

# West Womens Reports

## West O35s tournament review – 17/18 May 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 35s 2025

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 South East O35 Women	7	5	1	1	19	4	15	16
2 East O35 Women	7	5	1	1	11	2	9	16
3 West O35 Women	7	3	2	2	10	9	1	11
4 North West O35 Women	7	3	1	3	7	8	-1	10
5 South Central O35 Women	7	2	3	2	3	5	-2	9
6 Yorkshire & North East O35 Women	7	2	2	3	2	6	-4	8
7 London O35 Women	7	1	3	3	7	7	0	6
8 Midlands O35 Women	7	0	1	6	1	19	-18	1

### West Masters O35s: Surbiton Showdown – A Bronze Worth Gold

What do you get when you throw 12 West Area Masters debutants, a few seasoned warriors, and a bucketload of grit into the heat of a Surbiton tournament weekend? Magic. You get magic.

Fresh off our build-up training events, we arrived at HQ (read: hotel bar) on Friday night full of anticipation, team spirit, and snacks. Relationships had already started to blossom, and as the squad gathered, it became clear: this was more than a team — it was the birth of a family.

## Saturday: The Furnace and the Fight

The sun came out swinging — and so did we.

Game 1 – London (1-1): Traditionally a bruising battle, and it didn't disappoint. A well-worked penalty corner routine brought us our opener, and in that moment, you could see belief blooming. Game plan? Working. Squad? Believing. West? Rising.

Game 2 – Midlands (4-1): Call it a statement, call it a show, call it free-flowing, foot-stomping, fierce hockey — we'll call it West at full throttle. Midlands didn't know what hit them, and the squad found a swagger that turned heads and turned the scoreboard our way.

Game 3 – South Central (1-1): Now it got real. With legs tested and lungs burning, we stood tall. South Central are no mugs, but neither are we. This was a resilience test — and we passed with full colours. It could've been a win, but we banked another point and a huge confidence boost.

Game 4 – South East (0-3): Against the eventual champions, we got a taste of the next level. First half, we adjusted to their tempo. Second half? We fired up, pressed harder, and created chances. Luck wasn't on our side, but the team spirit? Unbreakable.

The day ended not with slumped shoulders, but with raised glasses. The evening was full of laughter, games, and the kind of team bonding that only Masters hockey can deliver. The WhatsApp group will never be the same again.

## Sunday: From Sweat to Silverware

The legs were tired. The minds were focused. The hearts? Ready.

Game 5 – East (0-2): A strong East side made the most of a couple of sharp deflections, but we had our chances. We weren't just making up numbers — we were making statements.

Then came the mission: Win the last two. Take the bronze.

Game 6 – Yorkshire & North West (1-0): Tactical tweaks, smart pressing, and relentless team effort saw us outwit and outplay a well-drilled opposition. A vital win, built on grit, patience, and belief. One more game. One more shot.

Game 7 – North (4-1): Everything on the line. We fell behind to a stroke after some heroic defending, but did we panic? Absolutely not. We equalised just before the break — then came out roaring. Second half, we regrouped, refocused, and then... unleashed.

Three sublime goals later, the pitch erupted. Final whistle. Bronze medal secured. What a moment. What a team.

### **Reflections from the Dugout**

This was more than a tournament. It was a launchpad. A brand new squad, with only five returning players, stepping into the unknown and walking away as one of the most exciting and cohesive outfits on the circuit.

The goalkeepers? Outstanding. Commanding, fearless, and calm under pressure.

The defence? A united wall — solid, smart, and never once letting their standards drop.

The midfield? Relentless engines, linking everything, creating rhythm and threading magic through the pitch.

The forwards? Dangerous and dynamic — hungry, creative, clinical.

Everyone played their part. Everyone gave their all. This bronze medal? It's not just metal — it's a symbol of what belief, chemistry, and heart can do.

We played with passion. We grew with every minute. We inspired — and we were inspired. This is only the beginning.

