

West Masters Womens Reports

West O35s tournament review – 13/14 May 2023



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 North West O35 Women	5	5	0	0	15	1	14	15
2 East O35 Women	5	3	0	2	5	2	3	9
3 West O35 Women	5	2	1	2	4	5	-1	7
4 Yorkshire & North East O35 Women	5	2	1	2	5	8	-3	7
5 London O35 Women	5	1	1	3	8	11	-3	4
6 Midlands O35 Women	5	0	1	4	2	12	-10	1

The West Ladies O35s embarked on their regional weekend full of promise but without expectation as the newly assembled squad came together for their first tournament together.

Following some excellent trials and training games the squad quickly got to task, trusting in the principles they had been given and doing their utmost to do the simple things well with the call of 'no nibble' ringing through their ears! Wow didn't they perform!

Starting off with a 1-0 win vs a very competitive and physical Yorkshire & N. East team was just the confidence builder the team needed and they followed it up with a commanding display against Midlands for a 2-1 win.

At this point the team had exceeded both goals scored and points won compared to the previous season and were on a high!

We moved on to the final game of the day against a traditionally strong East, narrowly losing 1-0.

The girls were right to feel a little disappointed by this as the quality of play was exceptional, only to be undone by circumstances out of their control. We vowed to come back into the second day taking the lessons we could learn, knowing two results could still land us gold medal.

An indifferent start to Sunday morning led to a 1-1 draw against London, the team had their chances to win it at the end but were also great duo for some superb defending and goalkeeping to earn us the point.

This meant the last game, against runaway leaders North West was a crucial one (with East having lost for the second time in the game before). A point would guarantee a medal and so we went for it.

Going in at half time 0-0 the team had it all to play for. The passing interchanges, commitment to holding the shape and working with each other was second to none and West were unlucky to go 1-0 down, albeit from an exceptional goal taken by the N. West forward.

With 5 mins to go and still 1-0 it was time to roll the dice, leaving 1 defender at the back and flooding the midfield/forward lines, and we came oh so close to pulling it off!!! Alas, a breakdown in play led to a runaway goal for NWest and they finished 2-0 winners and champions.

A third place finish was well received after some years of development and growth amongst the squad. We now have a great crop of players in the squad with tournament experience under their belts and look forward to the 23-24 trials where we can welcome in some more additions to bolster the squad and look to earn that medal next season.

A fantastic weekend for all involved, where hockey tactics and techniques developed, a squad was born and the West badge went back firmly onto the map. Perhaps however the greatest win was this 'I have genuinely questioned whether to carry on with hockey this season, but the West trials and having this to work towards kept me going and I have loved every minute. Thank you!'

We might not have a gold medal, but if West hockey has done that for one or more players, then champions we are!!

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West O40s tournament review – 20/21 May 2023



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 Yorkshire & North East O40 Women	7	5	2	0	17	2	15	17
2 London O40 Women	7	5	1	1	17	4	13	16
3 North West O40 Women	7	4	2	1	17	10	7	14
4 West O40 Women	7	4	2	1	13	6	7	14
5 East O40 Women	7	2	2	3	9	11	-2	8
6 Midlands O40 Women	7	1	2	4	3	19	-16	5
7 South Central O40 Women	7	1	0	6	5	14	-9	3

West O45s tournament review – 13/14 May



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 Midlands O45 Women	7	6	1	0	21	3	18	19
2 East O45 Women	7	5	1	1	15	3	12	16
3 West O45 Women	7	3	3	1	12	7	5	12
4 London O45 Women	7	3	2	2	7	6	1	11
5 South East O45 Women	7	3	1	3	8	6	2	10
6 South Central O45 Women	7	1	2	4	1	6	-5	5
7 Yorkshire & North East O45 Women	7	1	0	6	5	17	-12	3

After a gruelling but fab trials this season 17 young ladies were selected from all across the West to represent the O45's master West team in Wakefield.

