



Hitchin Hearts Belles FC 2010-2011 Under 11's Match Report



Date: Saturday 2nd October 2010
Kick-off: 10:30 am
Venue: Ickleford Sports & Recreation Ground
Competition: HGFPL

HHBs U11 13 v 0 St Albans Youth(South)

The U11s began their home campaign this morning at Ickleford with a convincing 13-0 demolition of St Albans Youth (South).

The girls looked resplendent in their new tops, provided and kindly sponsored by Bowmans of Ickleford, and they were only matched by the gorgeous early autumn sunshine that bathed Chambers Lane.

St Albans came to Hitchin for the first time as a team, and it was they who got proceedings under way. It wasn't long though, before Hitchin gained possession and an early indication of what was about to come, as Sadie fired wide of the St Albans goal. A minute later and the ball was in the back of the net but it was Kinnari who opened the scoring with a nicely placed shot. Within seconds of the restart, it was 2-0 to the Belles, as Sadie latched on to a ball from Emily after a fantastic run up the right wing. Unbelievably, 2 minutes later and it was 3 as Sadie hit her second from outside the box. The goal scoring frenzy died down for a while but in the 11th minute Emily claimed her first of the season after good work from Jess O' down the left hand flank. St Albans were having a tough time of it, with the Belles midfield combinations of Sasa, Kinnari, Ciara and Jess playing some wonderful possession football and the rare times the ball did pop through there was Meg, as usual, or Jessica Ol to clear up. 14 minutes gone and it was 5-0 as Sadie claimed her second consecutive hat trick with yet another powerful shot from distance. It was 6, two minutes later as Sadie scored yet again after a lovely worked corner from Jess O'. Still the Belles pressed and in the 20th minute Sadie scored after brilliant running and control from Emily had put her clear. It was route 1 for the 8th goal after a great kick out from Nicole in the Belles goal found Emily who coolly slotted home her second of the game. Jess O' had a couple of chances to score, putting just wide and Sasa was unlucky not to add a ninth when the St Albans keeper saved her well hit shot with her legs. The half time whistle was probably a relief for the somewhat beleaguered St Albans side.



Kinnari in action



Player of the game, Jess O' making a run

Half time score: 8 v 0

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Second Half

The half time talk was all about more of the same but keeping their composure as football has a nasty habit of biting you if you don't stay alert. All credit to St Albans, they came out with determination and their heads up in the second half even though they were on the wrong end of a big score. Four minutes in to the second half and the Belles extended their lead as Jess O' got her deserved first goal of the season after a goal mouth scramble. Play was held up for a few minutes as one of the St Albans players felt the after effects of a strong but fair challenge from Sadie, thankfully after a few minutes rest she was ready to play again. Sasa nearly got herself on the scores sheet after the delay but saw her shot bounce off the post (again!), but not to fear, because in the 33rd minute she placed the ball firmly in to the back of the net from just inside the area. Five minutes later came the goal of the game when Sadie, now playing in defence, hit a powerful shot from well inside her own half and was delighted to see it slip through the fingers of the St Albans keeper to notch her sixth and the Belles 11th. Sasa went close again with a shot that went just over the bar, and Sadie, Emily Kinnari and Jess O' were all close to extending the Belles lead even more. St Albans kept plugging away and nearly caught the Belles napping on a couple of occasions but good defensive work from Sadie and Meg, who was now playing in a midfield role, stopped the Belles from conceding. Kinnari weighed in with her second of the game after a quick break and trademark cut in from the wing and Emily wrapped up the scoring with two minutes to go after shooting across the keeper, although Meg was only centimetres away from making that hers.

A fantastic all round team performance today from the girls with them all doing everything that was asked of them again. There was plenty of talking to each other, carefully weighted passing, movement off the ball, using the full width of the pitch and not being scared of missing when shooting. An even more pleasing aspect was the girls being magnanimous in their victory, even by such a wide margin, and the girls were quick to shake hands and cheer the St Albans girls as we've all been there and know how it feels to be on the receiving end.



Nicole in goal. "Somebody shoot, please!"



Number 13

Team: Nicole, Meg, Jess O', Ciara, Jessica Ol, Kinnari, Sasa, Emily, Sadie (capt)

Player of the Match: Tough one today with 4 in the running, but Jess O' gets it for her great performance today. Brilliant communication, good wing play, fantastic powerful crosses and corners and to cap it all a goal and so nearly 2 or even possibly 3.

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