

Suggestions for writing a match report for your local newspaper

Reports can be written and submitted at: www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk/newspaper-submissions.html (photos of the game can also be uploaded on this webpage)

Writing a netball match report is really easy and it doesn't take long. Here is a quick-step guide to letting your local paper know how you went on and to help promote your club as well as netball in the region:

1. Before the Game

- a. Bring a decent digital camera. **You must adhere to the England Netball photography policy and also ask all players involved for permission to send their photos to the press. This includes the other team if necessary;**
- b. Designate somebody in the team to write down the scores after each quarter (or you can get these from the score card at the end of the match);
- c. Take a team photograph and record the full names of the people in the positions they are standing. Include any specific roles e.g. coach, captain for the day etc. (See below for an example).

2. During the Game

- a. Ask someone to take some photos for you. **The taking of photographs during the match is at the discretion of the umpire;**
 - i. Try to get pictures of your team shooting, defending and at the centre pass (if there is space to do this and you don't get in the way of the umpire);
- b. Remember to write down the score after each quarter.

3. After the Game

- a. Choose a 'player of the match' for your team (or if there are two for whatever reason then say so) and the reason for your choice;
- b. Take a photograph of the 'player(s) of the match';
- c. Write a very simple match report (**no more than two paragraphs**) that includes:
 - i. The full name of the league and division that you're playing in (preferably in a title or the first couple of lines of the report) as well as the geographic location (Derby, Loughborough, Wellingborough, Corby etc.)
 - ii. Your team name and the team you were playing;
 - iii. The scores after each quarter and at the end of the match;
 - iv. The player(s) of the match (and why the team voted for her);
 - v. Something unique about the game or player of the match (if possible);
 - vi. Include your club, league, county and/or regional website (choose up to the two most appropriate) and if they can follow you on e.g. Facebook/Twitter. Include the web-links at the relevant points of the report;
 - vii. **Please note you must adhere to the EN Codes of Conduct and not include any derogatory comments about any players, officials or volunteers;**
- d. Send the match report and the most appropriate photographs (including a team photograph) to your local media **that evening;**
 - i. Make sure that every photograph you send has a caption with it as well as the person's/people's name(s) from your team (e.g. "Pennine's player of the match, Lauren Steadman, breaks down another attack with another timely interception")

Example Title: Pennine's Steadman wins Player of the Match in the East Midlands Netball Regional League Division 2

Pennine won its latest East Midlands Netball Regional League Division 2 game against xxxx today (25/07/2012). Xxxx beat Pennine the last time the two teams met and Pennine were trailing 13-10 and 27-26 after the first two quarters. However, the Derby team finally gelled together in the third quarter, spurred on by a solid defensive display by Pennine's Lauren Steadman. Lauren, who recently achieved her level 2 coaching award, meaning she is now able to coach complete netball sessions, helped keep xxxx's third-quarter goals down, meaning that Pennine led 42-37 going into the fourth quarter – a lead they managed to hold onto. The final score was Pennine 56-49 xxxx. Not surprisingly, Lauren was voted Pennine's player of the match for her fine defensive display. For more information on Pennine, please visit (<http://www.penninenetballclub.co.uk/>).

	<p>Caption associated with the photograph:</p> <p>Pennine's Back row (from left): Liz Alsop (Coach), Lauren Steadman, Kay Sparkes (Captain), Isobel Beighton, Elisha Cooper, Joanne Ball, Alexa Gregory</p> <p>Front row (from left): Amy Smith, Jess Smith, Amy Leach, Phyllis Gaskin</p>		<p>Caption associated with the photograph:</p> <p>Pennine's player of the match, Lauren Steadman, breaks down another attack with a timely interception</p>
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