After a very, very long journey the team eventually arrived in Wakefield and were met by manager Bronwen who handed out shirts and gave us the lie of the land. She also told us to get to bed early ready for the 1st day of games.

Day 1

Early team breakfast and chat then off to Wakefield hockey club to start our tournament.

Team talk done the ladies were ready to perform.

Quick chat from captain Sadie Watson and we were off.

1st game drew 0-0

2nd game won 2-1

3rd game lost 0-3

4th won 4-1

Amazing first day of hockey. Some great goals and play from whole team.

Pizza and early night oh + Eurovision what better way to recover from a hard days hockey.

Day 2

Early breakfast and some tired legs.

Good warm up needed

1st game won 4-0

2nd game drew 1-1

3rd game won 2-0

We only went and finished 3rd highest position in 4 years for the O45's.

Dedicated players and great team spirit an amazing weekend of hockey.

West O50s tournament review - 13/14 May 2023



	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	South East O50 Women	7	7	0	0	24	5	19	21
2	South Central O50 Women	7	5	0	2	21	5	16	15
3	North West O50 Women	7	4	2	1	12	4	8	14
4	West O50 Women	7	3	2	2	8	9	-1	11
5	East O50 Women	7	3	1	3	13	16	-3	10
6	Yorkshire & North East O50 Women	7	2	0	5	7	19	-12	6
7	London O50 Women	7	1	0	6	2	13	-11	3

Before writing this report on how the West ladies danced their way to the pitch, I want to say a big thank you to Jane Blake, Peter Kemple and all the volunteers and staff whom contributed to making the Women's Over 50 Area Masters Tournament a huge success.

If you were at the tournament and you were unsure who the West ladies were, then cast your mind back to a vision of seeing a group of ladies dancing in a circle to cheesy songs, remember the roar of laughter and the vibrant energy that followed them onto the pitch led by their super energetic coach and dance lead Clare Hayes. Yes, that was the West ladies. The West ladies were not there to entertain; with the leadership of Sheriden Wall they had a goal to be crowned the Masters Champions or at least improve on last year's fifth place.

The first game against the Midlands demonstrated this. Led by their captain Karen Tinley, West dominated the game with most of the play in their attacking 23. Nonetheless, the ball was refusing to go into the back of the net even after 10 short corners! At the final whistle the score was 0-0.

Although disappointed the team continued to stay positive, albeit challenged in the next game, as South Central scored from a short corner after 15 minutes. It was obvious that they were well drilled in short corners as they went on to score 2 more goals from short corners making the score 3-0. The team still came out fighting, leading Kim Harris to smash a goal into the back of the net with 4 minutes remaining. South Central then replied with a field goal in the last minute.

The West were determined for a win and were even more determined not to let the opposition to get short corners by using their twinkle toe dancing skills to avoid the ball hitting their feet in the D. Whether it was the plan or not it worked as only 1 defending short corner was given to East. Bev Urban opened the scoring with Kim following closely behind with another field goal. Another exciting game with the West winning 2-1. The final game of the day saw the defenders making some fantastic tackles to keep the ball out of the defending circle but nonetheless the North West managed to slip in a goal. Lots of tired legs now and although it was cold for the spectators the players were beginning to feel the strain of back-to-back games and the lack of opportunity to rehydrate. That said, the players continued to work for each other providing Kim Harris another opportunity to add another goal to her name. The final score of day being 1-1.

The next day the teams were welcomed with beautiful sunshine. Whether it was the blast of vitamin D or a good night's sleep, the West won their first game against London with yet another goal from the top goal scorer Kim. The West went on to win the next game against Yorks / NE with goals from Kim and Rosemary Logan. In each instance the team worked together to provide opportunities and chased back when the ball was turned over. Before the final game of the day against South East it was announced that they had won the tournament overall which was a true reflection as they had not lost a game up to this point. Other teams may have been put off by this but the West fought hard to the final whistle. The score was 3-1 against West putting another goal onto Kim's score sheet making Kim the West's highest goal scorer.

