackling any attempt from the opposition to counter with pace.

With Turner, Hunt, Downes and Shepherd dictating the pace of the game in the wide angles, Wells drew the Blackheath defence out of the centre, allowing Tyburski time to drive into the circle and secure the win on the follow up after her initial attempt was blocked.

#### Tunbridge Wells Ladies I 0 Gore Court 0 - Wells won 4-3 on strokes

Wells came through a tough game in freezing wet conditions in Sittingbourne on Sunday, the result booking them a place in the Kent Plate final. While the game was anything but pretty, Wells fought hard to stay in a first half in which they knew they underperformed. While the second half was a vast improvement, open play chances were at a premium and Wells' territorial domination, driven by Brolley man of the match Kat Downes, was limited to several penalty corners as the height and shape of the Gore Court defence kept Wells at bay.

As always the penalty strokes could be called a lottery, but composed finishing from Organ, Shepherd and Rendall coupled with several fine saves from Playle gave Wells a place in the final.

#### Tunbridge Wells Ladies IV 6 Burnt Ash IV 0

At the start of this game you would have thought that the Tunbridge wells forwards were playing in the dark with the amount of missed goals with their inability to find the goal mouth!. But the forwards settled down and by half time Tunbridge Wells were up 5 goals scored by Sarai Howkins(2), Niamh Blackburn, Louise Robinson and Tessa Harrison.

The whole team were playing an exceptional cohesive game and pushed hard the whole match, putting loads of pressure on the burnt ash defence.

The second half calmed down with only one goal being scored by sarai howkins and an unfortunate disallowed penalty goal taken by Louise Robinson.

Amanda Wren well deserves her man of the match with her tireless work out on the right. In fact yet again the 4ths did Tunbridge Wells proud! Praise also to Jessie Begg on her first 4ths game - another youngster with heaps of potential.

#### Tunbridge Wells Girls U16 8 - Blue Hearts 0

Tunbridge Wells girls U16 side competed hard in the England Hockey knockout competition this last weekend, beating Blue Hearts 8-0. Great scoring opportunities were created by teamwork and great penetrating runs by the forwards.

There were a few times when the team needed to ensure that their defence were up to the task of ensuring that nothing got through as Blue Hearts, to their credit, never gave up trying. As a team the girls used each other well and were comfortable making strong and assured passes right across the pitch. Well done, a great game to watch and nice to see you gelling well as a team and getting to know each other's style of play more. Next game in this competition is the Quarter Finals on 6th March.

#### Marden U 14 Girls A 0 Tunbridge Wells U14 Girls A 6

Wells A team met a well organised Marden side with the final score not reflecting the end to end game. It took 10 minutes for Wells to break the stubborn defence of Marden with intelligent play by Jess Begg and Charis Heim setting up Sarah Martins to fire in from the edge of the D. Sarah added to her tally soon after from a short corner, set up by Rose Down. The third came from a great move down the left by Anna Woodwood crossing for Sarah to shoot and deflected in by Hatty Montgomery. After half time, Wells defence had to be alert and some great keeping by Megan Grist and defending by Alice Weir, Katherine Taylor and Alice Kidd kept out Marden. Strong midfield play by Daisy Loveland and Emma Bryant set up Hatty Montgomery for a brilliant reverse hit to score her second and, following determined wing play by Georgina Moore, set Louisa Hockley through to score. It did not take long for Hatty to grab her hat trick. A superb win that crowns Wells A Kent champions having won all their games and not conceding a goal!

#### Tunbridge Wells U14B 2 Sevenoaks 1

On a cold and damp morning the under 14 B team faced a strong opposition. Sevenoaks started very well and Alex Drewe managed some excellent saves! At the end of the first half the score was 0-0. In the second half we were awarded a penalty flick, which Eugenia Carter managed to put in the back of the net. This gave our team confidence. Accurate passing by the midfielders Juliet Harrison and Ruby Farrant opened up opportunities for Millie Wright to score. The Sevenoaks team carried on being a strong threat to us and managed to score. We started to play more defensively helped by good passing of the ball to the forwards by Annie Cassidy, Olivia Lay, and Sydnie Hodgekins. The forwards Hannah Edwards, Verity Game and Lucy Edwards carried on putting pressure on the Sevenoaks defence and threatened to score again. Our defenders Sammy Tapp, Olivia Morel, Rowena Maitland did a superb job to keep the ball away from the goal line and managed to keep the score to 2-1. Man of the match: Alex Drewe. Well done Team.

#### Tunbridge Wells U14 B girls 0 Canterbury 2

Wells B played a strong Canterbury team and, as expected, we were under pressure from the start. However it took a while for Canterbury to break the deadlock after heroic defending from Amber Davidson, Katie Taylor and Beth Wilson. The defence was marshalled by Katie Fraser who had a strong game. However, Canterbury took the lead mid way through the first half.

Credit to Wells they took the game to Canterbury and some excellent play from the midfield of Hannah Merharg, Amy Shaw and India Hicks set up several good chances for the forwards, Emily Mercer and Nicky Pyne. By half time Wells looked the more likely to score. Wells pressure continued in the second half and with a new midfield pairing of Annabelle Taylor and Katherine Amos putting Canterbury under pressure down the wings with Hannah Exall making some good crosses. However, with all the play with Wells, Canterbury capitalised with a break to score. An excellent Wells performance from an inexperienced team. Superb performances from Beth West and 'man of the match' Nia Lewis.