

27th April 2024



### *Women 2s – MP Cottam*

What can we say, an amazing season from start to finish? The return of the women 2s and what a season it has been. We've gone from having 9 players and no goalkeeper to a team of around 17 and 2 fabulous goalkeepers (well 1 is only allowed to be a sub if the other decides to go on holiday!). Our first game of the season a friendly against Portsmouth, which took 3.5 hrs to get there and was about 33 degrees outside we enjoyed the water pitch that day! From then on, lead by our then captain Ruth, the team started to grow. Then I stupidly self-proclaimed myself the VC and then ended up taking over the reigns from her, little did I know the admin involved but also how much I would enjoy the role. We've had some new additions and some returners to the team along the way and the younger players in our team don't just concentrate on hockey they have many other talents:

- Lola – County Cricket, Poole lifeguards and young writers workshops.
- Kayla – England rugby development, Gold DoE and tutoring maths & English (gave up Rugby for Hockey).
- Isabella – Girl Guides, Loves Spanish animals has dog called Senor Bo and a cat Senor Tod, is an amazing artist.
- Pippa – Silver DoE, Scout young leaders, lifeguard training, Swimming, plays the trumpet and also has been in the school musical.
- Blossom – Swimming, swimming and more swimming, Surf lifesaving club, competes in both. Also tennis and skiing.
- Lenny – Sailing mad! Both competed and won Commodores challenge at Christmas, Lucy is an assistant sailing instructor and they are both learning to sail a Hobie catamaran (practising hockey in the dark with head torches).
- Abi – Competitive swimming (3 silvers and 3 bronze last comp), keen reader, has a passion for drama (who knew), has directed and produced a school production, loves history and as great knowledge for quizzes!

Also huge thank you to the "Grown Ups" in the team Lisa, Emma, Rachel, Heather, Em, Kirsty and Janet! I would also like to thank some lovelies in the women 1s team who have helped us out this season, without you some of our games would have been even more challenging or not playable at all.

We would like to thank our loyal supporters too this season, the cheers from the sidelines have helped every game and being around for the injuries, TJ & Casey for helping coach at some of our games, saved my lungs a bit! Thank you to Martin, Casey, Steve and Lloyd for all your help at coaching, and to Ali for GK coaching with Emma. Obviously without saying thanks the exec team and all other volunteers who take a lot of time to keep the club going. Personal thanks to Ruth also for the support throughout the season.

Now to finish off, I asked the team for the best injury, best memory from the season and funniest moment of the season, so here they are:

#### ***Best Injury***

Pippa's ball to the face leaving a lovely black eye and imprint, My nails, Pippa's multiple knee injuries, Abi's knee and the tears, Lucy giving Lola concussion, Rachel's toe from indoor where I told her not to get hurt, Immi falling over.

#### ***Funniest Moment***

Rachel & Zoe wig sketch, Janet turning up late in the wrong kit after her march, the match reports, Rachel just being Rachel (especially sticking up for the younger ones), Janet being Janet, Rachel's toilet stop, MP green cards(!!!), MP subbing herself because of the umpires and the way she shouted at Casey to get her off the pitch, MPs driving, The great flood(!), Abi being dramatic.

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### ***Favourite Memories***

Our first win, the friendships made, being part of a great team and being positive no matter what the score, the return of the Russells, team socials, being in goal and having to defend a P flick with no idea what was going on, Janet.

Just to close it's been a great season with so many happy memories and here is to next year!!

South Central Women's Division 2 Forest								
Team Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Difference	Points
Salisbury 4	22	19	2	1	87	18	69	59
Wimborne Wayfarers 3	22	17	1	4	85	22	63	52
Southampton 4	22	16	0	6	80	26	54	48
Salisbury 5	22	13	3	6	76	35	41	42
Bournemouth W5	22	12	3	7	56	38	18	39
Southampton University 3	22	11	0	11	30	55	-25	33
Trojans 5	22	9	2	11	36	40	-4	29
Eastleigh Ladies 2	22	8	3	11	32	44	-12	27
Swanage & Wareham 2	22	5	5	12	36	68	-32	20
Romsey 4	22	5	2	15	30	66	-36	17
Poole 2 Development	22	5	1	16	21	96	-75	16
Southampton 5	22	0	2	20	12	73	-61	2