Goals scorers were:

Bev Urban – 1

Kim Harris – 6

Rosemary Logan – 1

And let's not forget the many goals that Chris Chan saved.

Although the West did not win and came 4th overall, they were the best dancers a win is a win.

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



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 West O55 Women	6	3	3	0	10	1	9	12
2 Midlands O55 Women	6	3	2	1	5	3	2	11
3 East O55 Women	6	2	4	0	6	3	3	10
4 North West O55 Women	6	1	4	1	4	5	-1	7
5 South Central O55 Women	6	0	6	0	2	2	0	6
6 Yorkshire & North East O55 Women	6	0	3	3	4	9	-5	3
7 London O55 Women	6	0	2	4	0	8	-8	2

The West Over 55s had a nice trip to the wonderful facilities of Bedford Hockey Club for their Area tournament, This year it was a round robin against 6 other teams, a great team who had already been able to show their capability in some mini matches prior to the tournament. Starting from the off first game against London and for debutant Pip Graham it was a brilliant start after some excellent work by Linda Webb, finding Graham on the far post we were 1 nil up within a minute and a half. With further goals from Fi Pridham and Carol Holmes (her first in a West shirt) and a final goal well taken by Webb they were off to a flyer with a 4-0 against London. A draw against South Central with Webb calmly taking a penalty stroke. On to playing the North West who showed their grit and determination with 0-0 draw, they did not lose a game all weekend but West had showed their calibre at being able to put the ball in the net. With the final game of the day against Midlands, Holmes and Webb were on the score sheet again and beating Midlands 2-0 taking them into the end of day one 1 point ahead at the top of the table.

Sunday morning first up was East, who pushed the West hard and it was a draw 0-0 with Midlands winning their opening game, putting them above the West and East third. It was

all down to the following game, straight into it no rest. We could only control what we could do and hope that South Central could help us out. The West were outstanding with 3 goals from Webb, one field goal and two penalty strokes, they finished slightly before the game on the other pitch. We had done everything we could!! The final whistle went on pitch two and the celebrations started with a 0-0 draw for Midlands that meant West were winners. Goal keeper Vicky Moxham have an exceptional weekend with some superb performances in each game. Captain Jackie Anning went up to collect the cup a new name on the trophy and celebrated with the team. Everyone played their socks off and showed true grit and determination but most of all immense team work. Proud of every single one of them. Many thanks to coach Sheriden Wall and GK coach Sheona Craig for their support. Team work definitely made the dream work!

Goal scorers:

Linda Webb 6

Carol Holmes 2

Fi Pridham 1

Pip Graham 1

West O60s tournament review – 17/18 June 2023



Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 West O60 Women	7	5	2	0	10	1	9	17
2 South East O60 Women	7	4	2	1	8	3	5	14
3 London O60 Women	7	4	0	3	6	6	0	12
4 Midlands O60 Women	7	2	4	1	3	2	1	10
5 East O60 Women	7	2	2	3	4	3	1	8
6 Yorkshire & North East O60 Women	7	1	3	3	2	6	-4	6
7 South Central O60 Women	7	1	2	4	1	7	-6	5

West Over 65s tournament review – 20/21 May 2023



	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	South Central O65 Women	5	3	2	0	8	1	7	11
2	Midlands O65 Women	5	3	1	1	6	2	4	10
3	Yorkshire & North East O65 Women	5	2	2	1	5	2	3	8
4	London - SE O65 Women	5	0	3	2	0	4	-4	3
5	West O65 Women	5	0	3	2	1	6	-5	3
6	East O65 Women	5	0	3	2	0	5	-5	3

West O70s tournament review – 25 June 2023



The inaugural over 70 regionals took place at Hampton in Arden today. West beat North 8- 1, we drew with Midlands 3:3 and we beat South 3:0!! A great day out and great to see so many older players still playing some classy hockey