

West Womens Reports

West O35s tournament review – 10/11 May 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 35s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 East O35 Women	6	4	1	1	18	3	15	13
2 Yorkshire & North East O35 Women	6	3	2	1	9	6	3	11
3 South East O35 Women	6	3	0	3	6	10	-4	9
4 London O35 Women	6	1	3	2	6	7	-1	6
5 North West O35 Women	6	1	3	2	6	9	-3	6
6 South Central O35 Women	6	1	3	2	4	8	-4	6
7 West O35 Women	6	1	2	3	5	11	-6	5

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West O40s tournament review – 18/19 May 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 40s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 London O40 Women	6	5	1	0	10	3	7	16
2 West O40 Women	6	4	2	0	5	0	5	14
3 Yorkshire & North East O40 Women	6	3	2	1	8	2	6	11
4 East O40 Women	6	2	2	2	4	3	1	8
5 South Central O40 Women	6	2	1	3	3	4	-1	7
6 South East O40 Women	6	0	1	5	1	10	-9	1
7 Midlands O40 Women	6	0	1	5	0	9	-9	1

West O45s tournament review – 11/12 May 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 45s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 London O45 Women	7	5	2	0	12	3	9	17
2 East O45 Women	7	4	2	1	14	6	8	14
3 Yorkshire & North East O45 Women	7	4	0	3	5	7	-2	12
4 Midlands O45 Women	7	3	2	2	9	5	4	11
5 West O45 Women	7	3	1	3	7	6	1	10
6 North West O45 Women	7	2	1	4	4	11	-7	7
7 South Central O45 Women	7	1	1	5	5	11	-6	4
8 South East O45 Women	7	0	3	4	3	10	-7	3

West O50s tournament review – 18/19 May 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 50s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 South East O50 Women	7	4	3	0	9	4	5	15
2 West O50 Women	7	4	3	0	10	6	4	15
3 Midlands O50 Women	7	3	1	3	7	6	1	10
4 Yorkshire & North East O50 Women	7	2	3	2	6	7	-1	9
5 London O50 Women	7	2	2	3	6	9	-3	8
6 East O50 Women	7	2	1	4	5	7	-2	7
7 North West O50 Women	7	1	3	3	9	10	-1	6
8 South Central O50 Women	7	1	2	4	6	9	-3	5

The 50s this year had a shortish trip to Surbiton, as it happens the hotel was right next door to Chessington World of Adventure so some of the ladies decided that a day at the park was a great way to start the weekend with some fun and frolics and trying not to be unwell on the roller coasters!

Avoiding any charges on the ULEZ we headed off for day one at the pitches and the ladies were determined to go out there and win the medal they so deserved from last year. And out of the

blocks they came with some wise words from Manager Sheriden (to be fair the same ones she had used with the 55s but it worked like a charm so if it ain't broke don't fix it). The first match was North West and although going a goal behind rallied and came back to 1-1 at half time from Kim Harris and then Becky Lamb sealed the win with an emphatic strike on 29 mins from a penalty corner.

Game Two was another 2-1 result again in West's favour against the East. West scoring in the second half from a Penalty Corner well converted by Netty Pellow and Harris on fire again with a further field goal to her credit, taken beautifully on the reverse but cutting it fine at 28 seconds left on the clock.

Game three was a tough affair against Yorkshire and North East, not much gap so it was a quick cool down and then a warm up again and these Y&NE ladies proved tougher opposition than expected and carved out a 1-1 draw which was hard fought and probably in hindsight a fair result. Y&NE improved so much over the weekend. Once again Kim Harris saved the blushes with a field goal at the end of the first half.

The 2-1 score line was the flavour of the day when the ladies played South Central another win, this time they went ahead early in the first few minutes of the match with a great penalty corner again from Pellow, with before South Central drawing level early in the second half and that Kim Harris popping up again with her fourth goal in four games, a field goal at the end of the half securing the victory.

West had 10 points at the end of day 1 and Midlands 9 with South East in third on 7. It was all to play for and the ladies wanted that gold.

Day 2 a few tired bodies but they were going to give it their all and fight for every ball and get more points on the board.

First up was London, changing into the sad old white shirts, with a touch of pink, it was another 2-1 scoreline, all goals in the second half, the first from Bev Urbans a field goal and the second was from Julie Hall again a field goal with London sneaking in a consolation with 5 minutes to go.