Here's to the power of belief, the strength of unity, and the magic of Masters hockey.

West. We Rise.

#WestisBest #GoWest

## West O40s tournament review – 17/18 May 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 40s 2025

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 Yorkshire & North East O40 Women	7	6	1	0	17	2	15	19
2 South Central O40 Women	7	4	3	0	8	1	7	15
3 North West O40 Women	7	4	1	2	8	6	2	13
4 East O40 Women	7	3	2	2	7	6	1	11
5 West O40 Women	7	2	1	4	9	11	-2	7
6 London O40 Women	7	2	1	4	5	9	-4	7
7 South East O40 Women	7	1	1	5	2	11	-9	4
8 Midlands O40 Women	7	1	0	6	2	12	-10	3

## West O45s tournament review – 14/15 June 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 45s 2025

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 London O45 Women	7	6	1	0	10	1	9	19
2 West O45 Women	7	5	1	1	8	2	6	16
3 South Central O45 Women	7	4	2	1	7	3	4	14
4 Midlands O45 Women	7	3	2	2	8	5	3	11
5 South East O45 Women	7	1	3	3	2	5	-3	6
6 Yorkshire & North East O45 Women	7	1	2	4	6	8	-2	5
7 North West O45 Women	7	1	1	5	5	13	-8	4
8 East O45 Women	7	0	2	5	3	12	-9	2

## West O50s tournament review – 28/29 June 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 50s 2025								
Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 East O50 Women	7	5	2	0	12	2	10	17
2 South East O50 Women	7	5	1	1	14	4	10	16
3 South Central O50 Women	7	3	2	2	9	6	3	11
4 West O50 Women	7	3	2	2	8	6	2	11
5 North West O50 Women	7	3	1	3	7	7	0	10
6 Midlands O50 Women	7	1	4	2	2	6	-4	7
7 London O50 Women	7	1	0	6	2	14	-12	3
8 Yorkshire & North East O50 Women	7	0	2	5	3	12	-9	2

Venue: Altrincham Scorching Temperatures, Fierce Competition

The West O50s squad travelled to Altrincham for the Area 8 tournament, greeted by blistering heat and a tightly packed fixture list. What followed was a weekend of grit, determination, and moments of flowing hockey that showcased the strength and spirit of the team.

Game 1 – vs East

Result: 1–3 Loss

A nervy start saw West unable to capitalise on early dominance, despite holding around 90% possession. A brilliant penalty flick save from Channers kept the scoreline level for much of the first half. Unfortunately, two unforced errors handed East the lead. Harves pulled one back with a slick penalty corner routine, but another turnover saw East seal the game. A disappointing start, but plenty of positives in possession and structure.

Game 2 – vs Yorkshire & North East

Result: 0–0 Draw

A more disciplined performance followed as West tightened their defensive lines. While clear-cut chances were limited, the clean sheet was welcome. A hard-fought draw earned the first point of the tournament.

Game 3 – vs London

Result: 4–0 Win

Before this game, the squad regrouped with a focus on trust, enjoyment, and playing with freedom—the hallmarks of their warm-up matches. The response was electric. West delivered fast, attacking hockey, and were rewarded with four first-half goals—one each from Pip and Abi, and a brace from Sadie. A dominant performance and a well-deserved win.

Game 4 – vs North West

Result: 1–0 Win

The final match of the day saw West take to the water-based astro for the first time. The surface suited West's flowing style, and crisp passing led to a well-taken goal by Abi. With tournament results proving unpredictable, West ended the day as one of six teams still in medal contention.

Day Two – Game 5 vs South East

Result: 0–1 Loss

Fatigue began to creep in and the reduced squad—now down to 14—struggled early, conceding the only goal of the match in the opening minutes. Despite a spirited response and end-to-end action, the equaliser proved elusive.

Game 6 – vs South Central

Result: 2–1 Win

With tired legs but fire in their bellies, West bounced back. Goals from Sadie and Haysie secured a valuable 2–1 win. The result kept hopes of a podium finish alive heading into the final fixture.

