



PRESS RELEASE

### DAVEY JONES LOCK-OUT FOR TANGERINES

St Albans Hockey Club's men's first XI put in a sparkling team performance against top of the table Harleston Magpies on Saturday, emerging through unity and endeavour with a deserved 3-2 victory. The win puts the tangerines into 3<sup>rd</sup> place in East Prem Division A and within 3 points of the top. It also cements fortress Oaklands where the 1<sup>st</sup> team men remain unbeaten. Skipper Matt Davey led the way with drag flick penalty corner goals in each half, in between which it was Davey who crashed the ball into the penalty circle for teenager Adam Jones to bag the second goal. In a scintillating high tempo game of hockey, the Magpies equalised a one-nil half-time deficit early in the second half and converted a late penalty stroke, but Davey's impressive penalty corner success rate (two from three) and Jones's stunning deflection were enough to lock out the visitors and secure the points.

This was a victory which capped a fine day's results for the tangerines men's sides. There was a 2-0 win at Reading for the second XI, a 7-1 win at Harpenden for the 4s, a 5-2 home win against Blueharts for the 5s, a 3-2 win at West Herts for the 6s, a 1-1 draw against Hertford for the 7s, a 1-0 win at Rickmansworth for the 8s, and a 2-0 win against Richmond for the senior vets (over 60s). On a rest day for the 3s and over-50s, the men's junior vets (over 40s) were beaten 1-0 in a close encounter with league leaders Old Georgians.

Meanwhile, Champions Trophy-bound England internationals Ellie Watton and Hannah Macleod had to watch from the dugout as their SAHC Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI teammates went down 1-0 to Chelmsford, to stay second in the Investec National League East Conference, paying the price for failing to convert their dominance (including in a 8-0 penalty corner count) into goals. The Ladies 2s stayed top of East Div 1S with two-goal Sarah Embrey dominant in a 5-2 win at Brentwood 1s. The Ladies 3s had no game, while the Bodiceas warmed up for their wine-tasting event with a 1-1 draw against Letchworth, and the Ladies' 4s lost narrowly 1-0 at Tring. Toast of the tangerines was Gemma Little who scored six goals as the Ladies 5s beat Luton 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 10-0 to go second in 5 Counties Div 3.

This week the St Albans 1<sup>st</sup> teams continue their league campaigns by travelling in opposite directions: the ladies to Maidenhead and the men to Cambridge University.

PHOTO (below): SAHC's Sarah Embrey in action (photo: Chris Hobson).



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