

BENDIGO BANK GOLD BUS U/17 GIRLS HOCKEY REPORT

The Westvic girls had their first game away this week and played Mentone who defeated them in last year's grand final.

We started well with continual attacks on goal, but were unable to convert. Mentone kept the pressure on the ball and were able to force a penalty corner at the eight minute mark but fortunately the shot on goal was wide.

Kate Ryan kept the pressure on the ball and was able to steal the ball, then give a pass to Emily Doyle who in turn passed it to Bec Hodgetts who took the ball into the circle but Mentone's defence was too strong and they prevented the shot on goal. In another attack Nina Saines drove the ball across the goal mouth but only to have the goal keeper push the ball over the backline.

Mentone then attacked our defence and a pass in front of goal was slapped past Katey Shell for the first goal of the match. This gave Mentone momentum and they continued to pressure our defence but some great saves were made from Katey Shell and Paige Mills on our backline. With 5 minutes in the second half to go Mentone were able to convert another goal and take a lead of 2 nil into the half time break.

Early in the second half Mentone scored again from a deflection off a defender's stick which went over the top of the goalkeeper's head. Westvic continued to press hard on the ball denying Mentone from scoring and making opportunities of their own. Caroline Van Den Broek stole the ball at the centre line and made a quick pass to Sheridan Walsh at the top of the circle where a shot was made but the goalkeeper attacked and saved the goal from being scored.

With five minutes to go the score was still 3 nil, but the pressure became too much on the Westvic girls allowing Mentone to score three quick goals to make the final score 6 nil.

Their next game is against Doncaster in Ballarat in two weeks time and they will have to regroup and continue to work if they are to win this game.

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The Westvic girls played at home again this week against Doncaster who were runners up in their division last year.

Doncaster came out strongly and went straight into attack where Katey Shell made a diving save to stop a goal from being scored. The Westvic defence held up well, then a long pass from Kate Ryan to Sheridan Walsh just outside the top of the circle where the Doncaster stood up to the pressure and cleared the ball.

At the 15 minute mark of the half Doncaster's first goal, was scored from a deflection off keeper Katey Shell. Not long after Doncaster broke through again to score their second goal. Westvic kept the pressure on and had a couple of chances of their own but just before half time Doncaster scored their third goal.

The first 5 minutes of the second half the ball was kept in the midfield, until Doncaster had a penalty corner, and Rosie Lewis saved the goal from being scored on the line, to put the girls back into attack. The Bendigo Bank Gold Bus girls defended well until the 15 minute mark when Doncaster were able to score their next goal.

Westvic kept defending and putting the pressure on the ball but couldn't keep Doncaster out with the end result being 6 nil to Doncaster.

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The Westvic girls had their first hit out on Friday night against Camberwell. With several changes from last year the team had a new look.

Camberwell came out strongly and had plenty of attack on our defence. Katey Shell had some great saves in goal and with Emily Doyle and Kate Ryan on the back line teamed up to stop Camberwell on numerous occasions.

At the 20 minute mark Camberwell broke through and repeated the process three times in the last 10 minutes to take a 4 nil lead into half time.

In the second half Westvic made some positional changes but Camberwell were again too strong for them. Jo McLeod scored for the Westvic girls shortly into the second half and though the girls defended strongly every time they went into attack the ball was repelled by the Camberwell defence and they took it back into attack.

The final score was 9 goals to 1, but by the end of the game the Westvic girls showed some promising signs of improvement in positional play and will work towards that for next week's game against Mentone.

At the start of the game Lucy Brommeyer was announced captain of the team, with Beck Hodgetts and Jo McLeod as vice captains.

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