

## **UYSWC ladies on the rise**

Women's polo put last week's defeat behind them to net some positive results in the latest BUCS tournament.

The ladies travelled to Lancaster for games against Manchester and MMU Cheshire, determined to get back on track. Up first was the skilful Manchester side that got the better of the UYSWC girls once already this season. Keeper Fran Falcini had a busy first half, making an excellent save in the first minute but the pressure was relentless and York went one goal down, then two. Beth Richards and Sarah Peacop worked well to contain the Manchester attack, with player of the match Falcini keeping the girls in contention. Jenny Worrell fought hard with her defender for the whole quarter and was rewarded with a goal from close range before Manchester scored again in the final seconds to close the half leading 3-1.

York were out of the blocks quicker in the second half, Beth Richards narrowly missing the target shortly after the restart. Manchester went a further goal ahead before an in-form Becky Mott fired in a cracking shot. Manchester found their way past Falcini once more before Richards' shot hammered into the top corner. Captain Fiona Whiting kept her team on track as far as possible but York conceded twice, more despite their best efforts. Richards stepped up to rescue the scoreline and the match ended a respectable 4 – 6 to Manchester.

York built on their performance into the second game thanks to a pre-match team talk from stand-in coach Jack Jones. They were caught short at the back and went a goal down early but Whiting led from the front and brought her team level. MMU found a way through but York hit back, Whiting nearly adding a second before Katherine Newton and Worrell chalked up one apiece. Hannah How made an impressive swim and was unlucky to hit the bar, with Richards collecting the loose ball and converting.

York led 4-2 into the second half and made their intentions clear when Richards and Whiting both scored after the restart. Player of the match Worrell made it 7-2 before Richards found the top right corner with an awesome effort. A clearly defeated MMU managed to salvage a consolation goal before Annie Russell, in her first season at UYSWC, edged past the keeper to round off the scoring at 9-3 to York.

Captain Fiona Whiting was pleased with how her team turned it round in the second game. "We knew we were capable of beating MMU but it can be hard to motivate yourself on the back of a loss. The girls did so well to win by such a margin and we played really well too".

YORK: Falcini, Whiting (c), Richards, Worrell, Peacop, Newton, Chidwick, How, Hall, Mott, Russell, Jordan

Player of the Match v Manchester: Fran Falcini

Player of the Match v MMU Cheshire: Jenny Worrell

