

Saturday 20th March 2010

Testwood United v Brangsgore Youth U12 NFGFL Cup semi final

With the rain falling, the game started with both teams eager to reach the finals of the Girls New Forest League Cup. After a fast paced start, 6 minutes in to the game Testwood were rewarded with the first goal. Brangsgore countered for the next few minutes with some fantastic passing into the Testwood goal area. Wardle was taking corners and throw ins which were finding Lutwyche and Bean, but the Testwood goalie was quick on her toes and showed confidence in her ability to control her area. A shot on goal by Lutwyche was kicked out by the keeper and went directly to Bean, who desperately tried to score, but the dream Testwood held of becoming cup winners was not going to be destroyed just yet, the keeper saving the ball.

Brangsgore could taste an equalizer and their determination showed in Hobson when the ball found its way to her feet and she embarked on a run which ended with a fantastic shot on goal from just outside the Testwood goal area. Her footwork and ball control was amazing to watch, outwitting her Testwood opponent, but the keeper yet again shattered Brangsgore's hopes of a goal. Testwood were relentless and after several attempts on goal, keeping Plested busy, a corner was taken which flew directly to a waiting Testwood player who kicked straight between two Brangsgore players and Plested could do no more than to watch it sail past her and into the goal.

The response from Brangsgore was superb with heads still high and the rain pelting down, Wardle and Hobson making some skilful passing up the field, finding Ottaway on the right wing who finished the attack with a single shot straight into the back of the net. Testwood however were not going to allow Brangsgore to make a comeback and their counter attack was unbreakable scoring their third goal just before the half time whistle.

With the rain easing slightly, both teams came out for the second half fired up and ready to play for another 25 minutes. Both teams played end to end football with some excellent saves by both goalies however, Testwood seemed to have the edge and took advantage after gaining control from a corner to Brangsgore. A fantastic set of passes and team work took them into the Brangsgore goal area and a throw in awarded. Taken quickly it found its way into the goal area, Plested came out to save but the Testwood player proved very adept in her ball control and passed it just beyond the keepers reach and then into the goal.

A further attempt on goal in the Brangsgore area saw Plested come off the pitch injured and a sub had to be found quickly. Horton rose to the challenge and raced into the goal mouth only to find herself very busy for the next 10 minutes. With numerous shots on goal by Testwood, Horton, Messingham and Poulter remained hard in their defence and denied any further goals to Testwood. With seconds left on the clock Hobson passed to Wardle who crossed the ball over the goal to Lutwyche, her foot could not meet the ball and it fell to Bean who just put the ball outside the net to the sound of the final whistle.

The game concluded Testwood United 4 – 1 Brangsgore Youth

Team: C Plested (G), A Hobson (C), L Messingham, J Wardle, L Bean, J Lutwyche, I Ottaway, C Poulter, E Horton