Women’s netball match report: Liverpool Hope University 69-23 Manchester Metropolitan University 6th

Hope Women’s Netball team produced a stunning performance to beat Manchester Metropolitan University 69-23. The form, going into the game, favoured the home side having won their last home game but were edged out in a close 45-40 defeat away at Bangor University since then. However, playing against a side that has been comprehensively beaten every game this season, not gaining a single point in the league table, gave Hope a chance to respond in style. A cagey opening quarter left the score 11-7 in Hope’s advantage and produced an end-to-end encounter. Nevertheless, Hope made their dominance count during the next two quarters leaving the score at 32-11 at the end of the second. The score line was compounded with it being 51-14 by the end of the third period of play and leaving the opposition clearly outplayed. The final result marked Hope’s biggest victory of the season.

They proved too good for the bottom ranked opponents and showed off some slick passing moves in the final third of the court. The attacking duo up front showed ruthlessness to build up 69 points between the pair of them, while the defence for the large majority proved solid and difficult to breach. This was capped off by the protection of captain Jess Willis, the Centre, who marshalled the middle of the park with ease. A momentous victory will breathe confidence into Hope for next week’s fixture against Keele University’s 2nd team.