



Hitchin Hearts Belles FC

2010-2011

Under 10's Tournament Report



Date: Saturday 18th September 2010
Kick-off: 11:45 am
Venue: Ickleford Rec
Competition: U10's League match V Watford Ladies

With the new season springing into life, the U10 Belles took to the freshly mown pitch and set up in their new 7 a side line up.

The coaches had spent the last 2 training sessions running through the 2-3-1 line up and the girls took to their positions with great confidence and were soon off to their wonderful passing game.

New addition Erin in the holding midfielder role was enjoying lots of ball and confidently fed the hard working, wide midfielders Katie and Nemo, who had Watford on the back foot.

Zhane in the role of lone striker worked tirelessly to link up play but was marshalled well by the 2 Watford defenders.

Chloe K and Gemma were solid at the back, providing a platform for our attacking diamond of 4 to enjoy a sustained period of attack that lasted for 20 minutes that resulted in 7 or 8 corners and some half chances on goal. So far our keeper Chloe E, had not touched the ball once!

With the 1st half coming to a close, Katie, being encouraged by the coaches this season to shoot more, did exactly that and was fortuitous as the Watford keeper let it slip in at her near post, 1-0 to the Belles! You know the saying, 'If you don't buy a ticket.....'.

Following some quick passing from yet another corner, Courtney found herself through on goal with only the keeper to beat, a calm finish saw the Belles take a 2-0 lead into the half time break.

With the coaches delighted and singing the praises of the girls, they took to the field, kicking towards the club house and things suddenly became tougher. The shape had temporarily gone which meant the passing game couldn't kick in. With the coaches hurrying to restore the shape, the Belles rolled their sleeves up and cleared the danger away from the imposing Watford attack. This wasn't in the script!!

A few last ditch clearances by Rosie and Gemma kept our sheet clean and eventually we were back to our familiar passing game. Erin found Nemo in space out wide on the right who looked up and attacked down the wing, playing in Courtney who put the game out of Watford's reach with yet another trademark finish.

A great start to the season, well done to the team for picking up the 7 a side format so quickly.

Onwards and Upwards.

Team: Chloe K, Chloe E, Erin, Rosie, Katie, Courtney, Nemo, Gemma, Zhane, Tashai

Final score: 3 v 0

Player of the Match: Nemo (confident in possession – one to watch this season)