

Premier Women v East Coast Bays

SHC Premier women have continued their winning ways on the weekend defeating East Coast Bays 7-0.

Living in an ECB household myself, this was a great result to come back home and announce with a cheeky grin :)

Amy Robinson, what can we say, first game back and a hat-trick for the nippy Blackstick striker. Showing us all how it is done with no effort at all !!!

Amy opened the scoring for Somerville- displaying why we all cheer for her (beverage in hand) when she's playing for our country. On the other side of the spectrum, Beckie Middleton's desire to score is through the roof. The likelihood of her having to do the 'I haven't scored a goal this season' nudie run is looking quite high.

Disclaimer: This is obviously a joke, Beckie literally sets up the majority of all great plays & goals- even if we can't understand her accent.

While there were patches of great play, the sun quickly dried up the pitch and sapped energy from players all over the field.

With Belinda Smith currently unavailable with over-seas commitments, Jas McQuinn was our "lead from the front" captain. Jas, holds a PC masterclass degree in Penalty corner striking and fired in two PC's on the day. She was our stand out player at the back and also ventured forward to smash some holes in the ECB defence.

Half time saw two players leave early to attend St Kentigern ball, (fake tan intact we hope) which required Somerville to grind out the second half of the game with only 13 players.

After last week's saga of "which stick is Tinesha going to use" I've decided to keep everyone guessing & score two goals this week with a different stick than last week. The real question is what stick will make an appearance for the next game vs Takapuna? Stay tuned...

Score: 7-0

Goals: Amy Robinson 3, Jasmin McQuinn 2, Tinesha Carey 2, Beckie Middleton 0.

Match Report: (Tinesha Carey)

Premier Men v East Coast Bays

The Premier Men were looking to continue their run of form going into Saturday's game against East Coast Bays. The team were missing some vital players (Sam Grenfell, Liam Melville and Marshall Wells) who were out of action competing at the U21 national tournament starting at North Harbour Stadium the next day.

The boys were looking for a strong start to the match which is exactly what they got from another expertly taken drag flick from Dwayne Rowsell. Further sustained pattern pressure lead to a number of chances and eventually Michael Ritchie found his way onto the end of a pin point cross from Jerome Van Rijn for a deflection into the bottom corner. The team went into the half with a 2 goal lead.

Looking to continue the good work from the first half and to close out the game, Sam Norton put away the team's 3rd goal with a lovely drag and flick into the ECB net. Just like he does at training.

The high speed that Somerville had been operating at up to this point dropped away significantly, possibly due to complacency, which allowed ECB back into the game with a PC goal to put the score at 3-1.

Back down the other end, Robbie Stuart picked out Sam Houston unmarked at the top of the circle with a superb pass. Sam took his chance and slotted the ball into the bottom right corner with an exquisite back hand shot.

Another momentary lapse in defence allowed ECB to score their 2nd goal close to the end of play. The Prem boys were able to close out the game, ending in a 4-2 win. The result puts SHC in good stead for a top 6 spot come cut off time. The team are now looking forward to their next game in a fortnights time and will be gunning for another 3 points.

Score: 4-2

Goals: Dwayne Rowsell, Mike Ritchie, Sam Norton, Sam Houston

Match Report: (Marshall Wells)