



# Hitchin Hearts Belles FC 2010-2011 Under 9's Match Report



Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2011  
Kick-off: 11:30 am  
Venue: Met Police Club, Bushey  
Competition: (League)

## Garston Ladies 2 v 1 Hitchin Belles

This game was to be a bench mark for the Belles to see how far they have come in a short time. Their first meeting this season finished with a convincing Garston win in the girls third ever game.

With both teams having a full turn out of players it was agreed to play 6 aside. It wasn't long before Garston went close only to be foiled by a fantastic save by Zoe. But it was then Mia's turn to have a chance which went narrowly wide. A few seconds later the Belles had another chance to score and it fell to Ros who was very unlucky as it skimmed the post. Garston attacked back and they got a goal towards the end of the quarter in a very even quarter.



The start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was barely under way when another chance fell for Garston only to be foiled by a blinding save by Ros. But confidence was growing and the girls were starting to win their individual battles around the pitch. The goalkeepers Ros & Zoe were confident in coming off their lines to meet the oncoming Garston players. Towards the end of the quarter Garston seemed to get the better of the possession but the Belles were very solid with all 8 girls being able to be proud of their defensive performance.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter kicked off and it wasn't long before the Belles created a chance which skimmed the post. The Belles took the game to Garston with determined tackling, winning the ball which provided a chance for Mia which needed a great save by the Garston keeper to prevent an equalizer. The Belles chances were increasing with Lauren, Jessica, Mia, Mollie all going close. As the quarter continued the Belles passing & movement continued to create chances.



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The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter was barely underway when Zoe in goal made an excellent save to deny Garston. The Belles went looking for a goal with first Mia going close. This was followed by a slick move from Mia to Lauren to Jessica whose shot went just past the post. However Garston also had a chance which was only prevented when Zoe dived low to her right to catch the ball. The Belles hard work was justified when Lauren was put through by another fantastic pass by Megan and Lauren nicely tucked it in. The smiles on the girl's faces said it all but they didn't stop their effort and they weren't far off taking the lead with shots for Mollie, Mia and Lauren. Darcey and Megan in defence were outstanding, limiting the Garston attacks. However, with the final whistle fast approaching, a shot from Garston sneaked in off the inside of the post to give the home team the win.

This was a far cry from the performance from the team that lost to Garston earlier in the season. The improvement these girls have made in such a short time is excellent. The Belles looked shattered but they probably played the best match to date in their short time playing football. The hardest choice was who was going to be the player of the match as each one deserved the trophy but the decision went to Megan for her best performance so far. It was a joy to watch and a big thank you to all the team for all the hard work they put in. There is nothing better than seeing the girls applying what they've learnt in training.

**Team:** Ros, Darcey, Mia (captain), Lauren, Jessica, Mollie, Zoe

**Player of the Match:** Megan