

SASI V PLYMPTON  
SANTOS Stadium  
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In their second encounter of the season, the SASI Women's Football team beat Plympton 4-1. With perfect conditions replacing last week's torrential rain, the girls went back to their preferred style of football; passing, moving, and retaining possession. The girls initially struggled to win headers all over the park as they adjusted to playing their much taller opponents. However, central defenders Ebony Weidenbach and Nicole Calder managed to switch play along the backline, and on several occasions Calder delivered accurate balls straight to wide midfielder Lilly Rydon. The girls were strong down the wings, especially on the left, with Rosie Gardiner working hard to create one-twos and crossing opportunities. The first goal came 15 minutes into the first half and was scored with a back post finish from Rachel Quigley who went on score her customary Hat trick.

With the boys' goal kicks landing short, the SASI girls were able to keep the ball up the boys' end creating enough pressure on the Plympton Goal. Eventually the second goal came from just this. Monika Holmwood volleyed a first time ball to Quigley, who turned and converted a smooth one on one with the keeper into a goal. Midfielder Ruth Wallace also created some attacking opportunities, sending the ball wide and using attacking midfielder Angela Fimmano.

The second half saw emerging young gun Megan Ross make her SASI debut. Chichi May bolstered the defence, while Rhianna Peate played on her favourite position on the left. Peate made an impact from the start, making driving runs down the left side, and winning two consecutive corners.

The boys managed to score their goal from a corner. A tight scuffle in the penalty area made a driven shot from 4 metres out impossible for goalkeeper Sian McClaren to save. McClaren had a great game, with her distribution from the back been sublime, and her goal kicks accurate.

A handball in the boys' penalty box gave Ebony Weidenbach a chance to convert the penalty for the Third goal with Quigley finishing things off with a great header from a cross from Ashlee Fual. Although the boys kept fighting until the end, the girls came away with the win. With four difficult games coming up, the girls will be looking to improve their performances and keep clean sheets.