Then it was the turn of the Midlands, always tough opposition and it was end to end stuff and neither team could find the net. A number of Penalty Corners for West just unable to be converted so the scoreline ended 0-0.

This set up effectively a final game against South East which effectively would be the final. South East were ahead on goal difference so it was throw everything at it and just leave everything on the pitch. West scored first with a great field goal from Becky Lamb and then defend as much as we could but South East squeezed in an equaliser just before the end of the first half. Everything to play for and 15 minutes to go. Defended hard, left it all on the pitch but 1-1 final score and South East took the trophy by +1 on goal difference. An excellent performance from all the team and a silver medal to their credit. Well deserved and go out to go one better next year. #WestisBest #GoWest

West Over 55s tournament review – 20/21 May 2023



Area Masters Womens Over 55s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 West O55 Women	7	6	1	0	9	0	9	19
2 London O55 Women	7	5	0	2	5	2	3	15
3 Midlands O55 Women	7	2	3	2	6	5	1	9
4 East O55 Women	7	3	0	4	7	8	-1	9
5 South Central O55 Women	7	2	2	3	6	5	1	8
6 Yorkshire & North East O55 Women	7	2	1	4	7	13	-6	7
7 South East O55 Women	7	1	3	3	4	7	-3	6
8 North West O55 Women	7	1	2	4	2	6	-4	5

A buoyant 55s squad arrived at the tournament looking to retain the trophy won the previous year. The team had begun the bonding the evening before with a relaxed meal all together cementing the team spirit that would get them through the next 2 days which according to the weather forecast was going to be hot....and so hopefully would be their hockey.

First match was versus Yorkshire and North East at 11.00 and the team took to the astro hoping to repeat last years score of a 3 v 0 win, and that is exactly what they did with Pip Graham opening the scoring in less than 2 minutes. The second came with 3 minutes of the half remaining, courtesy of Bridgette Jones, making her debut for the 55s. With the team in control of the game pegging the

opposition in their own half they carried on the pressure in the second period, adding a third goal through Sue Waller 2 minutes before the final whistle. Great start!

After a 2 game wait the team were set to play 2 games back to back starting with London. Last year London finished bottom of the league, but this year bolstered by the England keeper and some new additions they looked to be tougher opposition. After 2 minutes captain Jackie Anning popped her calf and was unable to continue and was unlikely to play for the rest of the tournament. Despite the blow of losing Jackie the squad came to the fore with the team playing some neat hockey creating a number of chances without managing to convert any, while still containing London's threat with Laura Bucknell stepping into centre of defence and nullifying any threat. Just when it looked like the team were going to be held to a nil nil draw the team won yet another short corner, and while everyone was looking at the forward line Kate Black popped up at the back of the D to smash the ball into the back of the net with around 1 minute to play. The final whistle saw the team recording 2 out of 2 wins.

After a short break the team were back in play against South Central who had lost a close game with North West after taking a point from Midlands in their first game. This proved to be West's toughest game as South Central were worthy opponents and the game was finely balanced, with chances for both sides, but it was West that broke the deadlock towards the end of the first half with Pip Graham popping up in the D to force the ball over the line. Vicky Moxham in goal was not going to be beaten and she kept another clean sheet as she frustrated South Central's forward line.

Final game of the day saw North West as the opponents, who had had a mixed day of won one, drawn one and lost one. West however were not in a generous mood looking to finish the day on maximum points. West yet again controlled the game creating plenty of chances including a penalty flick from Pip Graham that was saved heroically by the keeper. West had to wait till 5 minutes from the end of the first half, when who else but Pip Graham popped up for her 3rd goal of the day. The scoreline flattered North West as West were never threatened with Vicky Moxham having a very easy day at the office.

End of day one played 4 won 4, scored 6 to no reply topping the table on 12 points, which was enough to win the trophy last year. A very satisfying first day, time for a shower, BBQ and a good night's sleep in preparation for day 2.

First game of day 2 saw the auld enemy Midlands waiting to upset the West apple cart, but without their star player Mandy Gatherer, sidelined by injury, Midlands were not the same team of last year, however they were determined to take at least a point from West, and they managed to frustrate West holding on to end the game with a nil nil draw. Disappointing result for West as they wanted to win every game. The result also meant that the surprise team of the day were now only 1 point behind having won all their games save West.

