

## **Match Reports**

### **CLUB**

The first game of the March was against old rivals the Valley Panthers and saw the first start for Cassie Graham, Club's newest addition, at WA. Club got off to a flying start, with shooters Tassie Brakenridge and Robyn Atkinson putting up 29 goals in the first half. The focus going in to the game was to convert off every centre and turnover and the attack were able to do so thanks to countless intercepts made by Claire Mannion, Vics Smith and Jess McCauley in the defensive line up. Elise Daly played at C, with her athleticism proving to be a vital feature for both the attacking and defensive ends. Club triumphed to a 54-15 victory.

Then came Club's tightest game of the season, against the HKCC Demons. The previous match up saw Club dominate with a 45-19 win, so the team went in with high confidence and excited for a repeat performance. The attack's starting combination of Melissa Atkins, Robyn Atkinson, Vanessa Cuvelier and Elise Daly didn't get off to a cohesive start and well-fought turnovers by the defence were lost to sloppy passing. The end of the first half saw Club down by 1. Tach Cuvelier and Tassie Brakenridge were brought on to shoot and the team slowly improved their rhythm and defence-attack connection. Club took the lead by 1 after the third quarter and dug in their heels to prevail with a 31-28 win.

The last league game of the season was the HKFC derby versus Typhoons and saw another new start for Club with Kalani Fogden playing at GK. Tach and Melissa kicked things off at the shooting end, before Tassie and Robyn took over in the second half. Vanessa and Cassie interchanged at WA, with Elise at C and Claire, Jess and Vics coming into the usual defense spots. Every combination worked beautifully and there was a great sense of team spirit amongst the team. This final league game of the season ended with an impressive 51-15 win and means Club have finished top of the table with a completely unbeaten season! Congrats to Coach and team and bring on play-offs!!!

### **TYPHOONS**

Two games left of the round and it was going to be a close finish in determining 2nd, 3rd, 4th placings going into semis. After a solid win against Valley Panthers the remaining 2 games for Typhoons were against last year's grand final teams: HKCC Demons and HKFC Club. These were going to be BIG games.

First game was against the HKCC Demons. After losing by 1 point to them a few weeks ago, and not having beaten them this season, Typhoons were keen to change that! The game began with high intensity and pace and ended with the same power. and Typhoons secured the win! A convincing 44-39 win everyone gave it their all. It was AMAZING to watch. Next game HKFC Club and the reigning champs showed why they're the best in the comp. They came out firing and with a wall of defense impossible to break they secured the win quite comfortably. Typhoons go into the semis ranked 3rd and up against HKCC Demons. Hoping to come away with another win securing a first finals berth for Typhoons.

### **TORNADOES**

On 7 March, the Tornadoes played their highest scoring game yet! With only six Optimists on court in the first half, the Tornadoes played with vigor and focus despite the early advantage.

They carried the ball seamlessly down the court and converted them into goals one after the other. The additional seventh player for the Optimists in the second half, did not seem to affect the Tornadoes' flow and hustle as seen by their consistent >10 point lead throughout the quarters. With sharp shooters, diligent mid-court players, and hard working defense, the Tornadoes won by over 40 points against the Optimists. Special thanks to our awesome visiting player Minal, big hugs to the girls that couldn't be here, and well done to those who had to play different positions and didn't complain. Final score Tornadoes 52 – 11 Optimists

## **HURRICANES**

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The Hurricanes were facing an incredibly difficult game this week, against the new and very improved crickets. With almost half of the team away, we were down to 7 players. We knew we were in for a difficult game. Starting the first quarter, we were able to play with consistency against the crickets. We were able to score more than them in this quarter, finishing with a win for the Hurricanes, 11-8.

Quarter 2 and 3 were increasingly more difficult, as the cricket's GA was able to score many goals against us. After a difficult two quarters, we were left tired and defeated, the cricket's beat us in both quarters. The final score at the end of the third quarter was 33-23 for the crickets.

The last quarter saw some changes and with new combinations, we were able to play a better quarter with more energy. The final score of the game was 41-30 to the crickets, although the Hurricanes should be very proud of such a good game and never putting our heads down!