

Comberton 2 Bar Hill 0

Fair Play was the headline for today's fixture, thanks to the visiting team Bar Hill. Comberton started the fixture with just 9 players and no substitutes some of the squad were missing due to illness and prior commitments.

It was always going to be hard work for Comberton without their main goalkeeper or most experienced striker. Without substitutes, all the players had to play the full 60 minutes. The first half was a good competitive encounter with both teams striving to win the ball and keep possession. Both keepers had saves to make and Bar Hill were unfortunate not to take the lead when they hit the post in quick succession. Overall there were not a multitude of chances from either team, as both defence and midfield lineups matched each other head to head.

In the second half the game was flowing and Comberton were coping well with the pace of play. During a throw-in Grace, playing in wide midfield position, skipped backwards and twisted her ankle on a divot. The injury could have been a significant handicap to the home team, who were now down to 8 players. Despite having a bench full of substitutes the Bar Hill manager removed one of his players so that the game remained an even contest, an admirable gesture of sportsmanship and fair play. This was greatly appreciated by the Comberton team.

Comberton took the lead half way through the second half when Emily found space in the centre of midfield and struck the ball from distance into the Bar Hill net. Having found the confidence to shoot from afar Emily then scored a second in similar circumstances a few minutes later.

Bar Hill responded well and found their way through the midfield only to be thwarted by the Comberton defence and to see a shot skip narrowly wide of the post.

This was a good fixture and a credit to the Bar Hill team that play with the philosophy that all youth football should adopt.

Well done to all the players today and thank you to the Bar Hill manager, players and spectators for the great sporting behaviour they displayed.