



LION FOUNDATION NETBALL CHAMPS



MATCH DAY REPORT 2011

MATCH: PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau v

VENUE: North Harbour **TIME:** 1:00pm **WON BY:** North

FINAL SCORE: 56-41

¼ time score 11-14 ½ time score 24-25 (13-11) ¾ time score 38-39 (14-14) final quarter 41-56(3-17)

Comments:

GS Dannielle Staffany, GA Caitlin Riedstra, WA Samantha Rowe, C Ruth Hei Hei, WD Kirsten Hurley, GD Italia Tipelu, GK Megan Adler. Bench: Marcia Bennett, Merylyn Nordin, Toni Rinckes, Ashleigh Timoko, Jean Waaka

We travelled over the bridge for a tough encounter today against North. Winning the toss gave us the first centre pass, our new attacking line up needing time to settle in and North took advantage and we had to chase to catch up. Handling errors gave away possession a number of times making us work harder for opportunities, however we settled and managed to break a few of their centre passes and stay within reach. Adler struggled with her distance giving 5 penalty shots to Alison North's GS who dominated the shooting at their end. Exceptional composure by our young goal attack Riedstra and GS Steffany had them both scoring 100% when the ball was given to them. 11-14

No changes by either coach as the players re-took the court. Counties Manukau started strong scoring 5 to North's 1 when North called injury stemming the momentum. However Adler had found her distance perfectly this quarter but Tipelu struggled to find her distance. Adler gathered in 5 intercepts and 2 rebounds. Riedstra had another perfect quarter sinking 8 from 8 and Steffany 5 from 7. Heihei was under pressure in the mid with 4 handling errors but overall a strong quarter which Counties dominated. 13-11 Half time score had the teams separated by only 1 goal 24-25

Hauraki made changes going into the 3rd quarter bringing on some fresh legs moving Adler out to GD and Rinckes on at GK, Hei Hei to WA and Waaka on at C, Riedstra went back to GS and Timoko came on at GA. It was goal for goal with strong swift play by both teams and Counties managed to put their nose in front by a goal 2/3rds of the way through the quarter when North called another injury time, they made no changes just refocused and Counties brought on Rowe to replace Hei Hei at WA. The break had the desired affect for North who broke Counties centre pass and scored the next two goals pulling in front by once again. North's shooter was again dominating the circle but when she missed Rinckes gathered in the rebounds. Adler again had a clean quarter but less opportunity to hunt down the ball. Riedstra remained strong and dominated the circle however she had her first 2 misses in the game and rebounded 1 of them scoring 8 from 10 while Timoko played an essential supporting role scoring 6 from 6. A drawn quarter saw the teams going into the final 15 minutes a goal apart. 14-14 Score 38-39.

Rinckes went to the bench with a toe injury, moving Adler back to GK and Tipelu into GD, Hei Hei came back on at C and Rowe stayed on at WA. North made one change only bringing Allison back into the mix for North but no other changes. North stepped up their team defence forcing Counties into handling errors giving away much needed possession. Hei Hei called injury time moving her to WA, Rowe went to the bench and Waaka came on at C while Rinckes came back on at GK and Adler moved out to GD as Tipelu went to the bench. The changes had little affect North had moved up a gear and carried on dominating this quarter not allowing Counties any opportunities as they used good controlled ball to increase their lead. A frustrating end to a strong close game 56-41. The score that didn't reflect the close tussle the game had been in the first 45 minutes. Home game next week for the team against Waikato

Written by Wendy Bremner – Team Manager

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