



# Hitchin Hearts Belles FC

## 2010-2011

### Under 9's Match Report



Date: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011  
Kick-off: 10.30 am  
Venue: Ickleford Sports & Recreation Ground  
Competition: (League)

## Hitchin Belles 1 v 7 Comets

### First Quarter

The Comets kicked off the match & it wasn't long before they were on the attack. They were very unlucky not to score but were prevented by a great save from Megan. Before the Belles could compose themselves they found themselves 1-0 down after a beautifully struck shot from one of the Comets players. From the kick off the Belles went looking for the equaliser and it was Lauren who went close to bringing the game all square. The game then took a turn and there wasn't anything the Belles could do as they met a Comets team where every girl was playing well. If wasn't for last ditch tackles from Jessica & Rachel plus Mia, Mollie & Lauren. With Megan doing all she could in goal the score would have been greater. The Belles did have glimpses of what they are capable of by keeping their shape and a few attacks from Lauren Mia & Zoe and the ever smiling Mollie.

### Second Quarter

The game kicked off & it was the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with the Comets dictating the game. In a crazy 5 minute spell the Belles defended for their lives with Megan saving & Rachel/Darcey clearing the ball away from the goal mouth. The inevitable happened with the comets going 2-0 up and it seemed like déjà vu because before the Belles knew what hit them they went 3-0 4-0 & 5-0 down with some superb finishing from the Comet girls. There was also one very unlucky own goal from Darcey but with the never die attitude from the Belles they still had chances with Lauren, Mia & Jessica going close after some beautiful running & movement off the ball by Zoe which shows you don't need to touch the ball to create a chance. The Comets attacked down the left flank & with a sweet low cross the ball was hit home over the head off Megan with the whistle blowing the game stood at 6-0.

### Third Quarter

After a very emotional Megan coming off from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter thinking she let the whole Belles team down it was nice to see the reaction from the Belles team who shouted it was anyone's fault. They took that spirit back on the pitch and they came into the game more creating more chances & it was great to see the Belles take a negative & turn it into a positive. There is no ( I ) in team its all for one & one for all & if it wasn't for the great play from the comets goalkeeper the score might have been closer. Also if it wasn't for some great saves from Zoe the score could have got bigger. The Comets did get rewarded for their hard work taking a great corner which was crossed in just like a pro, it fell between Zoe & Darcey but before either could react the Comets striker stuck her toe in & made it 7-0.

### Final Quarter

The game kicked off and with such a different in contrast from the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 quarters as the Belles found time and space to create chances as the Comets tired. More & more chances came the Belles way only to be thwarted by the Comets keeper and defence. As shots started hitting the posts from Megan & Mia and once again Lauren & Rachel went close as the Comets tired & who could blame the girls as they ran their socks off in the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 quarters. With the Belles togetherness & fighting

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spirit our girls started to play like we know they can with Zoe being outstanding in goal and Darcey keeping the defence tight. Not to be denied the Belles struck gold with Mia scoring the Belles one and only goal which came as of the result of some great play & movement and with the Belles doing all the things they learn in training.

**Team:** Zoe, Megan, Mollie, Mia, Lauren, Jessica, Rachel, Darcey

**Player of the Match:** Mia