Onwards and upwards to the penultimate game against South East. The use of the full squad was going to be key for the last 2 games as the heat was starting to sap energy. Rotating the players worked well with the senior players P Clough, Sarah Butt and Laura Bucknell steadied the nerves and controlled the game, with the breakthrough eventually broken by Sue Waller with a deadly strike from a short corner. The scoreline of 1 v 0 was becoming familiar, which while was enough for victory was however not good for the blood pressure of the Manager Sheriden Wall.

One game left to play, but before that the only team that was in with a chance of taking the title from West, London, had to play the team West found the most difficult: South Central. A loss to South Central would mean West had won the title before playing their last game.

West started their final game against East while London were still playing their final game, determined to win and maintain their unbeaten record and a complete set of clean sheets. West started in their usual style, creating chances and diffusing any pressure and then inexplicably East were awarded a very contentious penalty flick. However Vicky Moxham was in no mood to relinquish her 100% clean sheet record. Conning the forward into thinking she had left too much room to her right, she dutifully flicked right and Vicky Moxham's right boot put the effort round the post. The bench erupted in celebration and the team took this as the spur to take control of the game. By now the result from London was known and having lost to South Central, West knew they were champions again. Bridgette Jones stepped up to score twice with the second in the last moments of the match, finishing her first outing with the 55s with 3 goals.

At the final whistle the team were able to break open the cool box provided by Mandy Kemp containing chilled prosecco. After toasting the victory and catching their breath the team lined up to collect the trophy. London, delighted, collected the runners-up medals before the undefeated West team stepped up to collect their deserved winners medal. This year, 19 points were required to win. The presentation was made but not before being chastised for bringing the cup back unpolished, something not to be repeated next year as West go for 3 on the trot.

West O60s tournament review – 1/2 June 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 60s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 West O60 Women	7	5	1	1	11	4	7	16
2 East O60 Women	7	3	3	1	6	3	3	12
3 South East O60 Women	7	3	3	1	4	2	2	12
4 London O60 Women	7	1	6	0	5	4	1	9
5 South Central O60 Women	7	2	3	2	2	3	-1	9
6 Yorkshire & North East O60 Women	7	2	2	3	5	5	0	8
7 North West O60 Women	7	2	1	4	2	6	-4	7
8 Midlands O60 Women	7	0	1	6	1	9	-8	1

The Best from the West travelled to Guildford this year for their Area Tournament, following only one training session. So, one of the priorities of Friday evening was to ensure everyone had remembered each other's names. This was done over a rolling supper in the Beefeater, as everyone rocked up at different times having battled the Friday, end of half term, traffic! We immediately made our presence known as we rearranged the furniture in order to accommodate all of our squad. With food consumed and refreshments flowing, kit was distributed and our attention turned to the reason we were all together – TO HAVE FUN and do the West proud!!! Sally as Manager/Coach reminded the squad that last year the O60s won their tournament – so no pressure! She made her expectations and game plan very clear – lots of fun and laughter off the pitch to bond the team, then transfer all that energy into a fun, cohesive squad performance on the pitch.

..... and the results speak for themselves:

v London	Drew	2-2
v Midlands	Won	2-0
v South Central	Won	2-0
v South East	Won	2-0
v East	Won	1-0
v Yorkshire & NE	Won	2-1
v North West	Lost	1-0

Goalscorers were: Webby – 6, Rosie – 3, Sally – 1, Liz – 1

The West were complimented by the event organisers and other squads for bringing so much fun to the weekend and for playing such fabulous hockey. The Saturday evening Dinner was a highlight with the squad locating themselves nearest the catering kitchen, enabling many of our helpful girlies to avail themselves of seconds in order to minimise waste (oh and the bar was rather close by too, to ensure the squad could keep well hydrated) J

Captain Julie and her Vice Webby, met with Sally prior to every match to discuss starting line ups, squad rotation and tactics. Rab ensured that the squad did thorough warm ups and cool downs and did a fantastic job. Finally, our medical expert (and virgin West player), Beccs, looked after the first aid kit and gave some great support to our injured players (mainly in the bar before the tournament even started!) Thanks to those who brought supporters, especially the “mysterious girl” on Saturday afternoon.

