

Comberton Crusaders FC

Comberton Crusaders U13 v Milton Colts U13 at Bourn Recreation Ground

Result: Comberton-Milton 6-1

Strong Second Half For Crusaders

The recent heavy rain thankfully relented on match day, the pitch was good and the cooler overcast conditions were great for playing and watching football. Thanks to Jon and his Milton team for a friendly encounter, and to Silviu for his excellent refereeing.

The final 6-1 margin was a bit harsh on Milton, who have some good players and were incisive going forward, creating a good share of threats to the Comberton goal especially in the 1st half, and deserving a 2nd goal with some nice team play in the 2nd half. Comberton developed its team play with some good passing, runs down the flanks and crosses, and keeper Gina H and her defenders were called into regular action. Comberton took a 2-0 lead, Milton came back to 2-1 late in the 1st half, but with two early 2nd half goals Comberton became more dominant and scored twice more towards the end.

From the start Selina L burst through from midfield, her strong shot was very well blocked by the Milton keeper and the follow-up shot flew narrowly wide. Minutes later, a strong Comberton run and cross from the left found Summer C on the edge of the area who controlled well and shot low into the corner for 1-0. The following period was balanced, both teams attacked and keepers and defences had to work hard. A Milton shot was straight at Gina H and another well blocked by Kate C, at the other end Comberton corners and shots were close. Another Comberton corner from the right saw the ball blocked by a Milton defender but right at the feet of Lucy W who smacked it in from close range for 2-0. Comberton then saw a great shot graze the outside of the post. From the goal kick, two Comberton players hesitated over the ball, a Milton player struck it forward where it glanced off a Comberton defender to land at the feet of a Milton forward who made it 2-1 with a fine low hard shot. There was still more action at both ends, Lucy W striking the ball on to the post and Joanna R blocking a fierce Milton shot.

In the 2nd half, Comberton gained the ascendancy with a number of attacks and openings. Early on Fiona C finished a fine move going around the keeper and stroking the ball in with discipline from a tight angle for 3-1. Minutes later, another good team move ended with a Summer C diagonal shot evading the Milton keeper and the ball rolled in for 4-1. Comberton created more excellent chances. At the other end, Milton penetrated as well with some good passing and movement, the Comberton defence had work to do and did it well. In the final ten minutes a neatly worked Comberton corner and cross ended in a shot which Selina L helped in from point blank range for 5-1. Then a good team move saw Ellie D run on to goal from the right and get a diagonal ball past the oncoming Milton keeper and Fiona C was able to control it, beat the last defender and fire into the empty net for 6-1. There was still more action, a fine Milton move released a forward into the Comberton box and a good cross just evaded everyone with the ball rolling across the face of goal, another Milton forward crossed the ball again to a teammate whose shot was well saved by Gina H. And Comberton narrowly missed a last good chance right on the final whistle.

Very well done to all the players from both teams for their hard work and lively play. For Comberton there were many quality performances.

Both squads took part in a penalty shootout after the match and it was great fun for everyone. We saw many excellent strikes (low in the corner, in the top corner, in off the bar) and some super saves from the keepers as well.

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