**Shetland vs Orkney A Game**

Inter county report Q1 Started off quick with Orkney gaining interception for first point. Took Shetland longer to settle but more steady play and interception from Kim Johnson at GK helped Shetland push ahead. Quick linking play from Orkney up court from Erica Tait WD to Inga Kemp C helped get the ball to Zara Flett at GS who’s shot was very accurate. The Orkney defensive team was making Shetland shooters job hard, but Debbie smith had some great goals helping Shetland to get in the lead. Orkney came back to equal score and their defensive circle made Shetland’s shooters work hard. The Shetland defensive duo of Johnson and Emma Leask GD got every rebound making the Orkney shooters work hard but a late goal from Orkney meant they pulled the lead to finalise the score 10-9. Q2 After the first centre Orkney used a back line pass to turn play around and score the first goal. Flett continued to get most shots in and effortless play up court from Tait to the new centre Katrina Garson. Shetland wing defence Sally Sandison worked hard to delay the play putting pressure on the Orkney attack. Shetland shooters took a moment to settle but great movement from Rhianne Colvin at goal shoot. Turnover from Sally Sandison for Shetland resulted in the ball being linked well up court through Libby at WA and Claire Morris at C and Debbie Irvine at GA converted it to a goal. The Orkney GK Kirsty Macleod worked tirelessly in the circle to ensure the Shetland shooters weren’t getting the rebounds any turnovers Orkney headed to the circle for Flett to put a shot in. A no goal for Shetland meant they had to reset but put pressure on them with tight defence, Orkney got the goal, but Shetland quickly turned around the next centre and scored in their favour by Colvin. A few disruptions slowed okay down but Shetland held their own and got a goal from Irvine. Interception from Johnson stopped Orkney from getting another goal leaving the score at 22-16 to Orkney at half time Q3 Curstaidh Mackay came onto centre and Claire Morris for Shetland and after some messy play got an interception to help Shetland get the first goal. After a fault from Shetland in the circle Orkney worked the ball up court through Garson at C and Kemp at WA. An interception from Johnson GK provided linking play from Mackay and Morris and working hard in the shooting circle Colvin GS converted this into a goal. A run of goals from Shetland occurred from Irvine and Colvin in the circle. Orkney called time and made a change with Megan Macleod onto C for Garson; this quickly gave Orkney the fresh legs they needed to stop Shetland’s momentum. Shetland defence of Sally Sandison moved to GD with Johnson staying at GK upped the level of pressure for Orkney’s shooters of Flett moved to GA and Parys Hamilton GS. Orkneys WD of Tait worked tirelessly throughout the whole quarter to delay Shetland’s attacking play. A change from Orkneys Tait left them short a player to give Shetland a good goal opportunity for a 1-point difference from Smith. An incorrect backline gave Orkney last minute chance to pull 2 ahead but this was delayed by the duo of Sandison and Johnson meaning the quarter ended at 28-27 to Orkney. Q4 A long first centre with turnover from Tait beckon at WD making this ended to end play with a turnover from Sandison at GD gave Shetland the opportunity for Shetlands Colvin to make the equaliser. Pressure in the middle third, resulted in a foot fault for Orkney. Pressured play continued from both teams. Giving very little opportunity for any goals to be made in the first 5 minutes of this quarter. A much needed interception from Johnson at GK stopped Orkneys attacking play of Macleod and Kemp up the court. Orkney pulling ahead in the final minutes of this quarter putting full pressure on Shetlands defence. Pulling a 4 point lead. Accurate feeds in from McKay provided the opportunity for Colvin to break the run of Orkney goals. Pressure from Orkney in this crucial minutes led Shetland resulting in loosing the ball of the sideline as there was no way for it to go. This pressure continued when the final minutes came to an opportunity for Shetland to equalise was interrupted by Orkneys defence. Final score ending 37-35 to Orkney. POM for Orkney Inga Kemp POM for Shetland Emma Leask