



LION FOUNDATION NETBALL CHAMPS



MATCH DAY REPORT 2011

MATCH: PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau v Eastern

VENUE: Waikato **TIME:** 10:45 **WON BY:** Counties Manukau

FINAL SCORE: 57-27

¼ time score 11-5 ½ time score 27-12(16-7) ¾ time score 41-22(14-10) final quarter 57-27(16-5)

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, Marilyn Nordin, Toni Rinckes, Ashleigh Timoko, Jean Waaka

The first day of play for finals week down at Porirua Te Rauparaha Arena. It took a minute to settle and score the first goal as both teams tried to find their feet in the match. Counties took control scoring the first 5 goals before Eastern found the post. Riedstra again showed her mettle and had a perfect quarter sinking 10 from 10 while Steffany found the net once. The midcourt gelled well with Rowe consistently delivering a high work rate on attack and the midcourt working together as a defensive unit putting pressure on their opponents. Eastern's WA called an injury break just before the end of the first quarter which found Counties Manukau in front by 6 goals. 11-5

Coach Hauraki brought Nordin onto GS, Bennett on to WA and moved Rowe into centre. Eastern stayed with their starting line-up. Adler and Tipelu worked hard at the defensive end gathering in 6 intercepts and deflections between them as well as rebounding 2 of the Eastern shooters missed attempts. Hurley too was hunting. Nordin took a few minutes to settle into the game but Riedstra rebounded 3 of her missed attempts retaining possession. Counties Manukau pulled ahead to a 15 goal margin at the half time whistle. 27-12(16-7)

The third quarter gave coach Hauraki an opportunity to try out a different defensive combination as she brought Timoko and Rinckes off the bench onto GD and GK respectively and Waaka came on at centre. Eastern made 2 changes. The circle defenders were heavily penalised giving Eastern 9 penalty shots in this 15 minutes however they also achieved 3 intercepts and 2 rebounds. The midcourt were hunting and Bennett, Waaka and Hurley gathered in 5 intercepts in this quarter. Riedstra continued to perform well sinking 9 shots from 12 attempts and Nordin scored 5 from 7. This was the closest quarter of the game allowing Counties Manukau to pull ahead by only another 4 going into the final period of play. 41-22 (14-10)

Steffany came back onto GS, Bennett took the GA bib, Waaka moved to WA and Hei Hei returned to the court at C. Counties showed some great flair and dominated play scoring 5 goals before Eastern scored. The missed attempts at Eastern's end were gathered in by Timoko and Rinckes and fed back down to the attack end to turn into points. Lots of whistle for distance again in this quarter but 21 goals in 15 minutes shows the pace. Another good quarter by Counties resulted in them winning the match by 30 goals. 57-27(16-5)

This was a good opportunity to see all the players put through their paces and they didn't disappoint.

Written by Wendy Bremner – Team Manager

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