



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



Date: Saturday 19th March 2011
Kick-off: 10:30 am
Venue: Ickleford
Competition: (Friendly)

Hitchin Belles U10's Associates 5 v 3 Hitchin Belles U9's

This was going to be the biggest test for the u9's as they played 7 aside & 3 15minute games.

1st Third

The U9's didn't look out of place & took to it with ease. Straight from the kick off the U9's closed down HHB U10's and Ros found Mia with a sweet pass who then found Lauren who see's her shot narrowly misses the mouth of the goal. With the u9's playing a formation of 1 1 4 1 it wasn't long before they found the ball at their feet again. Rachel & Lauren were dictating the pace of the game in central midfield and especially Rachel winning the battles with Rosie. It wasn't long before the u9's had another close chance with Mia running in from the left flank only to see her shot skim past the far post. From the resulting goal kick from Zhane which reached the U9's half but was intercepted by the rock solid Megan in defence. She then passed the ball to Lauren who went on one of her darting run's and see's her shot deflected out for a corner. Lauren takes the corner & finds Jessica in space who lines up the shot which was heading low for the far corner until Zhane stopped the chance with a fantastic save. But the determination of the u9's wasn't going to be halted in anyway and it wasn't long before they reaped their rewards with another fantastic goal from the U9's goal machine herself Lauren.

From the U10's kick off Ros & Rachel got stuck in & won the ball back & passed to Megan who then passed to Ros who in return sent Jessica down the line only to see her chance go just wide. Once again from the resulting goal kick the very dependable Megan breaks down the U10's attack & sends Mia down the line who plays a lovely pass in to the centre only to be cut out before the U9's could capitalise on the chance. Lauren intercepts the through pass from Rosie & sends Jessica down the line only to be tackled & for the ball going out for a corner which Jessica takes herself & passes to Ros who returns the ball to Jessica who then finds Rachel who lines up a shot only to see it go wide. The whistle blows end of the 1st 3rd.



Rachel, Jess and Rosie



Ros tackling



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2nd Third

Due to the dominance of the 1st 3rd I thought I would give Chloe a chance out on pitch as of the lack of activity in the u9's half with Ros going back into her normal position. It wasn't long before she was called into action, Ros takes a goal kick and finds Jessica out wide on the right wing and before she can penetrate the u10's defence she's halted in her tracks, now the u10's were finding their feet and started to dominate the game. Maybe the lack of subs was the cause as the U9's seemed to be getting tired & they are not used to the length of the game of 15 minutes or they were still buzzing from the first half and before they knew it Hannah had equalised for the u10's. Before the U9's could find their feet the U10's had a few more chances in succession only to be foiled by great saves by Ros & terrific defending by Megan. Now the U9's got a little bit of luck breaking away & Chloe going close with a great chance. Now the pace of the game was picking up and before anyone could blink there was a few passes from Rosie and Alice to send Hannah free again to make it 2-1 to the U10's. From the resulting kick off the U9's went looking for the equaliser & went very close with Mia finding space only to be very unlucky with her chance. The clearance from the u10's saw Rosie going clear to slot the ball home past the despairing diving Ros to make it 3-1 to the U10's.

The U9's kick off once more & go looking for the goal to get them back in the game. It wasn't long before another chance came their way when the very impressive battling Rachel had a chance at her feet only to be stopped by the u10's goalkeeper Zhane. It wasn't long before the U9's got what they deserved with a beautiful struck shot by Chloe which had Zhane beaten all the way; only to be stopped by the far post but there was the very grateful Jessica to slot home her 2nd goal in 2 weeks. Then before the parents could draw breathe the U10's were down the other end with Rosie raining down on goal only to be thwarted by the impressive Megan. But it wasn't long before the u10's got round Megan who was a tower of strength in defence but even she couldn't prevent the fourth goal being slotted home by Alice.



Megan defending



Rosie and Rachel

Final Third

The final 3rd all the players rolled up their sleeves and gave it their all with all the girls running themselves into the ground & non stop battling. It wasn't long before Hannah had her chance for the hat-trick only to be stopped by the hard working Jessica in goal. Before Jessica could brush down herself she was called into action again and once again she stopped Hannah getting her hat-trick. From the resulting clearance Jessica found the ever running Lauren who must run on ultimate



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lithium energizer's as she never stops running. She finds Ros who was up against the towering powerful Zhane but give her credit Ros wasn't fazed at all and gave good as she got. In the battle with Zhane Ros came out on top and sent Lauren free only to see her shot just go wide. The game was like a yoyo, one end to another and it wasn't long before Jessica was called into action with another fantastic save. Once again she found Megan in space who found Mia who then passed to Ros and then onto the midfield general Lauren who carried on scoring another great goal which takes her tally to 23 for the season. With 4 games to go can she reach the 30? The game went into the last couple of minutes and it was Rachel who went close to equalising only to see the chance going wide. Then it was the U10's chance and finally Hannah got her hat-trick with a fantastic finish. The U9's did themselves proud standing up against the u10's and not look out of place. Very well done girls, I can say from me and all the parents we are all very proud of you all & can't wait for next season. A very special thank you to Chloe for stepping in for the U9's.



Midfield battling



Ros on the break

Team: Chloe, Megan, Lauren, Mia, Rachel, Ros, Jessica

Player of the Match: n/a