

Comberton Crusaders FC



Match Report



Royston Colts 0 CCFC 2

Royston Heath was the setting for the first game of the season against the team new to the Cambs league Royston Colts.

Comberton arrived to a warm welcome from the hosts.

Kick Off saw the visitors playing uphill in attack and, despite the relatively calm day, the exposed Heath helped the wind join in the activity.

Comberton started a little nervously playing hasty passes and not really controlling the ball as effectively as they are capable of. The defence of Abbie, Lucy and Kirsty looked composed and strong enough to deal with through balls and gave the team time to settle. Ceyda and Martha, playing as strikers, made some good runs off the ball and created chances which eventually paid off when Ceyda latched onto a marvelous drop kick from goalkeeper EJ.

Comberton had a number of opportunities to extend the lead but good defending and goalkeeping from the home side thwarted a number of efforts from Rach, Martha, Emily and Abbie.

The Crusaders did find the back of the net again when Ceyda received the ball, back to goal, and managed to turn and create space, dribbling past two defenders to flick the ball just inside the far post. Rebecca came on for her debut helping out the midfield and attack.

At half time the game was far from over and a few payers were already beginning to feel the effort of playing on a bigger pitch. Royston were determined to pressure Comberton and came back stronger in the second half. Their strong goal kicks in particular provided opportunities but Comberton proved equal to the attack with some good recovery runs from Lucy and Emily. EJ was called upon to make a save from a break along the right wing diving to the left preventing the ball from sneaking it at the near post.

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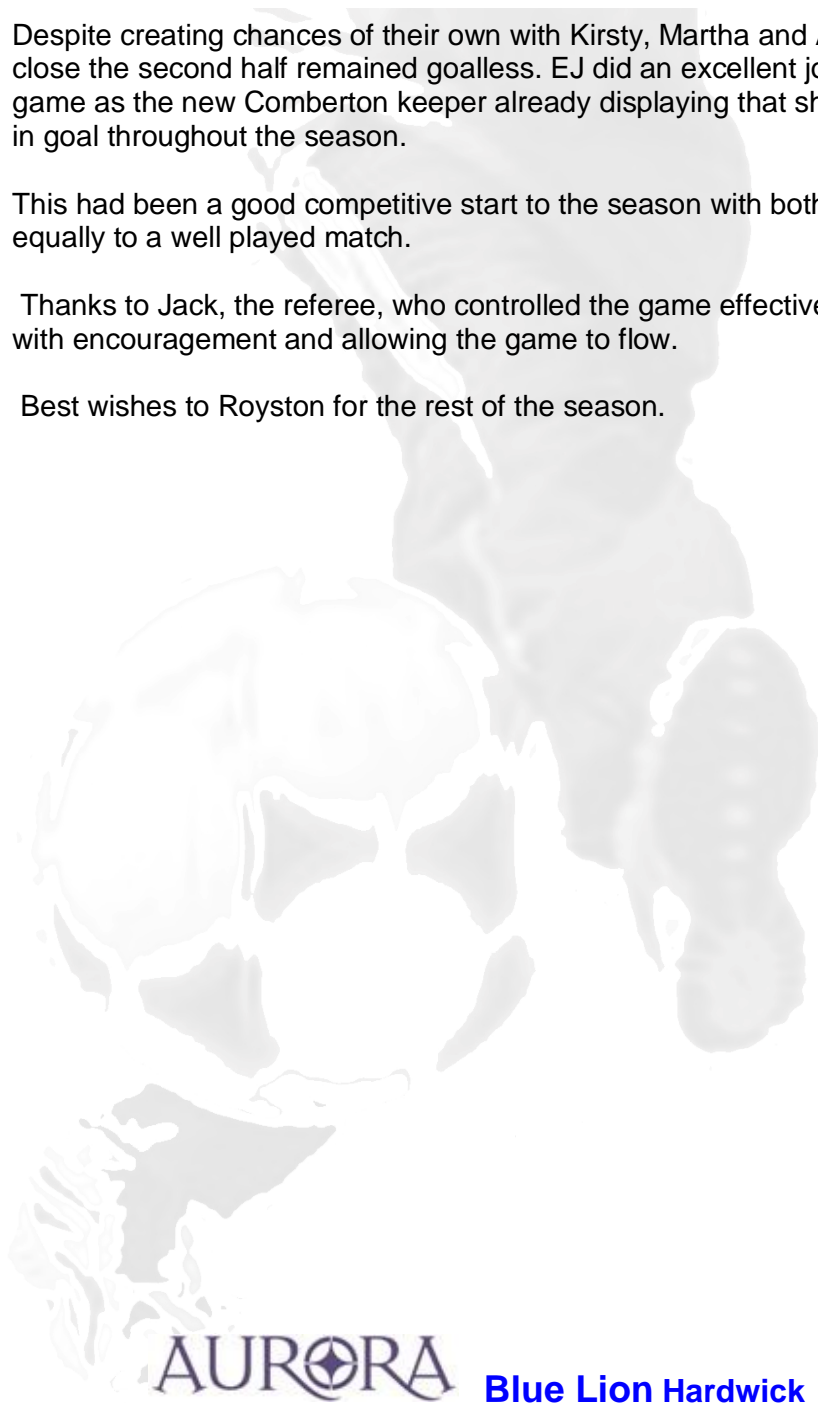


Despite creating chances of their own with Kirsty, Martha and Abbie all coming close the second half remained goalless. EJ did an excellent job in her first full game as the new Comberton keeper already displaying that she will be invaluable in goal throughout the season.

This had been a good competitive start to the season with both teams contributing equally to a well played match.

Thanks to Jack, the referee, who controlled the game effectively helping the girls with encouragement and allowing the game to flow.

Best wishes to Royston for the rest of the season.



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