

## Premier Women Vs Mahurangi – 8<sup>th</sup> of June

Somerville Women took on Mahurangi in wild, wet conditions with a smaller squad than normal due to a few missing in action (Julia King – injured whilst completing a forest run over the long weekend).

Starting the game drenched and partially wind-burnt, goalie Arabella Loveridge made a crucial save within the first minute preventing an early upward struggle. As the game and rain continued Somerville scored their first goal via a reverse from the top from Tinesha Carey. This would be the first goal of a hat-trick to be scored by Tinesha (obviously the mother energy drink is effective as pregame fuel). Her second goal was a diving deflection due to a bomb delivery from Belinda Smith outside the circle followed by a very effective drag flick. Both of these goals were scored in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

Breana Catley, keen to share the limelight, also scored a hat-trick. Bre fired three reverses in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to come out even with Tinesha as top goal scorer of the game. Following the numerous reverse shots it was nice to see some bilateral shooting, with Lucy Bannatyne scoring a forehand PC conversion in the third quarter (very unusual but very successful).

This was not the only PC conversion to go in. Rose Tynan scored a typical causal deflection in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Belinda Smith and Maddie Dowe scored a combined PC in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (still unsure of who actually claimed it) and Ailsa Connolly scoring off a PC in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter due to the beautiful delivery via Miri Stuart.

Finally, Beckie Middleton, earned the shot of the day; a beautiful reverse tomahawk which severely bruised the post but unfortunately failed to crease the net.

**Final Score 10-1**

**Match Report: Miranda Stuart.**

## Premier Men v Roskill Eden – 8<sup>th</sup> June

In a highly entertaining match the Somerville men were under the pump immediately from a well drilled Roskill Eden team littered with NHL players from an array of provinces. However after weathering the early storm it was Somerville who got on the board first with a right side break from Jerome Van Rijn which put him onto the backline just outside the circle. His powerful cross

along the backline was deflected into the net by a diving Mike Ritchie to see the Somerville men take a 1-0 lead going into the quarter time break.

During the second quarter that lead was very nearly doubled but ultimately thwarted by the sprawling Roskill Eden goalkeeper. The subsequent counter attack put Roskill in with a chance and they made no mistake when a lone striker defeated the Somerville scrambling defence to put the scores at 1-1.

The score-line could have been increased shortly before half time when Somerville were deemed to have infringed in their circle, the resultant penalty stroke however was superbly saved by Somerville's lightning fast goalkeeper Paul Thomas.

The second half was tight all the way but the deadlock was broken when Roskill Eden were awarded a hotly contested penalty corner. Having been thwarted on numerous occasions by first runner Leonard Powell this time Roskill made no mistake with a well rehearsed variation.

The final stages of the match had Somerville pressing extremely hard for that valuable equaliser and both Barry Middleton and Nick Finlayson came desperately close, unfortunately time ran out and the resultant loss will put the Somerville men under considerable pressure as they seek to secure a Top 6 Inter-City play-off place.

**Final Score: 1-2**