



NVL NATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
MATCH REPORTS
SUPER 8 WOMEN

Saturday 24th November 2012

Team Northumbria vs City of Salford VC

Result: 25:10, 27:10, 20:20 (3-0)

Team Northumbria women recorded another volleyball victory this weekend to continue their Super 8s success. The Sport Central stars saw off visitors City of Salford 25-10, 25-10, 25-20 and incredibly are yet to drop a set so far this season.

"It was a comfortable victory," said TN's head coach Dave Goodchild. "We had two or three injuries yesterday so we only had seven players to choose from. Alanna McDonald, our second setter, started and played very well. I think Magda Ropiak played as well as I've seen her play in two or three seasons at Team Northumbria- she's just getting better and better. She had 15 kills and only one error so I'm really pleased for her. Both Ropiak and Whitney Phillips are already in contention for the Super 8s' MVP award. They are in good form at the moment and consistently playing well."

Next week TN's women make the journey south to take on Birmingham in a cup encounter. And Goodchild is confident of his team's chances. "We're struggling with injuries a little bit but the teams we are putting out are still strong," he added.

"For example - Alice Harkness is only 18 but she's getting really good experience at the moment and will be starting for the next couple of weeks. Birmingham are either a league or two leagues below us. And with our team, I'll be very disappointed if we don't make the final of the cup and win it. They are all good professional players who are dedicated and work really hard and I set the team the challenge of winning it. The backroom staff are all pulling in the right direction - I've got Joel Brannigan (TN's Strength and Conditioning Expert) working with them day in, day out and we should have a full strength squad before Christmas - if not, then just after."

"It's a big team effort - I need all the staff and it's excellent that they are all contributing."