



- Under 15 Match Report 2008/9 -

Eastbourne Girls 10 Rusthall Girls 0
Venue: Jockey Farm, Rusthall.
Saturday 28th Feb 2009.
CDJFL Cup Semi Final.

Eastbourne Girls FC U15's produced the perfect 10 to defeat Rusthall Girls in the semi final of the Crowborough Girls League Cup. As Cup holders Eastbourne were confident of reaching the final for the fourth successive season but Rusthall put up a stern early test holding out with a blank score line until 20 mins but by half time the score had increased to 5-0.

The second half was again about finishing with another five goals, the two best ones being Kelsey Birchmore's left footed rocket in the first half and Rachel Gunns long range effort late in the second half, The goal tally finished with Sian Heather (5), Kelsey Birchmore (4) and Rachel Gunn (1) and player of the match was shared by Rachel and Kelsey. The girls look forward to another final and require just 6 points to secure the Crowborough League title.

Eastbourne Girls 7 v Uckfield Grasshoppers 1
Saturday 31st Jan 2009, CDJFL Fixture
Venue: Sussex Downs College, K/O 10.30am

Eastbourne Girls U15's completed the double over title rivals Uckfield Grasshoppers on a bitterly cold Saturday morning at Hampden Park. Playing an unfamiliar formation and with just the bear 11 players the girls adapted very well to the conditions, unfamiliar pitch and the formation with goals from Kelsey Birchmore (2), Ray Gunn, Sian Heather, Lois Jones, Blessing Olsadolor (on her full League debut) and an own goal which contributed to a 7-1 home win.

The Uckfield goal was scored by Leia Skinner and as usual the away team put up a strong physical challenge and worked extremely hard. There were several contenders for player of the match, Dani Archer in defence, Ray Gunn in midfield but the accolade was shared by Lois Jones and Blessing Olsadolor who although being new signings this season are progressing very well in this well established squad.



Eastbourne Girls 18 v Rusthall Girls 2
Saturday 17th Jan 2009, CDJFL Fixture
Venue: Eastbourne Sports Park, K/O 10.30am

Eastbourne Girls FC U15's returned to League action after an enforced 2 month weather break against Rusthall Grils from Tunbridge Wells. There was no sign of rustiness as the girls raced to a magnificent 11-0 halftime score line and with the changes being rung for the second period and some plucky regard actions from the visitors, Eastbourne concluded with a 18-2 victory with goals from Emily Gillam 3, Sian Heather 3, Tasha Mizen 3, Kelsey Birchmore 3, Rachel Gunn 2, Lauren Hughes 2 and Shantelle Omar and Jasmine Perry one each.

Eastbourne remain top of the league with a 100% record and look forward to the visit of third placed Uckfield in two weeks.

Jarvis Brook 2 Eastbourne Girls FC 3
Saturday 22nd Nov kick off 11.30
Venue: Palegate Lane, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough.

Eastbourne Girls FC U15 came from behind against title rivals Jarvis Brook Girls to secure a vital 3-2 win at the top of the Crowborough League.

On a horrendously cold Saturday morning, and as snow fell on one of the highest pitch's in the County, Eastbourne produced a tepid first half performance, initially clinging to a blank score line with Jarvis's ex Arsenal starlet Lacy Hyland pulling the strings, hitting the bar and if it hadn't been for a brave challenge from Eastbourne keeper Jasmine Perry, which left her injured for the balance of the game, it could have been very different. Shantelle Omar coolly slotted home a penalty given when Sian Heathers shot was adjudged to be handled by the ref but 5 minutes later the ref evened things up giving a push from a throw in, Lacy despatching the resulting penalty past a despairing lunge form Eastbourne's crocked custodian.

The game rarely ever settled into anything like the passing games that both teams are capable of playing and when Elenor MacDonald, niece of the former England star Malcolm MacDonald stooped to head Brook in front from an out swinging corner Eastbourne were finally galvanised into action. With in two minutes Eastbourne were level when Lauren Hughes cross found Sian Heather who left footed, passed the ball into the net. Tasha Mizen on the left and Hughes on the right started to assert influence and when a game of penalty box pinball fell kindly for Rachel Gunn she made no mistake to claim all three vital points.

Player of the match contenders were, Dani Archer, Sophie Hammond, Ray Gunn and Sian Heather but goes to Sofia Jorge for a solid defensive display showing everyone what it means to be first to the ball, every time!



Eastbourne Girls 8 Rusthall Girls 1
Saturday 25th October 2008
Venue: Shinewater Lane Kick Off 10.00am
Friendly Fixture.

Eastbourne Girls continued the unbeaten run of form with an impressive 8-1 victory at home to Rusthall Girls from Tunbridge Wells.
The game was played with an excellent spirit with both teams enjoying the winter sunshine at Shinewater lane but it was Eastbourne who dominated the play with goals from Sian (2), Loz (2), Soph, Ray, Jaz and Baby B on her debut.

