



Hitchin Hearts Belles FC 2010-2011 Under 10's Match Report



Date: Saturday 15th January 2011
Kick-off: 11:00AM
Venue: Sun Postals
Competition: League match V Watford Ladies

Following a shock defeat to our 'bogey' team, Kings Langley last week, the Belles were well up for a good result today and travelled to Watford in positive spirits. The coaches were keen to allow the girls to express themselves today and play with their personalities rather than to the total football coaching text book.

Erin and Tashai were afforded the luxury of more advanced roles with no defensive duties – we've just had Christmas they thought! Behind them we had the ever improving and versatile Zhane who in turn was backed up by a central defensive pairing of Gemma and Katie with Nemo offering wing back support.

Captain Erin was first to threaten the Watford goal, carving out her own shooting chance only to see it shave past the far post.



Zhane worked hard to provide attacking passes to our forward line but Watford contained Tashai and Erin well.

Nemo in a new role, gradually found space wide on the right and could have enjoyed some forward momentum however we failed to capitalise by picking her out from midfield or defence.

What was looking like a 0-0 first half, suddenly changed when a quick exchange of passes from Erin to Tashai, released Rosie (on for

Zhane) who rounded the last defender and with the outside of her right foot, slotted the ball, in off the post to make it one-nil.

Katie and Gemma worked hard and made some important tackles and when Watford did manage to get in behind, Chloe K in goal gathered safely.



Tashai worked tirelessly upfront and was rewarded with a goal that was all her own making. Bullishly powering through the Watford defence and unleashing an unstoppable shot to put the Belles 2-0 up (that is more like the Tashai we know!)



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Kneesy does it Erin

Throughout the 2nd half, the Belles dominated proceedings and the Watford attacks had been fully extinguished. This allowed Nemo, Rosie and Zhane more time on the ball to work openings and it was only a matter of time before the third goal came.

Jessica caused the Watford defence a headache and came close on a number of occasions to extending the lead by latching onto some good passes from deep. However, the Watford keeper was quick off her goal line and managed to nick it away from Jess' feet. (Keep working on that control Jess and the goals will come!)

As predicted, the Belles linked up one more time in front of the Watford goal to execute a diamond of passes, started and finished by Katie with contributions from Tashai and Zhane that allowed Katie in on goal and in front of the last defender. In a last ditch attempt to clear the ball, the defender may have got the last touch as the ball rolled over the line, but we'll give that to Katie for starting and finishing the move.



The Belles now go into 4 consecutive games against 1st and 2nd in the league and we hope to have a big say in where the title ends up this season.

Team: Chloe K, Erin, Gemma, Cleo, Katie, Zhane, Tashai, Nemo, Rosie, Jessica.

Final score: 0 v 3

Player of the Match: Tashai – great to see her imposing herself on the game again and involved in all 3 goals!