

Uppingham Girls v TSV Ludwigsberg 1-1

Our first game was against TSV Ludwigsburg. It was a first for both teams, they had never played an English team before and our girls had never played a German side, both teams were very excited and Ludwigsburg had made a real occasion of it all. We started the match after singing the national anthem and having an official photo with the opposition. Although late to the match because of traffic we had a great start, despite there being a lot of support including grandparents shouting in German. Kate Gladstone scored in the first 10 minutes of the game with a fantastic reverse hit (Mr Baker was extremely happy) giving us more confidence after a short warm up. For the rest of the half we played very creative hockey and were denied goals only by some amazing diving saves from their keeper (who got our man of the match award after the game). The second half was a little more even, and unfortunately they scored from a short corner in the last 30seconds of the match. But we all agreed that it was a fair score of 1-1 and a really strong start to the tour. Charlotte Greenway and Louisa Parsons won 'Gals of the Game' to everyone's agreement.

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