

Sherborne Girls' School 21 International College 10

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The second basketball match of the year for the Westcott Girls was a much closer match than their opening fixture. A tip off won by Edison made for a promising start, with good dribbling all round and some close marking. A free throw to SG however meant the opening points went to SG and a further scramble for the ball resulted in another 2 points to the home team. Some great defending by Sophie halted any further progress by SG. This combined with several narrow misses by various IC girls and a cheeky basket from Edison resulted in a first quarter score of 5:2.

The second quarter was more productive for IC. Following 6 points scored for SG by their star player, a good clearance by Echo took the ball to the IC end to allow Irina to pick up 2 points. This was swiftly followed by Alisa halting SG in their tracks with a great intercept, which she worked back to the basket for a further 2 points to IC. Some fancy footwork from Sophie in a one on one with SG's star player, and a good run by Irina that unfortunately resulted in a shot falling just short of the basket saw the end of the second quarter at 11:6.

At the start of the third quarter it was apparent that both teams were beginning to tire and SG took advantage of this to sneak a quick two baskets. Some contact in the key by SG led to a free throw for IC, which was taken by Yuki. Unfortunately however no points came from it and SG picked up the pieces for three further baskets.

After a short rest the final quarter opened with much travelling back and forth from both teams. There was certainly little to choose between the two sides until the final minutes when two missed shots by SG led to a clean 2 point shot by Alisa followed by Yuki cleaning up a rebound from the hoop. This brought the final score to 21:10, a massive improvement for IC on the previous term's SG fixture that reflected their steep learning curve at the hands of team coach Miss Norton.