



**Match Reports ~ 2009-2010 Season
Under 16 Girls**

Eastbourne Girls 3 Partridge Green 1

SCWGFL Fixture

15th November 2009

Eastbourne Girls FC U16 battled both the weather and the opposition to play there home fixture against Partridge Green on Sunday. the two teams had met each other three weeks previously in an uncomfortable encounter with Eastbourne being victorious but thankfully there was no sign of the bad temper when PG took the lead mid way through the first half but Eastbourne leveled through Shantelle Omar from the spot after Sian Heather had been shoved in the back during a set piece.

Heather got herself on the score sheet before half time when Lacey Hylands right wing cross went straight through and was picked up by Kelsey Birchmore who crossed from the left for Sian to finish. The second half was end to end with both teams having chances but unable to convert until Omar sealed the victory 9 minutes from time from 25 yards with a beautifully flighted lob over the keeper ending the scoring at 3-1.

Player of the match was shared between Keeper Jasmine Perry who saved the day on several occasions, and Defender Dani Archer for her strength and reading of the game.

Partidge Green 0 Eastbourne Girls 6

SCWGFL Fixture

25th October 2009

Eastbourne Girls FC U16 returned to winning ways against an extremely physical Partridge Green side on Sunday, still with a couple of first teamers missing but able to name a sub for the first time in 3 weeks. The Blues dominated the first half and rightly took the lead when Lacey Hylands cross arrived at the feet of Sian Heather who spun and clipped the ball into the bottom corner, despite plenty of possession and several chances the lead failed to be extended until Kelsey Birchmores left footed drive was turned into the home teams net by their own right back.

The second half saw action right from the start when Sian Heather ran clear and lobbed the keeper from just outside the box, it was Hylands turn next to get in on the action and she finished coolly to make it 4-0, Shantelle Omar provided a pin point corner which was met perfectly by Ray Gunn and Hyland then ran clear, jinked past the last defender and drove the ball into the corner to complete the scoring at 6-0. The game however was marred by some unsavoury incidents which the referee failed to clamp down on until 2 minutes from time. Eastbourne deserved the victory but must learn not to rise to the bait of lower opposition. POM Natasha Mizen, superb in an unfamiliar left back position.



Henfield Girls 3 Eastbourne Girls 4

SCWGFL League fixture

27th Sept 2009

Eastbourne Girls FC U16's travelled to Henfield on Sunday but were only able to muster 9 players due to a string of late pull outs from the squad because of illness and social events, so all that attended knew they were in for a hard time but were not daunted by the task ahead of them. The game kicked off with Henfield taking an early lead but was leveled on 25 minutes when Lacey Hylands ran clear and coolly slotted past the keeper which is how the first half finished.

With the encouragement of the manager and parents in the ears the Eastbourne Girls took a 2-1 lead within 2 minutes of the restart when Hyland again hit the net from the narrowest of angles but Henfield came back with their own attack to even the scores. The game was very open with Eastbourne surprisingly able to control much of the play even with a two player deficit and they again reclaimed the lead this time through Kelsey Birchmore who volleyed home at the back post but Jasmine Perry in goal with Sofia Jorge, Dani Archer and Chelsie Nelson in a three player defence, could do nothing to stop the another Henfield equalizer.

Tiredness was becoming a factor but in the dieing embers of the game Emily Gillam won a midfield tackle releasing the ball to Ray Gunn who threaded an exquisite through ball for Sian Heather to run onto and she finished with a stiff side foot into the bottom corner with just 2 minutes left on the clock to take all three points. The result was reflective of the gargantuan effort put in by the whole team, no one more than Captain Rachel Gunn who earned herself player of the match.

Chichester City Girls 1 Eastbourne Girls 11

SCWGFL League Cup Prelim Round

13th Sept 2009

Eastbourne Girls FC U16 emerged victorious from their long trek to Chichester in the Sussex League Cup. With the stage situation of playing a Cup match before kicking a ball in the League the girls soon settled into their stride eventually running out convincing 11-1 winners, but plucky Chichester never gave up the fight, despite not having a full compliment of players and battled to the end nicking a consolation goal 10 minutes from time. The team have been drawn at home to Henfield in the quarter finals in November and Eastbournes goals this week were scored by Sian Heather 3, Shantelle Omar 2, Natasha Mizen 2, Lauren Hughes 1 and a hatrick for new signing Lacey Hylands on her competitive debut.