

Letchworth cruise to victory past Santacruzense

On Saturday, Letchworth Roller Hockey club hosted London based Club Santacruzense, in the latest premier league game. The hosts dominated the game from the start, with an amazing tight-angled goal coming from Ricky Jupp to open the score in the 5th minute, quickly followed by James Taylor in the 7th, Carlos Amaral in the 9th and Taylor again in the 11th. Although the visitors kept up the pressure, and had several attempts on goal, they were unable to get past keeper Ben Howes. Nigel Allen added to the tally in the 18th minute, followed by Taylor completing his hat-trick a minute later, and then both Jupp and Amaral added their second goals. Half time score: 8 – 0.

The visitors were more determined and effective in the second half, and despite having a player blue carded in the second minute of play, they were able to keep the hosts at bay and prevent any further goals. They even managed to pull one back in the 5th minute, and a direct free hit on goal 6 minutes later added to their score. Meanwhile the hosts had substituted for 2 of the U17 players Chay Westrop and Marco Giancola, both playing for the first time in a home Premier League game. They both added plenty of energy, and came close to scoring on more than one occasion – looks like we'll have to wait a bit longer for their first home goal! The visitors looked like making a comeback when they added a 3rd without reply in the 13th minute, but the hosts were not finished by any means. Craig Gibson hit back first, followed by four more from Taylor. Although the visitors did manage to score again, it was not enough to stop LRHC from romping home 13-4 at the final whistle.

Team: D Milne (GK) C Gibson, M Giancola, C Westrop, N Allen, A Allen(C) , C Amaral, B Howes (GK), R Jupp, J Taylor.