

Premier Match Reports

Saturday 11th July

Premier Women v Southern

The game started with Somerville applying pressure against a very skilled Southern side. Knowing that Southern had many talented individual's we adopted a passing based game to achieve the result we wanted.

The first half saw Somerville attacking hard, resulting in two goals in the first quarter by Anna Bannatyne and Bre Catley.

The goals were an accumulation of our defensive pressure and ability to transfer the ball through the midfield. Both Anna and Bre's goals were scored from being in the right place at the right time and deflecting balls hit across the circle.

Bre Catley backed up with another goal in the second quarter along with Phoebe Steele scoring two, one off an impressive drag flick perfectly slotted into the left- hand corner.

The second half saw three more goals being scored, two by Amy Robinson, one of these was a great deflection from a ball smashed into the circle by Maddie Dowe.

Monique Wilson scored an awesome goal off a PC. Starting with a one-two at the top of the circle between Phoebe Steele and Belinda Smith the ensuing shot was deflected home by Monique.

Southern to their credit broke our defensive line during stages of the game and achieved a number of PC's however, our PC defense managed to stay calm and with our two GK's who were on fire (Grace O'Hanlon and Arabella Loveridge) and defensive pressure we finished the match without conceding a goal.

Overall a great performance from our premier women's team which showcased the unique style we want to play throughout every game.

We faced a tough team in Southern and it's a great building block towards some hard games coming up in the next few weeks.



Photo courtesy: Liz Thompson of Grace O'Hanlon after the match showing great sportsmanship between the two teams.

Final score: (8-0) Anna Bannatyne, Bre Catley 2, Monique Wilson, Phoebe Steele 2, Amy Robinson 2.

Match Report: Holly Hilton-Jones

Premier Men v Southern

The Premier Men's side ventured out to Kolmar to play a strong Southern team knowing a huge game lay ahead. A Somerville side missing Blacksticks Jake Smith and Dwayne Rowsell (both out due to concussion), as well as our GK Aussie immigrant Leon Hayward who was hiding in a hotel in "Rotovegas" (in quarantine ... he says ???).

The game began with a high tempo and both teams were putting on a clinic in ball retention. The Capital boys Connor and Mo looked steady around the back, finding balls to their wing halves and midfield counterparts, who were looking to penetrate the opposing defence. However, Southern were staunch, and the boys in white struggled to link with their strikers, as well as struggling to create any promising attacking moves in front of goal. Southern forced a PC at the other end and Jakob Bell-Kake scored his drag-flick to open the scoring, 1-0 to Southern.

The 2nd and 3rd quarters were much of the same as Somerville developed some good build up play but then lacked the aggression and intent to create opportunities or PCs. Southern again managed to convert their chances scoring through Marcus Child and another PC from Jakob Bell-Kake, making it 3-0 heading into the 4th quarter.

In the 4th, the Somerville boys knew they would have to put in a mammoth shift and chase the game if they were to salvage any points. It was not to be as they drifted away slightly from their style of hockey and resorted to long balls, allowing for a quick counter goal from Marcus Child. A consolation tap in from Mike Ritchie was not enough to spark a comeback and thus resulted in a final score of 4-1 in Southern's favour.

However, Mike Ritchie, as he so often does, had the last laugh, taking down Daniel Panchia in an after-match sculling contest that proved to be a very one sided affair. The Premier Men's side has been working hard to better themselves from the weekend and are fizzed for the double header this weekend vs Howick Pakuranga and Hibiscus Dairy Flat.

Final Score: 1-4

Mike Ritchie

Match Report:

James Stables