Final Game – vs Midlands

Result: 0–0 Draw

Final Standings

West finished fourth overall, narrowly missing out on a medal—just one goal shy of the podium.

Reflections

The weekend was a true test of character and camaraderie. From standout saves and sharp finishing to steely defending and tireless running, the squad demonstrated passion, unity, and no shortage of quality. A fantastic effort from all involved—well played, West!

## West Over 55s tournament review – 31 May/1 June 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 55s 2025								
Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 East O55 Women	7	5	2	0	11	3	8	17
2 West O55 Women	7	5	0	2	10	2	8	15
3 South Central O55 Women	7	4	1	2	11	6	5	13
4 North West O55 Women	7	3	1	3	6	8	-2	10
5 South East O55 Women	7	2	1	4	5	8	-3	7
6 Midlands O55 Women	7	2	1	4	4	7	-3	7
7 Yorkshire & North East O55 Women	7	2	1	4	3	8	-5	7
8 London O55 Women	7	1	1	5	2	10	-8	4

West O55s Take Silver in Style! 🏆 🥈 🎉

### 2025 Tournament Recap – Yorkshire Edition

What a weekend!

The West O55s travelled up to the mighty Yorkshire for a two-day tournament packed with passion, grit, and some seriously classy hockey. 🏔️ The journey may have been epic, but the Friday night team meal (and a hot tub big enough for half the squad) set the tone for a cracking weekend.

📍 Hosted by Ben Rhydding HC, Ilkley – stunning scenery, top facilities, and a warm northern welcome.

## DAY ONE: Four Games, Fierce Energy

### Game 1 – vs South Central

Tough start! Three goals ruled out and a late penalty corner saw West lose 0–1. Bridgette was on fire though – outrage turned into fuel. 🔥

### Game 2 – vs London

With music blasting and Jackie's rallying words in mind, West came out flying. Sarah and Laura bossed the midfield. Goals from Bridgette and Captain Jackie sealed a brilliant 2–0 win past the England keeper no less!

### Game 3 – vs South East

West domination. Despite two more goals disallowed, the team kept composure. Heidi, Debs and Jackie set the tone from the back and controlled the middle. Lisa and Carol were tenacious in midfield. Pip and Pringle confidently hit the backboard. Another 2–0 win! 🏆

### Game 4 – vs Midlands

A gritty, close game. West's defence was an unbreakable wall and Jackie's rocket from a short corner made it 1–0. Great running from Jules and disruptive play from Mandy. West ended day one third overall – and still in the hunt for gold. 🥉

Ben Rhydding pulled out the stops with pulled pork, but a thumping Bangra wedding at the hotel gave us a rhythmic night's sleep (drum & bass-style).

## DAY TWO: Eyes on the Prize

### Game 5 – vs North West

A smooth start with goals from Mandy, Bridgette and debutant Kath. 3–0 and confidence soaring. 🏏

### Game 6 – vs East

Our toughest match. We battled hard but couldn't quite find the net. A narrow 0–1 loss, but heads stayed high.

### Game 7 – vs Yorkshire & North East

Final game. All to play for. Kate's engine still running, the whole squad left it all out there. Goals from Pip and Sharron sealed a 2–0 win and secured silver medals for West! 🥈

## Off-Pitch Highlights

Mandy brought a fridge, Pip brought an ice bath, and the team brought unmatched banter, camaraderie, and spirit. 💜

5 disallowed goals, 6 games unbeaten, and 1 goalie (Vicky Moxham) who was absolute class throughout, conceding only 2 goals. Player of the tournament goes to Kate Black for her indefatigable energy.

