

TW Monarchs 8 Ashford 0

Ashford with only 9 men at the start were soon 3-0 down and the rest of the game saw TW dominate scoring and missing goals regularly. The Monarchs did well to maintain their shape and pattern of hockey against such poor opposition and young players like Drake, Spence, and Murdoch continued their recent good form with Drake Fyson in particular impressing the opposition's former GB player Brookman.

Goals were scored by Fiskin, Bailey, Nyren, and Fyson.

Monarchs are now one win away from promotion and with a likely winner takes the title clash against Alleyns in three weeks time.

Wakefield 0 TW Vintage 7

The now all too familiar trip to Yorkshire in the quarter finals produced a fine win for TW Over 50's.

A rampant second half display with a brace of goals each for Nicholson, Schweitzer and Macnamara confirmed TW's superiority after a dour and cagey first half. Although TW had good possession from the start, and consistently made good progress down the right through Mills and Goodwin, clear cut chances were hard to come by. At the same time Wakefield 2 strikers were making life difficult at the back for Burton and Mayes.

This all changed when TW changed their shape and Robertson dropped to centre back and Mitchell appeared as high striker. Total control for TW followed with the tireless Grogan and Schweitzer running the game and Wakefield were penned back into their own half.

The pressure told and Mitchell converted at the left hand post despite heroic goal keeping to put TW in the lead.

The second half saw Wakefield try and put pressure on TW and Digweed made a couple of excellent saves. However a goal in the first minute allowed TW to relax and use the width of the pitch to find space and keep possession.

The semi-final is on 20th March and TW have drawn Sevenoaks.

Other Mens results: 1s beat Uni of Kent 5-1, 2s beat Old Wills 2-1, 3s lost 2-1 to New Beccs

Tunbridge Wells Ladies 1 2 Bishops Stortford 1 2

Tunbridge Wells travelled to Bishops Stortford looking to continue their 3 game unbeaten run. A poor start saw Wells struggle to impose themselves on the game, giving their opponents far too much time and space in midfield. The physicality of the hosts' play certainly rattled Wells and the visitors struggled to retain their shape. As a result, the forwards of Hunt and Holly Turner saw very little in the way of meaningful possession, and when Wells did break forward the final pass was too often lacking. Feeling the pressure of their own mistakes, Wells started to compound their errors and poor decision making coupled with several missed challenges saw Stortford score two goals before half time.

With the break came a chance for Wells to re-organise and gather their composure. The second half saw Wells, lead by a commanding performance from Lisa Fiddimore, breaking up more of the opposition play and freeing their midfield for some characteristic counter-attacks. First, a driving run from Tyburski earned a short corner that Fiddimore buried in the bottom right. Shortly afterwards, another quick break up the right saw the ball switch back to the left before a scramble in the circle saw Shepherd poke home.

Wells repelled 5 minutes of sustained pressure, with keeper Playle saving a penalty stroke after a poor umpiring decision penalised Fiddimore for what was a perfectly timed challenge. However, the drama continued to the closing seconds with the Stortford keeper producing a fine save from a one on one with Holly Turner before Wells cleared defended a penalty corner at the death to escape with a draw from a game that could arguably have gone either way.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies IV 9 Brom Becks V 0

Wells started off the match very slowly, but after the 1st 20 minutes the team gathered themselves together and settled down to play a fine game. The first goal came from Tess McClelland, the ball being flicked into the goal. The second goal came from a fast paced cross by Maria Watson into the circle which was put past the goalie by Tess McClelland.

These goals gave the team confidence and they started playing the game using both sides of the pitch and passing the ball well between themselves. Harriet Montgomery scored the third goal from a brilliant cross from Amanda Wren, and then she followed with another goal after a struggle with the opposition's goalie.

After half time, the team played much better together and there was very good passing between the left and right sides of the pitch. Niamh Blackburn scored the 5th goal with a brilliant sweep from a cross from Emma Beamish. Harriet Montgomery went on to score two more goals and Niamh Blackburn pushed one past the goalie once again.

The final goal was scored by the 'birthday girl' Amanda Wren who scored with a fantastic shot into the goal. A good result for the 4's keeping the team in 2nd place in the League.

Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 4 Blackheath IV 1

This turned out to be an odd game. Blackheath started with 10 players and Wells were somewhat vague about who would turn up, having secured a goalie at 1.30 a.m.. Within minutes of the start a Blackheath player was injured and out for the rest of the half. The lack of numbers in the opposition rather flummoxed Wells and they played without shape. Finally the breakthrough was made. Verity Game pulled the ball back for Tessa Harrison to squeeze the ball through a gap.

Harrison and Uschi Moore, both forced to play mids, were dogged in moving the ball forward, but were mostly thwarted by desperate defending. Thrice, however, the wall was breached. Game scored one and Claudia Lynam scored two. One of these followed a skillful run.

The second half was fairly disjointed. Nearly all the Blackheath team were injured as they fought to repel attacks. Amongst the dire misses, Wells did manage to bang in some cracking shots and brought out the best in the goalie. The Wells underused defence crept more and more forward allowing Heath to score from a breakaway.

The game was played in excellent spirit and Blackheath can be pleased with the way they kept the score down in adverse conditions.

Other Ladies results: 2s lost 3-1 to BromBecks, 3s lost 7-2 to Kings Alleyns

Tunbridge Wells Girls U16 2 Old Loughtonians 4

The first half scoreline was 1-1 after some great play, both teams testing each other's defence on numerous occasions. After the restart T. Wells dominated play for a good ten minutes and it looked as though they would be able to get ahead. Old Loughts got the next goal and Wells equalised soon after. Each team was trying to dominate. Wells seemed to run out of energy late into the 2nd half, perhaps due to the early start to get to the ground.

However in the last 15 minutes, Old Loughts dominated and T Wells found themselves defending and unfortunately not having the legs to break and cause OL upset at the other end. In all a thrilling game and I am very proud of the team getting to this stage. . Man of the match, Lily Loveland. Great defensive work, not conceding one penalty corner but often dispossessing opponents on reverse sticks in the circle.

Tunbridge Wells Boys U12

Two Wells teams played in mini tournaments at Canterbury

Team One had another successful tournament with 4 wins and one draw. Not as slick with the passing or as mercenary in front of goal they carved out some impressive wins, based on what was consistently dominate possession. Jamie standing out with a particularly impressive performance in a team displaying its usual enthusiasm for winning the ball.

In their first game against what should be said was a Brombeck team notably weaker than when Wells last played them, TW totally dominated the game and could easily have scored more than the 6-0 win. This pattern continued throughout the tournament until they were switched to the sand pitch for their last match. This seemed to trigger a slight change of mind set and whilst they continued to dominate it was not with the same vigour. This combined with the fact that they were not getting the 'rub of the green' led to them conceding a breakaway goal to 'just' get a 1-1 draw against what was the best of the Canterbury teams.

Team 2 have to be congratulated for their endeavour with everybody putting in great effort. Whilst individual performances throughout could not be questioned the absence of a goalkeeper and the fact that this group had not played together left them regularly exposed. Despite this they should be proud of their efforts in getting one win (Brombeck) and one draw against a very skilful, if young Canterbury side. Some great skills displayed by the more experienced players and great effort by those with less

experience, given a few more matches together they would undoubtedly get a better understanding of each other and improved results particularly if they continue to show the same attitude as James who came out for the last match despite having taken a hard knock.

