

Women 1s – Paul Fletcher

It was a challenging start to the season with a new division, the highest yet, and without a coach as they had stepped down last minute to pursue other opportunities.

The season started with a run of games where we didn't need to leave the BCP area until the 18th Nov. Results were close, with 3 wins pre-Xmas and with only the last game before Xmas break being lost by more than one goal showed we could compete and push all the teams in the division.

Following the Christmas break the hockey we started to play was amazing, slick pass and move hockey, a couple of results against Wimborne and Southampton Uni did not tell the tale of how we were playing, but back to back wins 4-0 at the IoW and 8-1 at home to Bournemouth 3s really demonstrated that we had truly settled into the division.

Come February and the strange decision of relegation lines had arrived. 4 teams down, 1 up. A third of the league were to be relegated, ridiculous. And with a run of games against fellow mid table sides all now in a struggle to stay up, we found ourselves surrounded by 2s teams who all now apparently had new squads.... However, with it all to play for in the last game of the season, it all came together with a resounding performance of total hockey, signing off with an 8-3 win against eventual 3rd place Bournemouth 2s and another season in div 1 secured, also securing the highest scoring, and highest placed team in the club on the way.

Thank you to the team for all their efforts throughout the 23/24 season, onto next year and a potential promotion push?

South Central Women's Division 1 South								
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points
Southampton University 1	22	22	0	0	86	17	69	66
Wimborne Wayfarers 1	22	15	3	4	47	29	18	47
Bournemouth W2	22	13	5	4	55	38	17	44
Haslemere 2	22	10	2	10	34	34	0	32
Fareham 2	22	8	5	9	39	33	6	29
Havant 2	22	8	5	9	51	46	5	29
Southampton 2	22	8	5	9	38	43	-5	29
Poole 1	22	8	3	11	58	53	5	27
Andover 1	22	7	5	10	35	44	-9	26
Romsey 1	22	7	4	11	36	47	-11	25
Isle Of Wight 1	22	3	3	16	18	55	-37	12
Bournemouth W3	22	1	4	17	12	70	-58	7