



**NETBALL TALENT LEAGUE  
TRIPLE HEADER WEEKEND – 10/11 DECEMBER – SURREY**



**MATCH REPORT  
Head Coach – Diane Morgan**

With the bulk of the NTL Squad representing Wales U21s up in Scotland the newly formed U19 squad wasted no time in seizing the opportunity to showcase their talent. After a nervous start against a very physical West Midland outfit the girls settled into their game with some fine performances, they maintained dignity throughout, contesting cleanly. The defensive unit in the second half started to unsettle the Warriors attack forcing error after error. Although a loss we hit our performance targets.

**Final Score: West Midlands Warriors – 43; Junior Dragons - 31**

After a relaxed lunch and positive de brief we headed into our second game against Loughborough. We started well, smooth through-court play with well timed one-twos addressed the hesitation issues that crept into our first game. The shooting partnership of Leanne Thomas and Hannah Cadwallader was growing by the minute, with creative movement and clinical finishing giving a much needed confidence boost to the squad. The young defence unit, Fern Davies, Chloe MacLennan and Kate Gildersleave, worked tirelessly to break down the oppositions attacking options, a great team effort and a well deserved win.

**Final Score: Junior Dragons – 57; Loughborough Lightning - 56**

Sunday saw our last game - against Surrey Storm, unit rotations done, the team were ready. We were slow to respond and went five down in the first few minutes, then the light came on and we started to fight back winning the 1st quarter by 1 goal. Again there were some excellent passages of play, great defence and awesome finishing under the post. Bethan Dyke showed great creativity in her movement through court, a great captain who led by example. The lead changed constantly throughout the rest of the game with Surrey showing their experience, pulling away in the final minutes.

**Final Score: Surrey Storm – 47; Junior Dragons - 43**

Overall I am extremely happy with the squad's performance. Obviously wanted the wins but we hit our performance targets in every game. It was great preparation for Netball Europe both on and off the court.

Di Morgan, Head Coach



*Back row L-R  
Diane Morgan (Coach) Ellen  
Zachary, Kate Gildersleve, Katie  
Llewellyn, Chloe MacLennan, Fern  
Davies, Rhian Bethall, Emily  
Holland, Tina Cox (Asst Coach)*

*Front row L-R  
Hannah Cadwallader, Bethan Dyke  
(Captain), Hannah Jones.*