

U/15 Girls Menziesshill/DWPC - NAGS - 2nd & 3rd November 2024 - Coventry

Team:

Number	Name	Position	Goals Scored/saved	Exclusions- Pens conceded	Possession losses.	Man-up
1	Eve Fielding	GK	44 - 19			
2	Ruby Oswald	CB - P1				
3	Ava Thornton	CF- Driver P4	19	1		
4	Hali Farah	P1 & P5	5	2		
5	Bethany Payne	RW - P1	1			
6	Eleanor Campbell	CB-P3	5	3		
7	Lily O'Neil	RW - P1		1		
8	Isla Edwards	P2	1	1		
9	Libby Duncan	Wing P1 & P2	5	1		
10	Ailsa Duncan	P4	3			
11	Kayla Reeve	P4 - P5	9	3		
12						
13	Ksenia Mann	P4 & CF	17	1		
	Team Totals:		65 scored 44 goals lost	13	92/186 49%	12/19 - 63%

Saturday 2nd November 2024:

Game 1: Pitch 2 - 12:15 v WL Penguin - Final score 2-9

We started this game very positively leading 2-0 at the end of the first period. We then missed 2 penalties at 2-1 before Penguin changed their defensive Press to a defensive Drop. They then started to control the game as we struggled to break the zone down with driving, our perimeter shooting was not effective against a tall and excellent GK and we lost possession too many times with inaccurate passing allowing them to counter attack and score 8 without reply through the tournament's top scorer Manpreet Gill and Romilly Clarke.

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T, Kayla R - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Ava T, Hali F, Eleanor C, Kayla R

Man- Up 0/1 - Man down: - 1/3 - Penalties scored - 0-2, Penalties conceded - 1/1

Game 2: Pitch 2 - 13:45 v Cheltenham - Final score: 9-6

We started this game slowly with Cheltenham going into an early 1-0 lead, however a strong defensive press helped us steal possession 16 times during the game allowing us to create many goal scoring opportunities and with period scores of 4-1, 2-1, 3-2 we established a 9-4 3rd period lead. To be fair

to Cheltenham they came back in period 4 with 2 goals but overall it was a comfortable 9-6 in which all our players gained good water time:

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T, Hali F, Eleanor C, Ailsa D, Kayla R, Ksenia M (4) - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Eleanor C (2)

Man- Up 1/2 - Man down: - 2/2 - Penalties scored 4/5. Penalties conceded - 0

Game 3: Pitch 2 - 16:30 v Tyldesley - Final score: 18-12

This was a high scoring game where we had to work very hard in the first half to keep parity with an opposition who worked hard to create many shooting opportunities and put us under sufficient pressure to force 11 possession turnovers. Indeed, we were never ahead as we trailed by 1 or 2 goals for the whole of the 1st two periods. Indeed, it wasn't until part way through the 3rd period that we led for the first time at 9-8. Positively, the team, who despite growing tiredness, kept defending strongly to allow possession steals and counter attacks and strong driving to win the 2nd half of the game 11-4. Well done to all but a special shout out to Ava who scored 10 goals putting the finishing touches to some excellent team and man-up play.

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T (10), Eleanor C, Libby D, Kayla R (3), Ksenia M (4) - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Lily-Anne O, Isla E, Libby D

Man- Up 5/6 - Man down: - 1/2 - Penalties scored - 2/2. Penalties conceded - 1/1

Game 4: Pitch 2 - 18:00 v Worthing - 22-5

We went into the last game of the day knowing that a win would take us to a Sunday semi final v the holders City of Liverpool. The girls stepped up to the mark with a comprehensive win against a tiring and inexperienced Worthing team. It was very positive that all our players gained significant water time in this game and that our scoring was spread across 9 of our outfield players.

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T (3), Hali F (4) Bethany P, Eleanor C (2), Isla E, Libby D (3), Ailsa D (2), Kayla R (2), Ksenia M (5) - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Kayla R

Man- Up 1/2 - Man down: - 0 - Penalties scored - 1/2. Penalties conceded - 0

Sunday 3rd November 2024:

Game 5: Pitch 1 - Semi Final - 09:45 v City of Liverpool - 5-10

Despite losing, this was a very competitive performance from our team against the Group 2 winners and current NAGS champions: We started quite well trailing only 2-1 at the end of the first period but a slow start to period 2 allowed Liverpool to stretch into a 6-1 lead. We kept working hard however and gained and converted two 6v5 situations to trail 6-3 at half time. Period 3 was disappointing as we failed to cope with Liverpool's rotational driving leading to missed defensive switches resulting in a 4-0 period reverse. Positively the girls refused to give up, defended more effectively, gained 3 exclusions, scoring 2 for a 2-0 last period win.

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T (2), Eleanor C (1), Kayla R, Ksenia M - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Hali F, Kayla R

Man- Up 3/6 - Man down: - 1/3 - Penalties scored -0. Penalties conceded - 0

Game 6: Pitch 2 -Bronze medal (3rd / 4th Play-off 12:45- v Exeter- 7-2

We went into the last game with a determination to work hard and do our best. This we did but fair play to Exeter who matched us all the way, defending aggressively and forcing us into 11 possession turnovers. We led 2-0 at the end of the 1st period but period 2 & 3 were both drawn 1-1. The girls refused to be beaten however and a very strong last period where we continued to press hard and then counter gave us a 3-0 final period scoreline and a 7-2 win for a deserved bronze medal.

Caledonia Scorers: Ava T (2), Libby D, Kayla R, Ksenia M (3) - **Caledonia Exclusions:** - Ksenia M

Man- Up 2/2 - Man down: - 1/1 - Penalties scored -1/1. Penalties conceded - 0

Tournament Positives:	Areas to work on:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We won 4 of our 6 games played to finish 3rd out of 10 teams. • In these games won we scored 56 goals to 25 against. • In these games we employed a strong defensive press and counterattack strategy to good effect. • When we managed to get an accurate pass into the CF position, we were dangerous scoring goals and gaining exclusion. • We scored 12/19 man-ups (63% success) • All our players gained contributory water time across the first 5 games. • Our players showed great effort and determination in all games throughout the weekend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick up high when trying to pass or protect the ball (boxer stance) under pressure to minimise possession loss or get a foul quickly. • Avoid long cross pool passes over defenders as they can be easily intercepted. • If the defender gets ball side when marking, move to clear the space early. Drive hard into any spaces vacated • When defending a drive, avoid giving the opposition inside water, direct them away from your goal. If they do get inside water, pressurise with hands up to avoid conceding exclusion/penalty. • Communicate more readily against driving attackers to call switches in marking. • When swimming forward to the goal with the ball, pick up early to avoid GK steal. Go vertical and move forward/ to the side with brst kick to engage/move the GK. • When facing a drop/zone defence, move forward into shooting range if on the ball, or pass to the nearest team mate then drive diagonally to the other post to take the dropping defender away.