



WEST LADY MASTERS 2022

Over 35s – Tournament in Bedford 14th/15th May



The O35s had a great weekend. A vastly inexperienced group transformed over the course of each match, the hockey on show really was excellent!

Our final position of 7th doesn't really tell the whole story with some superb hockey on show throughout and every match being a close one.

We lost our first two games on the Sat, managed a fantastic draw on the Sunday morning which put us in line for 5th only to succumb to a dubious goal in the final two minutes of the last game that saw us drop to 7th.



Over 50s – Tournament in Nottingham 14th/15th May



West O50s started slowly, conceding an early goal in the first game v the North West and despite a valiant effort and several near misses, were unable to equalise, resulting in a 1 - 0 loss. West had proven we can retain possession and some lovely triangular passing, particularly through the midfield, demonstrated positive attacking team play and a start of players linking together.

In the second game against the South Central, West had a disappointing first half and conceded two goals; the first from a short corner within three minutes. A somewhat discombobulated team remained on the back foot for the rest of the first half. We came out much stronger in the second half after a rousing call to arms from captain Paula Clough but remained unable to capitalise on our chances. Final score 3 – 0.

For the final match of day one, versus East, West threw caution to the wind, changed the formation and came out fighting. The forward combination of club mates Lucy Joy and Kim Harris proved devastating and resulted in two goals for Kim, one for Lucy and one for Nicky Klinkenberg. Stirling work in defence from Karen Tinley kept us ahead in a close fought game. A final score of 4 - 2 left West in a more buoyant mood and a point to prove.

Day two brought two more wins for West; 2 - 0 v London with goals from Kim Harris and Nicky Klinkenberg and 2 - 0 v Midlands courtesy of Bev Urbans and Kim Harris.

Despite a final placement of fifth, West won three out of five matches and lost only to the eventual winners (South Central) and runners up (North West).



West definitely had the best warm up and cool downs of the tournament, courtesy of Clare Hayes, and epitomised masters' hockey in our final game when the opposition joined our warm up and the TD participated in our cool down.

Over 40s – Tournament 21st/22nd May



Over 40s had a HUGELY successful weekend – silver medallists!!!! Some really good hockey was played and the team bonded exceptionally well – many will be in the age group for a few more years so reaching for gold is something to strive for.



Over 55s - Tournament in Timperley 21st/22nd May



The West Over 55s had a nice trip to the wonderful facilities of Timperley Hockey Club for their Area tournament, 7 teams split into two pools under the new structure. West were in the pool of 4 so had three games on day one where they played a combined South Central/East team as their first encounter. Two goals from Fi Pridham and conceding only the one gave them a fabulous start with a 2-1 win. The team that eventually finished top of their pool was Midlands and their opposition next. Sadly a 1-0 defeat but an outstanding performance and the strongest result of the weekend against this team who went on to be eventual winners. West did actually win a penalty stroke after Pip Davey's shot was saved by a heel of a Midlands defender but unfortunately were unable to convert. Last game on day one was against the hosts, the North West, where Kate Black was prolific with an individual run to score the only goal of the game in the first half and the team defended spectacularly to end up with 3 points and a second finish in the group. Final score 1-0 to West. In to the semi-finals on day two.

Evening entertainment of Heads and Tails, the After Eight challenge where Kate again showed her prowess and won, and Play your Cards right, a wonderful opportunity to laugh until we cried, and get to know the team even better.

Sunday morning first up was East, who showed why they were the winners of their pool and got two goals in the first half. The West team dug in deep with a phenomenal short corner struck by Jackie Anning who had a fabulous tournament overall, and there was momentum and the East felt they got off lightly as a goal would have come with a few more minutes to play. Final score 2-1 to East. They ended up finishing runners up to Midlands in the final. West were playing for pride and third place and played Yorkshire and the North East in the third/fourth play-off. West were determined and got a great goal by Pip Davey, before they scored two in the second half, one from Fi Pridham and the second from Tracy Fieldsend (a



West debutant) from a Penalty Corner. Y&NE were not to be outdone and came charging back with 2 goals in five minutes leaving the final minutes a bit nervy. Final score though went to West with a 3-2 win. Fabulous performances all round and they all should feel proud of their efforts, a pleasure and delight to manage.

Over 65s – Tournament in Sheffield 21st/22nd May



West O65's survived the weekend, most home soon after 10pm last night from Sheffield.

All were very competitive games and although we drew one and narrowly lost the rest (finishing 5th) our team play improved over the course of the weekend and everyone was proud to wear the new kit and represent West!

Results:

v. Midlands - drew 2-2

v. South(C&E) - lost 1-0

v. East - lost 2-0

v. North just pipped at the death to lose 2-1

Lorna Dymock was manager on the bench which was a fantastic help.