A fabulous weekend with silverware to show for it. West O55s – you smashed it. 🌟

#WestO55s #HockeyLife #TeamSpirit #SilverSuccess #YorkshireWeekend #LegendsOnAndOffThePitch



## West O60s tournament review – 31 May/1 June 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 60s 2025								
Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 London O60 Women	7	4	1	2	7	3	4	13
2 Yorkshire & North East O60 Women	7	2	5	0	7	5	2	11
3 North West O60 Women	7	2	4	1	8	6	2	10
4 East O60 Women	7	2	4	1	6	5	1	10
5 South East O60 Women	7	2	4	1	5	4	1	10
6 West O60 Women	7	2	2	3	8	10	-2	8
7 South Central O60 Women	7	1	2	4	4	9	-5	5
8 Midlands O60 Women	7	0	4	3	3	6	-3	4

### Lost 3, drew 2, won 2

**Very close tournament with mixed results for all teams. We only lost 1-0 to the winners.**

Having won the tournament for two years running, the West O60s went into this year's event with a target on their backs! It was a very a close tournament with mixed results for all teams. Although we finished in 6th place, we only lost 1-0 to the eventual winners. Despite our final position everyone displayed great commitment throughout and had a fab, fun Westie weekend on and off the pitch!

Huge thanks go to the enthusiasm and excellent leadership skills of Captain Webby and Vice Captain Rab. Webby led from the front by scoring 6 goals, with Rosie & Fi scoring 1 each. Rab's expertise of running effective warm-ups and cool-downs kept the squad in good form for the whole weekend.

Special thanks also go to Gilly (our NTR) & Blanche from Bretforton for coming to support on Sunday and helping out as match officials for one game.

Some off pitch highlights were:-

- The usual squad commitment to setting up team camp – not too far away from the loos and catering facilities, with the moving of benches, acquiring a large umbrella for shade and the beautiful display of various picnic rugs for the sun worshipers. Our position was set for the two days.
  - Motorway issues which delayed players and they only just arrived towards the end of our first match, meaning the squad had no subs!
  - Webby struggled to win a coin toss most of the weekend, but we'll let her off as she scored so many goals.
  - The squad tried to get an entry into the Guinness Book of Records by getting the most short corners awarded in a 10 min period (but sadly not scoring from them).
  - After too many sweets at half time, Rosie started playing the second half of a match with another player's stick!!
  - Jo left her phone in hotel bedroom
  - Fi, Jo & Tracey allowed extra time on their journey each way to visit the posh Gloucester Services
- Finally, a big farewell to Terri & Rosie who move up to O65 age group next season.

## Over 65s tournament review – 17/18 May 2025



Area Masters Womens Over 65s 2025

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 West O65 Women	6	4	2	0	8	1	7	14
2 Yorkshire & North East O65 Women	6	4	1	1	12	3	9	13
3 East O65 Women	6	2	4	0	2	0	2	10
4 South East O65 Women	6	2	2	2	4	7	-3	8
5 London O65 Women	6	1	2	3	3	7	-4	5
6 South Central O65 Women	6	1	1	4	4	7	-3	4
7 Midlands O65 Women	6	0	2	4	1	9	-8	2



**Women's O65 Masters Area Tournament**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Folkestone Optimist Hockey Club**



The West Women's O65 Team played in their age group Area Tournament last weekend. The Northwest area still hasn't grown Masters Hockey to Over 65 yet but the other 7 Areas were well represented.

The West Legends arrived in Folkestone on Friday evening after long journeys on the motorways of the South and East of England, in fact our furthest traveller from deepest Devon had the longest journey of all, even further than those from Newcastle!!! So..... ice cream on the beach was the necessary pre-tournament warm up! We could see the White Cliffs too, so a song was deemed appropriate.



**Ice cream!**



**Captain Sal!**

We arrived at The Three Hills Sports Park, Folkestone ready for action, the venue was superb, two hockey pitches amongst a whole array of other facilities with a spacious clubhouse, warm up pitch and team changing well catered for. Even free massages for anyone who wanted one from the local Canterbury Christ Church University Sports Therapy and Rehab students. The organisation of the weekend was very efficient, and an informal chilli supper was much enjoyed on the Saturday evening. Thank you to Kay and Janet from the South East as Tournament Organisers.