The game also saw a fine debut for Lauren Donnachie on the right wing and Sami Mc back in defence.

Rusthall Girls 0 Eastbourne Girls 10
Saturday 11th October 2008
Venue: Jockey Farm, Rusthall. KO 10.30am
CDJFL League Fixture

Eastbourne Girls U15's made the long trip to Rusthall in Kent on a brilliantly sunny autumn morning. With the two teams never having met before the only experience the girls could draw on was that this was the venue for last season League Cup Final win which completed a memorable double success and with this memory fresh in their minds confidence was high.

Sian Heather opened the scoring within 5 minutes which turned into an avalanche of first half goals with Sian getting 4 Ray Gunn 1 Emily Gillam 1 and Tasha Mizen 1. The economic use of the ball in the sun was excellent with Tasha Mizen and Lauren Hughes providing width and high energy levels while Ray Gunn, Emily Gillam and Sophie Hammond (sporting blue streaks in her hair) provided the ammunition for many attacks.

Rusthall were kept at bay with Captain Sofia Jorge, Bekki French and Dani Archer and despite a hamstring pull keeper Jasmine Perry was able to complete the game with another clean sheet, her third in a row.

With the game won the girls enjoyed the space in the second half adding a further 3 goals to their first half tally (Hughes 2, Gunn 1) with Mizen again running riot down the right wing and Lois Jones unlucky not to grab a goal of her own. Excellent handling from the Rusthall keeper and some determined play from their centre back kept the score down but this result keeps up a 100% start to the season for last years winners. Player of the match award was shared again, this time by Tasha and Sophie.



Uckfield Grasshoppers 0 Eastbourne Girls FC 5
Saturday 27th September 2008
Venue: West Park, Uckfield. KO 10.30am
CDJFL League Fixture

Eastbourne Girls U15's travelled away to Uckfield Grasshoppers knowing that they would be in for a full blooded encounter. This season's fixtures proved no disappointment with both teams dropping down to 10 and sometimes 9 players. The first half was a tight affair with Sian Heather taking advantage of the only clear chance of the period slotting low to the keepers right. Bekki French pushing on from left back provided extra attacking power which nearly paid off with Emily Gillam at the cutting edge.

The second half as has become customary was dominated by Eastbourne, superior fitness and use of the ball told the tale and when Shantelle Omar added another again with a slotted goal shortly followed by a real blockbuster from Bekki French from all of 25 yards into the top corner and then a debut league goal from new signing Lios Stalley-Jones the game looked won but there was still time for Rachel Gunn to jink her way into the box and drill passed the Grasshoppers 'keeper to complete the scoring.

Sophie Hammond and Kelsey Birchmore were unlucky not to add to the score line both having tested the keeper while the defence of Sofia Jorge, Dani Archer and Martha Fillery were on top of most things and with Jasmine Perry quick off her line sweeping up all before her in the Eastbourne goal, there was no way back despite a spirited performance from the home team.

Player of the match was shared by Bekki French and Rachel Gunn, both of who influenced the game greatly.

Eastbourne Girls FC 4 Jarvis Brook 0
Shinewater Lane, Saturday 13th September 2008
Kick off 10.30 CDJFL League Fixture

Eastbourne Girls FC U15's got there league campaign off to a flying start. The Crowborough Cup & League champions were pitted against Jarvis Brook who had finished runners up in league and cup last season and this fixture followed the same pattern. The first half was a tense affair with Eastbourne edging it thanks to a goalkeeping error in the last few minutes of the half with Jarvis playing a defensive game trying to operate on the break. The second half was completely different with Eastbourne taking over, goals from Sian Heather and two from Shantelle Omar sealed the 4-0 victory, it was a hard working display with Jasmine Perry adding reassurance to back line from the goal and player of the match could have been given to Sophie Hammond, Sain Heather, Sofia Jorge or Bekki French but for a almost perfect display by captain Dani Archer at centre back.



Eastbourne Girls FC 4 Fulston Fillies 2

Venue: Shinewater Lane, Sunday 7th September 2008

Kick off 12.30 - pre-season friendly

Eastbourne Girls U15 completed pre season with a competitive match with Fulston Fillies from Sittingbourne in Kent. The blues opened the scoring when Kelsey turned in Sian's floated corner from the left, shortly after a similar corner wasn't cleared which allowed Lois to drill in low into the corner for 2-0, two goals from two debutants.

Kelsey was on hand to increase the lead before Sian got herself on the score sheet before a slip in defence allowed one back for Fulston on the stroke of half time. The second half was an even affair as both teams showed signs of pre-season fatigue but Fulston did snatch another to draw the scoring to an end. With the newly found friendship between the 2 clubs, all the girls enjoyed pizzas in the club house and the promise of a return fixture next year.
