

## 19 October 2019 – U12 Bees v Crosfield

The Bees had another high-scoring game this week, this time sharing six goals with Crosfield at Hartford.

Another strong start from the Bees saw them putting pressure on their opponent's defenders and goal-kicks, leading to a succession of corners. Emma got her head up several times looking to pass forward into space for Menna to run onto, and following more great pressure inside the box Georgia open the scoring from close range.

A very even game saw Crosfield looking dangerous on the counter-attack and although captain Amelia did well running back towards her own goal more than once, turning well to clear up the pitch, Crosfield found a leveller. Elsa, playing on the left side of midfield this week, was alive to Emma's dangerous runs to take a number of quick throw-ins and get Crosfield back-peddalling again. With Ruby reprising last week's performance sweeping up loose balls in the centre of the pitch, the Bees were playing most of the game in the opposing team's half and Georgia made that dominance count, firing in her tenth goal of the season. A two-goal lead wouldn't materialise however, and despite some of Amelie's trademark tough tackles, Crosfield's centre-forward swept home a loose ball to send the teams in at half-time at two-all.

The second half provided similar fare to the first, with a tweaked Bees' line-up seeing Ruby applying the pressure from the front and she was unlucky to be just inside the box when she intercepted a goal kick. Daisy had moved into midfield, and a driving run from a short Sarina goal-kick saw her surge straight up the middle of the pitch to the halfway line before just being stopped. However, she showed great composure in an unusual advanced position to thread a great through ball into the box for Georgia to complete her second hat-trick of the season, doing brilliantly to reach the ball ahead of the advancing goalkeeper to poke home.

Again, continued Waverton pressure saw Crosfield's keeper by far the busier: Menna's skill and quick feet provided more chances for Georgia, and Millie, finding herself unmarked on the halfway line, burst clear to cause panic in the opposing defence. With an increasingly physical Crosfield desperate for an equaliser, Amelia and Sarina remembered what they had been working on in training, with Sarina using her advanced starting position to launch a fine clearance upfield from Amelia's backpass. Debutante Evie, slotting in at right back in a pressure situation defended finely, repeatedly getting her foot in to deny Crosfield's left winger, and doing really well to block a fierce goal-bound shot.

Unfortunately though, Waverton failed to deal with a bouncing ball in the middle of the box allowing a Crosfield player to lash home from short range. Waverton were unable to take the lead for a fourth time – the Hartford curse striking again to prevent Waverton taking all three points despite being the better team – and the game finished 3-3.

Player of the Match was Evie, chosen by Elsa for getting so stuck in on her debut.