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BENDIGO BANK WESTVIC HOCKEY SENIOR WOMEN – STATE LEAGUE 3

MATCH REPORT – ROUND 13

<i>Date:</i>	Sunday, July 25th 2010
<i>Venue:</i>	Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School
<i>Opposition:</i>	PEGS
<i>Final Score:</i>	WestVic Hockey 3 def PEGS 1
<i>Goalscorers:</i>	Rosie Ballard, Hannah Maloney, Tammy Hansford
<i>Best:</i>	Rosie Ballard, Hannah Maloney, Kym Nicol, Claire McKenzie, Emma Maloney, Katey Shell

Close Encounter for WestVic

Bendigo Bank WestVic Senior Womens Hockey Team travelled to Penleigh and Essendon Grammar School to take on a very hyped up and determined PEGS team.

With WestVic's playing numbers depleted, due to unavailability, Emma Maloney was called up from the WestVic U17 Girls Team. With no bench, the girls were instructed to let the ball do the work which would create less running to save their legs and tiredness.

Within the first minute of the game, and six stick to stick passes, Brylea Swanton showed her ability as a team player, and passed the ball to Hannah Maloney who was in a better scoring position in the attacking circle. Hannah Maloney scored WestVic's first goal.

PEGS fought back strongly and Megan Nestor and Bianca Maher were solid in defence. Katey Shell, as goalkeeper, proved she was a force not to be beaten, and saved the few goal attempts from PEGS.

WestVic were rewarded a penalty corner and Rosie Ballard demonstrated her tenacious stick work and dodged around the PEGS defense and pushed in another goal.

WestVic forwards worked hard to pressure the ball coming out of PEGS defense. Both Lauren Mann and Emma Maloney lead well on the wings, creating space and attacking moves forward.

Kym Nicol, Claire McKenzie and Jess Watts worked tirelessly on the half line, supporting and assisting the pressure from the WestVic forwards. Even though WestVic kept the majority of possession of the ball, and attacked continually, they struggled to score.

Credit must go to the PEGS goalkeeper who played an exceptional game, saving many scoring opportunities. She was by far one of the best keepers the WestVic girls have played against.

With the score 2-0 going into the second half, against the flow of play, PEGS were able to break away and through quick passing scored a great team goal.

WestVic continued to control the remainder of the game but still found it difficult to get the ball past the PEGS goalkeeper. After three penalty corners, WestVic passed the ball around, demonstrating fabulous teamwork and scored their third goal from the right post.

In the last 10 minutes of the game Kym Nicol, through excellent tackling, found herself with a lot of the ball. Both Hannah Maloney and Rosie Ballard put in a great fight and their work rate was unquestionable. On the final whistle the score was 3-1 to WestVic.

The WestVic Womens Team would like to wish Hannah Maloney, Jess Watts and Brylea Swanton the best of luck for the upcoming Australian Country Womens Championships in Canberra starting this week.

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