

CLUB

Well, it was a long time between 'drinks' for the Club team with a combination of the Christmas holidays, then starting the year with a bye, so to say that the girls were revved up for the first game of the year is an understatement. Club faced up to Hantang Phoenix who always provide Club with a tough match, with their persistent defence and 'never give up' attitude. However, the Club girls came out with their spirits high and were hungry for the win. The attacking end were strong and consistent, shooting 33 goals, and our defensive end was able to keep Hantang to scoring just 18 goals, ensuring that Club came away with a convincing and satisfying win. The second game for Club this year was against long term rivals on the court, Valley Panthers. There were some beautiful passages of play during the game but Club's determination, skill and high spirits shone through and the girls won convincingly 41-21.

TYPHOONS

Last game of the 1st round for Typhoons was a critical game in determining top 4 rankings half way through the comp. Against Valley Panthers it was always going to be a BIG game. Out firing from the first centre pass Typhoons won by an impressive 46-36! This win secured Typhoons a spot in the top 4 at the end of round 1. All the hard work to date was paying off. Moving into a split draw for round 2, Typhoons were up against Hantang Phoenix. Having lost to them by 16 goals in round 1, Typhoons were determined to change that! Able to hold onto the lead all the way through the game Typhoons won by 1 goal! Next playing Valley Panthers, Typhoons winning streak continued with a final score 36-30. HKCC Demons was the next game and after a closely contested game Typhoons lost by 1 goal! A real nail biter! With a few weeks off now Typhoons will be preparing for their next game against reigning champions Club. This HKFC derby will be a GREAT game to watch.

TORNADOES

25th January

It was time for Round 2 of the great HKFC rivalry for the 2015/2016 season. Tornadoes or Hurricanes... who was going to come out on top? The Tornadoes came into the game with a score to settle... and boy did they deliver. With awesome support and screens by rising star Olivia Burgess as GA, the Tornadoes got off to a flying start with Captain G scoring from every angle in the circle and hitting double digits. But it was the amazing defensive duo of Queenie Wong and Kylie Archer that set the court on fire, allowing the Hurricanes to score only two goals. The Hurricanes made the most of some key changes in the second quarter to gain some points on the scoreboard, but the Tornadoes could smell victory at the break and went into the last half all guns firing and determined to take the win.

The mid-court was on fire in the second half with Rebecca Thompson hurling the ball down court with ease and the introduction of Michelle Cairns seeing us all slow down the pace and do away with the rush that has hindered the Tornadoes in the past. A few long bombs from Becs from the centre helped G get 12 goals on the board in the third quarter but it was the defensive action again which proved unstoppable, with Queenie cementing her position as top dog of the game, getting intercept after intercept and owning the court, with Erica Ying dominating inside the circle and putting pressure on the Hurricanes' shooters. In the end, the practice and new game plan of the Tornadoes paid off with a comfortable and controlled win over Hurricanes. GOOOOOO TORNADOES!

HURRICANES

January 25th 2016

Tonight's match was a very tough game between the tornadoes and the Hurricanes. After their previous match, resulting in a win for the Hurricanes. Unfortunately, for the Hurricanes this match resulted in a loss. Tonight the Hurricanes also welcomed their newest member Niamh Davies to the team!

The first quarter of the game was difficult for the Hurricanes, although we tried our best we were having trouble executing shots with their defense. Nonetheless we did not let that stop us from popping some in, we finished this quarter with a loss 10-2.

The next quarter saw some changes throughout the court. We gained more confidence in this quarter as the score was much closer. Unfortunately with consistent shooting from the tornadoes, we lost this quarter, the total score was 18-8 for the tornadoes.

After half time we started with fresh legs, we played perhaps our strongest quarter. Sadly, the score did not reflect this as the tornadoes ran away with the score. The score at the end of this quarter was 30-12.

Finally, in the last quarter we did not put our heads down and continued to play a consistent game. This quarter was much closer in score, despite our best efforts the tornadoes already had the match in the bag. With a final match score of 38-19 for the tornadoes. A tough loss for the Hurricanes.

January 18th 2016

After two losses in a row, the Hurricanes were ready for a win. Although the game was extremely tight, the Hurricanes were able to pull away in the end, winning 26-20 against the HKU Knights.

In the first quarter, both teams played well, with neither team able to get ahead. The quarter ended with a score of 5-5. This level of intensity continued into the second quarter, where still the game remained level at 8-8.

In the second half some changes were made in all areas of the court, and some fresh legs got a run around. It took a while for the new players to get comfortable, and at one point the Hurricanes were down by 4 goals! The quarter ended with a score of 17-15, with HKU ahead.

In the final quarter a few changes in defence were made, and the Hurricanes fought extremely hard to win the last quarter. Managing to keep HKU down to only 3 goals, the Hurricanes won the match with a score of 20-26. Good job Hurricanes - keep this up!

January 11th 2016

Back after Christmas break, with only one training session under their belt, the Hurricanes played against the Valley Cougars. Unfortunately, they were not able to win.

In the first quarter, the Hurricanes swiftly got back into the groove of netball. They worked together well to win the quarter, 4-2. They managed to keep up this lead into the second quarter, ending it with a score of 8-5.

With some new legs on in the third quarter, the Hurricanes knew it would take a while to get used to the new players on court. Unfortunately, they were not able to flow together, losing

the quarter, 8-12. In the last quarter, the Cougars had some great gameplay whilst the Hurricanes could only get a few goals in. They ended the game with a loss of 12-22.

Hopefully next week, with another training session done the Hurricanes will be able to get back into their winning streak!

CYCLONES

A somewhat comical start to the second half of the season. Our first scheduled game was against the Aussie Geckos. The weather had been looking decidedly roopy all day long and it looked as though the game may be called off. Now as a captain, struggling to field a team as the Geckos apparently were, you might want to leave it as late as you possibly could to forfeit the game. Well the Geckos did leave it late — so late they will have points deducted and be fined — but not late enough! They informed of their decision to forfeit, 30 minutes before the game was called off by the HKNA. Oops!

In terms of court action, it hasn't been the best start to the new year for Cyclones. Injuries and absences continue to plague us. The first game against unbeaten league-leaders, The Prime, saw us level at half time. Whilst we were fired up and hungry for the win, the absence of fresh legs became the difference. The opposition hit their stride in the third quarter, opening up a 3 goal lead which remained. Final score 13–16.

Whilst the rest of the HKFC teams had cosy, indoor fixtures on the day following the coldest day in HK for a number of decades; the Cyclones girls had a trip down memory lane. Miserable, winter P.E. lessons in gym skirts, anyone? Despite attempts from the opposition to reschedule the fixture because it was just so COLD the game went ahead. Against a super nippy team, we had a skeleton squad of exactly 7, it was always going to be difficult. OK, I'm going to just get this over with. We lost. Again. 16-26. Now for the positives: Our newbies are settling in well, Rachael Corthorn (C) did an excellent job of controlling and switching the run of play with her countless intercepts. Belinda and Chantal both worked well in WA and WD.

Defensively, Jane did a great job of keeping her GA out of the circle and had it not have been for the great shot-blocking and rebound collecting from our willowy Yvonne Phelps (GK) — ok, it helped that her GS was probably 2 whole feet shorter than her — the score line would have been much harsher. At the opposite end of the court, Liz (GS) and Chez (GA) put away the lion's share of opportunities with few misses. Next month we fully intend to be back to winning ways!