

MEDIA RELEASE

BENDIGO BANK WESTVIC HOCKEY STATE LEAGUE 3 SENIOR WOMEN

Match Report – Rd 8

Date: Saturday 13th June
Venue: Monash University Frankston
Opposition: Mornington Peninsula

Final Score: Mornington Peninsula 5- WestVic 0

Team Members: Megan Nestor, Claire McKenzie, Emily Innes, Rosie Ballard, Anna McClelland, Bianca Maher, Erin Churchill, Jess Watts, Hannah Maloney, Ebony Stephen, Lauren Hudd, Kaylene Ferrier, Nina Saines

Best Players: Rosie Ballard, Jess Watts

WestVic Women convincingly beaten

Mornington were relegated from State League 2 in 2009, so the WestVic women were prepared for a hard match. With key absences, WestVic needed to show depth to compete with a fast and well drilled Mornington outfit.

WestVic started strongly, attacking down the left side through Anna McClelland and Rosie Ballard. Mornington showed pace and commitment and were able to counter attack through break always easily from their defence. Showing class and skill, Mornington were able to score 20 minutes into the match. WestVic didn't give up and continued to press forward. Hannah Maloney and Ebony Stephen linked passes and pressed for penalty corner opportunities. Unfortunately, WestVic were unable to convert and on the rebound, Mornington scored again.

In the second half, WestVic again looked dangerous with shots at goal by Kaylene Ferrier, Emily Innes and Rosie Ballard going wide. Lauren Hudd, showing great courage went head to head with the Mornington keeper to win a penalty corner for the team. Unfortunately, the strong Mornington defence were able to shut down WestVic every time forward players got within striking distance.

In WestVic defence, Erin Churchill, Bianca Maher and Megan Nestor toiled hard under the constant pressure. Jess Watts and Claire McKenzie ran hard all game to provide support for both the defence and attacking plays. Again, the Mornington attacking pressure continued and gradually wore down the WestVic team. Mornington were able to score a further three goals before the final whistle.

The final score line of 5-0 to Mornington indicates that the WestVic women still have a lot of work to do during the remainder of the 2009 SL3 season. On a positive note, Nina Saines made her debut for the senior team, and contributed well to the team effort.

Next Game: Rd 9 V MHS/Caulfield 3.30 Saturday 20th June Ballarat Hockey Centre

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