

Attacker of the Week: Claire Jones

December 9, 2015



Club: WC Eagles

Division: U19

Team: Red

Years with Club: 3

Tournament:

WC Eagles U19 Tournament, 12/6/15

Contribution to U19 Red this week: Jones was an integral part of a dominant team performance with her U19 Red team outscoring their opponents 26-1 over four games.

Key attributes: Jones thrived on a team that played fast, entertaining hockey, using her speed and hand skills to create chances for herself and her teammates. A powerful flicker on attacking corners, she further contributed at set pieces with numerous goals and assists throughout the day.

"Claire works incredibly hard each and every training session. She is a very talented player who is always looking to improve her skills and game play," stated Guy Cathro, WC Eagles Coach. "We expect Claire to continue improving and show her quality throughout the indoor season and beyond."

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Defender of the Week: Rachel Kagarise/ FSC

December 9, 2015



Club: FSC Falcons

Division: U19

Team: White

Years with Club: 5

Tournament:

The Training Center, 12/5/15

Contribution to U19 White this week: “Rachel is versatile at both defense and midfield,” shared Michelle Finegan, Director of FSC. “Her vision on the court and stick work ability to maneuver through the game is exceptional. Rachel has a strong block tackle as well. Her skills and vision were integral in our team’s performance at the tournament.”

Also noteworthy: “Rachel assisted two FSC teams in qualifying for the NIT last year. She has a great work ethic, athleticism and is coachable,” added Finnegan.

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Student-Athlete of the Week: **Nina Disco**, Souderton Strikers

December 9, 2015



Club: Souderton Strikers

Division: U19

Years with Club: 6

Tournament:

USA Field Hockey Festival, Palm Springs, Ca. (3rd year)

Academic Achievements:

GPA - 3.65

AP Courses - AP US History and AP Composition

Honors Classes - Honors History & Global, Honors English,

Honors Math

Distinguished Honor Roll

Athletic Achievements:

3 year varsity player

11 goals and 13 assists in 2015 (junior) season

Suburan One All League Second Team

Extracurricular Activities and Volunteer Work:

Plays piano and is a member of Future Business Leaders of American at Souderton HS

Volunteer at Cradles to Crayons and Care & Share Thift Shop

Interests: Disco is interested in studing Speech Pathology and play field hockey @ at a Pennsylvania college or university

Coach Becca Chylack (Disco's Festival coach and indoor coach) : "It's not only just a privilege to coach Nina but to see her grow as a person. Nina is a rare find in a player. She is highly skilled with her stickwork and her knowledge of game and offers a strong sense of leadership both on and off the field."

Strikers Manager, Michelle Waldspurger: "Nina has worked hard for a long time both on and off the court - she gets great grades in the classroom and challenges herself with AP and Honor courses as well on the athletic field/court . She trains year around playing club and in showcases, clinics, leagues, and camps. Nina has taken the extra step to evaluate her game to next level and will be a great addition to any college team. It's been exciting to see her develop into an excellent field hockey player."

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Team of the WEEK: X-Calibur FHC U16 Lancers

December 9, 2015



Club: X-Calibur FHC

Division: U16

Team: Lancers

Tournament:

Shooting Star FH Tournament, Richmond, Va.

Tournament highlights: X-Calibur U16 Lancers won the U16 Pool A Division by defeating every opponent (vs. WC Eagles Blue 2-0, vs. FC United 3-0, vs. Total Dutch Blue 2-0, vs. FSC Falcons 6-0, vs. Uprise 1-0). They notched 14 goals in 5 games.

“We played exceptional hockey - controlled the pace of play with pinpoint passing, showed poised play on the back line transferring the ball with ease, executed a highly effective press that resulted in multiple counter-attacks, and displayed exceptional midfield work that limited opposing teams attacking opportunities,” shared Head Coach Brian Hope. “Every member contributed to our success in this highly competitive tournament.”

Noteworthy: “Kara McClure (center back) stood out as one of the top defensive players in this tournament. She was a shutdown defender on the backline, communicated effectively with her teammates and prevented the other teams from establishing consistent pressure in our defensive circle,” added Hope.

Players: Codi Bollinger, Isabella Bressler, Hailey Couch, Samantha Davidson, Alexandra DeVito, Natalie Fuertsch, Sophia Gladieux, Mary Gould, Mekenna Maguire, Kara McClure, Hannah Moser, Taylor Orsi, Samantha Pak, Elizabeth Saffin, Julianna Smyth, Sydney Taylor, Olivia Trace, AiYi Young

Coaches: Brian Hope - Head Coach, Rachel Palumbo – Assistant Coach

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