The standard of hockey on display was impressive and our West Squad saw each player working confidently in unit play so that the West Machine could purr beautifully whichever combination of the 15 strong squad was on the pitch. We did show how the West play our beautiful game with a simple short passing up the pitch creating many team goal opportunities.

We had 4 games on the Saturday:

A 0-0 draw v South Central to start, Wins v London 2-0 and v South East 2-0 and finally v Midlands 2-1.

Special thanks to Penny Thorne who came on a Saturday Day Trip train journey to help manage us on the bench: much appreciated as it is so difficult to coach, manage and play as well!

On the Sunday we had an early start. A 10am first game v the overnight leaders Yorkshire and the North East (who hadn't lost a game) was our challenge. We were up for the challenge and our best game of the tournament! West had most of the possession and didn't let them into the game at all. Slick passing and determined work from all saw us win 2-0 and upset the leaderboard!

We finished with a game v East who didn't lose all weekend but played a very defensive game and packed the areas we wanted to exploit. 0-0 was the outcome. So we went to the top of the table.

We then had to wait for the result of the East v Yorks&NE. They drew 0-0 so we were the **WINNERS!!!!**

So, to summarise we Won 4 games and Drew 2 games.

Scored 8 and only conceded 1.

Goal scorers: Mainie-3 (1 Penalty stroke and 2 corners), Gill Robins -2 and one each for Jill, Elaine and Miranda.

Sally was an inspirational Captain, Mainie calm defence organiser, Cath was the Midfield Marshall linking all together and we all worked hard for each other. Sarah was cool in goal, not too much involvement but some crucial saves at the right times.





One more WEST fact. Both Cath and Bev's daughters were playing together in the West O35's the same weekend!!!!!!!

**Final Statistics.**

Area Masters Womens Over 65s 2025						
Team	P	W	D	L	GD	P
1 West O65 Women	6	4	2	0	7	14
2 Yorkshire & North East O65 Women	6	4	1	1	9	13
3 East O65 Women	6	2	4	0	2	10
4 South East O65 Women	6	2	2	2	-3	8
5 London O65 Women	6	1	2	3	-4	5
6 South Central O65 Women	6	1	1	4	-3	4
7 Midlands O65 Women	6	0	2	4	-8	2

EH O65s Masters Tournament 2025 - GOAL SCORERS			
Gail	Gerrard	4	Yorks & NE
Julie	Findon	3	Yorks & NE
Sandy	Boyle	2	South Central
Judith	Drury	2	South East
Sarah	Mainprise-Tait	2	West
Gillian	Robins	2	West
Pat	Ward	2	Yorks & NE
Ruth	Swan	1	East
Sally	Tippen	1	East
Jenny	Brennan	1	London
Helen	Evans	1	London
Jane	Taylor	1	London
Carol	Rogers	1	Midlands
Mary	King	1	South Central
Sue	Merry	1	South Central
Sue	Crake	1	South East
Jacqui	Dibley	1	South East
Elaine	Basterfield	1	West
Jill	Hansford	1	West
Miranda	MacTaggart	1	West
Carol	Matravers	1	West
Rosie	Field	1	Yorks & NE
Lynn	Harkins	1	Yorks & NE
Di	Levitt	1	Yorks & NE
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Only one thing incorrect on the goal- scorers sheet. Carol did not score but Mainie should be credited with that, so her total is 3.

This takes Mainie to 2<sup>nd</sup>= on the Tournament Goal scorer list.

I have sent the amendment to the organisers so hopefully they have corrected it on the master Sheet!

**Miranda MacTaggart (West O65 Player/Manager/Coach)**

## West O70s tournament review – 8 May 2025



Mixed results for over 70 west team- lots of shots on goal but could not get the results we wanted -

0:0 v Midlands,

lost 2-0 v London and south east

0:0 against East

won 2-0 v North

0:0 v south central

Final result -

1. East

2. midlands

3. south central

4. west

5. London and south east

6. north