

Premier Match Report

Saturday 18th May

Somerville Women v Takapuna

Somerville got a crucial win on the board over the weekend overcoming Takapuna 3-2 in a rip-snorter top of the table match.

A green wave temporarily caught our “blue and white stick-chicks” off guard with Takapuna scoring the opening goal of the match. Somerville caught the next wave and gained some good momentum with a beautiful 2 v 2 and cross ball from Anna Bannatyne resulting in a stroke.

Becks was starting to get itchy feet so up she went to barrel the ball into the corner past Takapuna’s Blackstick goalkeeper leaving her with no chance and Beckie running back to half-way relieved at the thought of no nudie run at the end of the season.

Some fine build up play from Amy Robinson and a rebound off the pads took some pressure off the ville just before halftime, a solid all round performance from Robinson as she heads off to make America great again with the Blacksticks next week.

Speaking of America it was great to have Rosie Tynan and Ailsa back - y’all looked sharp in the white polo!

Lulu with a twirly whirly la la la and beautiful backhand finish meant Somerville were 3-1 up leading into the final minutes but Taka weren’t done yet and with a bit of lip and argy bargy from both sides and a heeaaaaaap of penalty corners they got one back making it 3-2 with 3 minutes left on the clock.

Special mentions to: Abby Lane cutting some slick shapes up the left hand side.

Update 1: No goals from Tinesha so she must’ve used a different stick to last week.

Update 2: Our superstar coach is also off to Make America Great Again - she will be thoroughly missed (except in half field games at training where she makes us all look like cones). On a positive note it will be awesome to have code names PT PK and SC onboard for the next few weeks!

Final result: Somerville 3 v Takapuna 2

Match report: Maddison Dowe

Somerville Men v North Harbour Indians

The boys felt good going into this one. Buoyed by 5 wins on the bounce and freezers filled with samosas – cheers Red. Things were really coming together. Simon Norton's mood was anxious with a touch of pessimism. Reeeeeeally wanting the top six.

Simon and the team settled into the game well in the first quarter. Simon going back to few of his classics for this game; feat. "Simple passes, simple passes!" and "Stay in the game!"

The boys applied a heap of pressure. Scratch tried an impossible chip in chase. Finally Slick Mick snaked in to close range before sliding a push into the near post. Surprisingly the first of many passes from Mike.

- Somerville 1 : 0
- Simon nervous, fidgety

This game marked the return of the dangerously handsome PJ in goal. His wingspan quickly put to work in the second quarter – two good saves. Harbour Indians were sharp on the counter.

A smooth passing move down the right had Sam Norton with the ball on the baseline, Simon on the edge of his seat and Slick Mick on the spot. Slick Mick bagging his second. The 'Simometer' was buzzing.

Before long Slick Mick had finished his hatrick with a signature spin. The loyal Somerville crew of supporters started on the beers as they watched on. Saturday night at the hockey. How good !!!!

Sweeping attacks throughout the final quarter. The best one: Houston to me, onto Mick. A one touch one-two-three Barry and Mick. Simon has stopped breathing altogether. Barry then Barrys his way left to right before banging in our 4th. Simometer readings off the charts!

Final Score: Somerville 5 v Harbour Indians 1.

Followed by a couple of beers (15), BYC in the dark and late night samosas. What a Saturday. Helen wondering if Simon has ever been happier.

Special mention to the Thom making his premier debut in goal in the final quarter.

Match Report: Guy Borren