



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



Date: Saturday 22nd January 2011
Kick-off: 13:30 pm
Venue: Garden Fields JMI School, St Albans
Competition: (League)

St Albans City youth 3 v 6 Hitchin Belles

Due to the Hitchin Belles convoy getting split up and lost the game started with the four only players present. Even though the team were coming under heavy pressure the Belles managed to score in the 3rd minute. Mia went on an energetic run & shot beating the St Albans keeper. Before the restart the Belles were back to full strength and it wasn't long before we had another chance, just going wide with the shot. Then on the counter attack, St Albans equalised with a great shot that Ros couldn't do anything about. Another break for the Belles resulted in Mia going close once again. St Albans started to find their feet and the game started going from end to end. Darcey breaks down a St Albans attack and goes on a run down the line. She sets up an opportunity for Jessica only to be foiled by a great save from the Albans keeper. From the following goal kick Rosie intercepts the pass for another great chance only again to be foiled by Albans keeper. After 5 minutes of frantic non stop action Mollie comes on for Rosie and straight away the Belles have another fantastic chance. St Albans are now finding their feet and start getting closer & closer with their chances. They have a great shot which Ros met with an excellent save but unluckily the ball just manages to creep over the line. St Albans keep piling on the pressure and would have scored again if it wasn't for great defending from Darcey. From the resulting corner the Saints scored after the ball just manages to roll in at the near post. So the end of a very exciting 1st quarter and the score was 3-1 to the Saints.

Now the pressure was on the Belles but with the spirit of the team and never say die attitude it wasn't long before the chances came their way. Two quick goals followed, the first from Rosie with a great run and shot, this was followed up with another from Mia, her second of the match. Now with the match all square the Belles started winning all their individual competitions all over the pitch. Another great attack from the Belles, the opportunity falls for Jessica to score and she does, 4-3 to the Belles. Now the confidence is flowing through the team, they are making great runs and constantly looking for the passes for each other. The Belles were working really hard, even though the pitch was heavy and on a slope the girls were maintaining their effort to find another goal. It wasn't long before our own captain marvel (Darcey) went on another fantastic run from her own half to score her 1st goal for the Belles. The longer the game went on and the more tired the Saints got even though they kept battling away. It wasn't long before another star player got her 1st goal with a very good finish from Mollie.

All the belles played out of their skins on this performance. With a few players playing in different positions like Jessica going into goal for the last 2 quarters & Ros in midfield they performed extremely well. It was a very hard choice for player of the match but the award had to go to Darcey for a real captain's performance.

Team: Ros, Darcey (captain), Mia, Rosie, Jessica, Mollie

Player of the Match: Darcey

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