

# SPORTING LIFE

## MORE PICTURES UNICORN LONDON DARTS TEAM



**TOTAL CONTROL:** Scott Moller, 17, tots up the score while 15-year-old Ashley Kebell prepares for his go on the oche. Right: The Unicorn darts club at their St Augustine's Church base in Hammersmith

# Trio a hit for the Hammers

► Ciska scores while H&F team-mates Phillipa and Amanda also impress for Middlesex county cup success  
 ► Hammers' league form is excellent so far – undefeated!

**TIM HARRISON**

THREE players from Hammersmith & Fulham Ladies helped Middlesex to lift rugby's southern county trophy with a comprehensive victory over Essex.

Hammers full-back Ciska van Shalkwyk was one of the stars of the 32-5 win, scoring the first of six team tries after just five minutes when lock Lucy Ross-MacKenzie (Rosslyn Park) stole the ball in an Essex lineout and passed wide for her to dive over the line.

As well as Ciska, H&F flankers Phillipa Spratt and Amanda Afoa Peterson were part of the squad which won the RFUW London & South East county championship at Wasps RFC.

Team-mate Alethea Binfor was selected for the bench but had to withdraw on the morning of the game.

Hammers No10 Laura Morton, wing Anja Weymar and centre Kit Ahweyevu also played their part in earlier rounds of the county competition.

Reigning county champions Middlesex started favourites in the final, having already beaten Kent, Sussex and Hertfordshire this season.

After Ciska's early breakthrough, fly-half Ari Gaunt scored following a series of quick passes before Ciska grabbed



**HIGH STANDARDS:** Phillipa Spratt, Ciska van Shalkwyk and Amanda Afoa Peterson from H&F Ladies shone in the Middlesex side to pick up a county trophy. Left: Ciska on a run



her second try – Middlesex's third – just before the break. The second half belonged to Middlesex as three more tries led to the deserved win, with Amanda being picked for special praise in securing and keeping possession.

A proudly multicultural side, now in their sixth season, H&F Ladies players come from England, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Germany and Canada.

Coaches Terry Alleyne and Terry See are always keen to welcome new players to the team, who train at Hurlingham Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7.30-9pm.

H&F Ladies narrowly missed out on promotion last season, and set themselves the goal of being undefeated winners of their league this year. Early results suggest

that is achievable, after a 45-5 home win against Old Caterhamians (in which Ciska scored five tries), a 53-5 home win over Basingstoke, an 85-0 away win over Barnes (in which Ciska again scored five tries), a 31-0 win over Lewes and, most impressively of all, a 17-10 win over Guildford.

That top-of-the-table clash was always going to test the Hammers as Guildford Gazelles had yet to concede any points this season. Nerves settled, however, after wing Alethea Binfor scored in the corner before some brilliant support play saw centre Ruth Blair cross the line for the Hammers' second try, converted by Katy Lemon.

An overlap and slow response from the Hammers let Guildford score in the corner for a half-time score of 17-5.

The second half saw scrappier play from both sides, with Guildford scoring a second try before H&F Ladies held out for the victory.

• For more details on the team, who have an active social side centred on the Wheatsheaf pub in Fulham, visit: [www.hfrfc.co.uk](http://www.hfrfc.co.uk)

## SUPERB NETBALL BY SACRED HEART



**FACE-OFF:** Poppy Billinge of Sacred Heart A team holds off a challenge in a game against Phoenix PICTURE BY LEIGH QUINNELL

GIRLS from across the borough took part in a netball competition at Phoenix High School in Shepherd's Bush.

Five teams of Year 9 pupils competed at the Shepherd's Bush school on November 20, with all involved playing

each other. Sacred Heart A team won the competition while St Paul's secondary school were runners-up.

Fulham Cross Girls School came third, followed by Sacred Heart B team and Phoenix High School. **Jon Weisgard**