

Match report – Wk 06.01.2020

Division 3 - BG Solicitors (BG) -v- RG Flames (RG)

So our 10th match of the Winter season was Monday 6th January against RG Flames who were in 8th position in division 3 with BG in 5th position. This was our first game after the Christmas and new year break so we squeezed ourselves into our forgiving elasticated kits and took the court for some much needed exercise!!

RG started very effectively with their shooters netting 6 goals to our 3 in the first quarter. However, our defence were decidedly more effective in the 2nd quarter. GK - Carla Mowforth, GD - Dani Roberts (BG's most recent signing) and WD - Liz Dransfield capitalised on any missed goals by collecting rebounds and efficiently passing up into attack ensuring that RG's keen attackers were unable to recoup the advantage.

BG's defensive resolve ensured RG were only able to score 2 goals in the 2nd quarter compared to BG netting 3, thus finishing the 2nd quarter behind at 6 goals to RG's 8.

The 3rd quarter saw more excellent BG defensive work with perfect links between defence and mid court players namely, C - Jean Williams (of BG's litigation department) and WA - Sarah Allen. The latter two players battled relentlessly to intercept RG's attacking moves and feed the ball through the centre of the court to BG's shooters, GA - Karen Boulton and GS - Helen Meears.

With the exception of BG's new signing (Dani), BG's defence have played together for approx 20 years and therefore built up an understanding and trust in one another's skills. On the other hand, BG's shooters have only played together for one season and Helen Meears has only recently stepped into the GS position, so naturally still working on their development as a unit. BUT, how quickly and effectively is that development coming along!! After some half time team discussions between all players but especially the shooters, the 3rd quarter saw our shooters tower in confidence and netted 4 goals to RG's 2, with the 3rd quarter ending on a draw at 10 each.

Once again BG took to the the court for the final quarter with the scores level and it was pure TEAM effort, experience and tenacity that gained our final win with a score of 19 - 11.

This was a well fought game, played with an excellent sporting spirit from both teams, with dominant but fair umpiring provided by Amy Allenby and Gina Ryder who both give so much support to the league.

Match Reports Wk Beg 2.12.19

Division 2

Louth had full command of their game with Franklin. Firstly, both teams began with 6 players however the arrival of Louth's 7th ensured their dominance. Saying that, Franklin did not give up easily and baring in mind they have brand new players within the team they played very well and with good spirit. Naomi Humble at GK kept her cool and continued to track Louth's GS Daisy ?? within the shooting circle, missing interceptions by millimetres but not giving up. Both Centres controlled their teams play with Lara Shoubridge for Louth and Steph really playing her socks off for Franklin. Final score in favour of Louth was 25-6.

Division 3

It was a fresh, crisp night when BG Solicitors' (BG) netball team took the court against Forrester Boyd (Boyd) on 2nd December 2019. For the first time in weeks, the courts were not slippery and all players therefore had the confidence to run around with gusto!

It was Boyd who established their flow quickest but the first quarter was low scoring at just 3 - 1 to Boyd.

BG had a much better second quarter with both teams scoring 7 goals, ending the quarter at 8 - 10 to Boyd.

BG's improvement was predominantly down to the defensive heat being turned up by Helen Otter, Carla Mowforth & Liz Dransfield. They marked very tightly and on securing rebounds or interceptions, drove the ball into BG's attacking areas. Carla Mowforth had a particularly sparkling second quarter. She intercepted several passes to Boyd's GS and also blocked the GS from getting the space she needed to get near her goal post. With each attack obstructed, Carla linked up well with her long standing fellow defenders, Helen Otter and Liz Dransfield.

Half time called for a tactical showdown and it was delivered by Liz Dransfield. Liz gave BG's GS, Helen Maeers, some advice on how to deal with the excellent defending of Boyd's GK and Helen perfectly responded. She and her shooting partner, Karen Boulton, found their harmony and netted 4 goals to Boyd's 1 thus taking the lead at the end of the third quarter at 12 - 11.

The tension was therefore definitely on for the final quarter and it was goal for goal for most of the 10 intense minutes. However, it was BG's stalwart centre court players ie Jean Williams & Joy Boothby, who continued to get stuck into the mix and ably assist BG take the final whistle as winners with a score of 18 - 16.

The match was umpired competently by newly qualified Courtney Dean and Sophie Dunbar. One umpire voted Carla Mowforth as player of the match, while the other umpire voted for Jean Williams. Jean also secured Boyd's vote as player. BG voted Boyd's GD, Amy Gowshall, as player of the match.

Match Reports Wk Beg 21.10.19

Division 1

It was a great start to the game for Inter with a goal in the first minute. The game flowed and Inter GD, Francesca Hague-Blundy, intercepted some great passes by Marrowbone which were quickly converted into goals giving Inter a comfortable 15/ 2 lead by the end of the first quarter. The game was played in good spirits with some great passing from both sides. Marrowbone GD, Lucy Tomlinson, made some great interceptions throughout the game resulting in a goal for goal score in the third quarter of 6 goals each. In this game Inter showed that they were beginning to gel as a team, Janine Syborn has gained confidence in her shooting ability despite Marrowbone GK, Shelley Chapman giving her a run for her money. Janine was well supported by GA, Ella Cooper, who had a great game and is settling well into the ladies league. Inter managed to secure the game with a convincing win of 38 goals to 15.

Match Reports Wk Beg 16.9.19

Division 1

The first match of the season for Betty McKenzie and Inter Terminal was a close one. With Inter not fielding their normal squad due to injuries, Bettys took advantage and took an early lead making good interceptions and ending the first quarter at 5 goals to 4. Emily Macintosh , for Bettys, had a great game as GD and put pressure on the two Inter shooters – Janine Syborn and Carole Webster. Great shooting by the Bettys team helped them to secure a greater goal difference in the second quarter and extend their lead to 12 goals to 7. A change of players helped the inter team through the next two quarters. With all of the team working hard, including some good interceptions by Jo Bradbury – the new GK for Inter, the score was brought back to a more even level. This continued into the final quarter and Inter managed to secure the game by a 2 goal difference leaving the final score at 25 to 23. Good umpiring throughout.

Division 3

It was a smooth start for Tin jug, scoring all the goals until after the first half when Wilkin & Chapman started pushing back in their debut game in the league. Wilkin and Chapman GK, Eleonor Whitehead, was their best player stealing the ball back at Tin Jugs lost opportunities. However, the Tin Jug defence, GD – Maddie Button and GK – Sarah Starkey, were on point this game and with

excellent passes from their C, Nicole Usher, and GA, Albany Chatterton, they won the game with a score of 18 – 3 at the final whistle. A great start to the season for Tin Jug