



# LION FOUNDATION NETBALL CHAMPS



## MATCH DAY REPORT 2011

**MATCH:** PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau v Air NZ Tasman

**VENUE:** Strathallan College

**TIME:** 11:30am

**WON BY:** Counties Manukau

**FINAL SCORE:** 43-31

¼ time score 7-9

½ time score 18-20

¾ time score 32-24

### **Line Up:**

GS Riedstra, GA Nordin, WA Waaka, C Hurley, WD Tipelu, GD Adler (Captain), GK Rinckes

A nervous start to the Lion Foundation Netball Champs this morning by PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau. They took a few minutes to settle into their game letting Tasman set the pace and take an early lead. There was a lot of whistle as the defensive players took time to find their distance. Three unforced errors when the ball was in our goal circle added pressure and Tasman pulled ahead by four. Some crucial intercepts by Rinckes gave Counties Manukau some much needed possession and they managed to reduce the margin to two again. After the first 15 Tasman led 7-9.

No changes by either coach as the players re-took the court for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Counties Manukau came out strong and after two goals apiece pulled ahead and scored four goals in a row. An injury break by Tasman stopped Counties Manukau's momentum and Tasman came back with urgency scoring the next four goals. The teams were drawn in the quarter so the gap was still two at half time. 18-20 to Tasman,

Tasman stuck with their starting seven after the break but Coach Hauraki brought all her players off the bench; GS Steffany, GA Timoko, WA Rowe, C Hei Hei, WD Hurley, GD Tipelu, GK Adler. They were keen to show they wanted to play and scored the first six goals with strong straight court play and fabulous hunting by Adler and Tipelu. Shooters Steffany and Timoko didn't miss a shot and Tasman looked shell-shocked. Tasman managed to score a goal from their own centre pass but it didn't stop the onslaught as Counties Manukau put pedal to the metal and scored from the next five centre passes. Swift accurate play by the midcourt with efficient feeds into the shooters made the most of their possession. Tasman managed to stem the tide and scored three goals in a row but it was short-lived as Counties Manukau did the same. The shooters were impressive as Timoko sunk eight from ten and Steffany six from seven. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was 14-4 to Counties Manukau and they now had an eight goal lead going into the final quarter. 32-24 Counties Manukau

Hauraki made no changes for the final period of play but Tasman changed four positions. Another fast paced quarter. The whole Counties Manukau team were playing accurate controlled netball with purpose and intensity. Hei Hei called injury when the score was 37-27 and was replaced by Waaka. It was a physical 15 minutes with both ends getting lots of whistle. Eleven penalty opportunities given to Counties Manukau in their shooting circle, seven in Tasman's, and an additional nine infringements by Counties Manukau defence outside the circle. The hunting hadn't stopped for Adler, Tipelu and Hurley who between them pulled in ten intercepts or deflections. This possession was vital as Timoko's accuracy dropped in this quarter with three from nine, however Steffany's stayed at 80% as she shot eight from ten. It was a strong finish by Counties Manukau who won this quarter 11-7 and ended the game ahead by twelve. 43-31

**Written by Wendy Bremner – Team Manager**

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