

Monday 25th February 2008
U14's Girls Representative Match
South Chiltern Minor League 0 - 1 North East Hants Youth League

Well over 100 spectators turned out on a chilly evening to witness the South Chiltern Minor League's first ever girls representative match, under the floodlights at Palmer Park.

The visitors took hold of the game in the opening minutes and Lauren Wilson gave them an early lead, showing an electrifying turn of speed to race clear of the SCML defence and fire past keeper Hannah Rogers. The Hampshire side continued to have the better of the early exchanges, with Rogers pulling off a couple of outstanding saves and Tisha Garnes showing some assured defending to prevent them going further ahead.

The South Chiltern girls started to settle, and Sam Nice played Zoe Pugh through to force a good save from Hannah Young. The hosts were forced to reshuffle the side when the injured Jodie Webb was replaced by Nekita Daudharia, but continued to press forward and Young again pulled off a fine save after Nice timed her run perfectly to beat the offside.

The second half saw a much more confident SCML side take the game to the visitors. Zoe Pugh's fine cross evaded everyone, and then Millie Rees burst through the middle only to fire just wide. The NEHYL were much more restricted in their forays forward, although Nikki Daudharia had to be at her best to close down a quick counter attack. The hard working Rachel Ephraim and Mary Arnold chased everything for the SCML, and Tisha Garnes's free kick resulted in Pugh going close. But the impeccable Young didn't put a foot wrong all evening and the visitors held on for a narrow victory.



SCML team: Hannah Rogers, Hannah Norris, Amelia Rees, Rosie Povey (all Woodley Hammers), Jodie Webb (South Reading Vixens), Nekita Daudharia, Rachel Ephraim, Samantha Nice, Gemma Burrow (all Whiteknights), Mary Arnold, Gemma Ross (both Wargrave), Natasha Furnell (Westwood Emeralds), Tisha Garnes, Zoe Pugh, Molly Smith (all Westwood Diamonds)

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