It was an honour to be the Manager of such a talented squad. Every player did what was asked of them and their commitment never faltered. I was so proud of the whole squad and we were all absolutely delighted to win the tournament. Sadly, the medals did not reach the tournaments organisers in time for the weekend, so we will have to arrange a reunion in due course when they do arrive.

Congratulations must go to members of the squad who have been selected for international duty this year namely:

England Squad

Linda Webb, Elaine Basterfield, Sarah Mainprise-Tait, Di Williams, Sue Roberts

Wales Squad

Liz McConnell

Good luck in the World Cup in New Zealand in November.

West Over 65s tournament review – 18/19 May 2024



Area Masters Womens Over 65s 2024

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 South Central O65 Women	6	5	1	0	13	3	10	16
2 Yorkshire & North East O65 Women	6	4	2	0	13	3	10	14
3 Midlands O65 Women	6	3	1	2	7	5	2	10
4 East O65 Women	6	1	4	1	3	3	0	7
5 West O65 Women	6	2	0	4	6	9	-3	6
6 London O65 Women	6	1	1	4	1	7	-6	4
7 South East O65 Women	6	0	1	5	1	14	-13	1

Women's O65 Masters Area Tournament
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May 2024
University of Bristol Sports Complex



Women's O65 Masters Area Tournament Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May 2024 University of Bristol Sports Complex

The West Women's O65 Team took on six other areas in their age group tournament in the middle of May. It was organised by the West in Bristol and the squad all worked together to show what the West can do to host a fabulous weekend!

Every region without exception thought the West were wonderful hosts, I was proud to take many, many compliments from our visitors. Huge thanks must go to Penny Thorne, tournament organiser

as well as player, for her hours of admin and for sourcing the amazing food at the Clifton Rugby Club venue for the Tournament dinner and managing to locate the medals in time for the presentation..... Long story. We had lots of warmth and smiles in our hockey family all weekend and Jo, Debs and front of entertainment Gill provided a fun evening of quizzing and singing that all teams enjoyed. Awesome thanks to step up for organising this!!

As for the Hockey, quality, competitive play was on show in all games and with 9 over 70's in the 16 strong squad it was a wonderful advertisement for Masters Hockey. Go West!

Hockey wise.... Very ably led by captain Sally (whose ability to win the toss at the start of each game was uncanny) we played a classy passing brand of hockey and showed great team unity. It was also a pleasure to have Carol back with the squad on the manager's bench.

First day we won two games v London 1-0 and then Southeast 2-0.

We lost 1-2 to Midlands and 0-2 to South Central eventual winners who didn't lose a game.

Overnight sadly our GK was needed at her father's hospice bed, so she was unable to be with us on the second day, our thoughts were with her. But up step two other squad members (Hero's both and well done) who played a game each in goal.

We were just pipped at the very end by East so lost 1-2. Then 1-3 loss to finish by North East who came second overall.

Goal scorers: Billie, Jill x2, Penny, Miranda x2

All games enjoyable and competitive and we ended 5th. But the winners did say after the tournament that the best game of hockey all weekend was v The West!! We will take that!

Proud to see fantastic representation from our squad both in the winning O65's England team at the Nottingham 4 Nations tournament, Well done Cath Coombs (recently mentioned in the King's birthday honours list for services to hockey in Bristol) and Sally Privett. Also, Penny Thorne, their manager.

Well done to Lee Edmonds Ward. O65 Scotland team and also Well done Lorna Dymock, Debbie Gorrod, Jill Hansford, Gill Robins, Jo Stevenson and Angela Warnes The O70's England team.

Good Luck to our Westies who are preparing to represent England and Scotland at the World Cup in New Zealand this November. GO WEST! What a talented bunch of Legends.

Miranda MacTaggart (West O65 Player/Manager)



West O70s tournament review – 9 May 2024



Despite having no goalie, the West over 70 team came 2nd to the Midlands in the Regional 7 a side tournament. It was a tight competition that was decided on goal difference helped by the 3 goals scored in our last match. Great, supportive team work with goals scored by 5 of our players. Six of this West team have been selected to play for the Over 70 England Masters team this season and will be travelling to New Zealand in November to compete in the World Cup against teams from Australia and New Zealand.