

# Comberton Crusaders FC



## Match Report



S-Tech Cambridgeshire Girls League U11s

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Comberton Crusaders made the journey to a sunny Haddenham, for their first visit, and received a warm welcome from the visiting team.

Having only 7 players due to illnesses and other commitments the Crusaders knew they were going to have to work very hard for any positive result and needed to avoid any injuries.

The match started with Comberton struggling to find form, with players playing in unfamiliar positions and errors appearing in their play. Haddenham took advantage with an early lead and this seemed to settle the Comberton side. Comberton created a number of chances but the Haddenham keeper played well and was able to make the necessary saves to preserve the lead. Haddenham then extended their lead and Comberton had an uphill struggle to face, ending the first half 2-0 down.

Comberton stayed positive and in the second half looked a much improved team. They were able to keep more of the possession and persisted with their efforts on goal. They eventually made a break through when EJ dribbled the ball through the midfield pulling the keeper wide and slotting the ball across goal into the net. The crusaders were buoyed by the goal and, with a well-worked move between Abbey and Ceyda, they scored an equaliser with Ceyda providing the finishing touch.

Haddenham made some break away attacks but the strong interceptions from Lucy in defence; and Rachel and Grace, who worked hard tracking back from midfield to block the crosses, enabled them to stop Haddenham from regaining the advantage.

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Comberton almost took the lead when, after a series of corners, the ball broke free to Lucy who shot from just inside the Haddenham half to lob the keeper with the shot dipping but falling just wide of the target.

This was an entertaining game of football from two teams who clearly enjoy playing the game.

Thank you to the referee and to the Haddenham team for their warm welcome. We look forward to playing them again next season.

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