



Luton Town Ladies F.C.



Saturday January 7th 2012
League Match
Luton Town 4 - Stotfold 0

Town Put On A Late Show

Quote of the day come from one of the players when she said “Why did we have to stop for Christmas” It is not difficult to work out just what she meant by that. Clearly a month without game affected today's team performance.

In anything one does, you set a standard. So far this season this team has set a very good standard of football, but today the performance was quite a long way below that. These things happen, nobody can always reach the standard they set week in week out. So one bad day at the office is nothing to be too concerned about. But one can sometimes only play as well as the opposition allow you to. And for that Stotfold should take a lot of credit, they played well. They certainly did not deserve to lose this game 4-0.

Right from the early minutes of the game was played at a low tempo, which played right into the hands of a well organised Stotfold team. They always had plenty of players behind the ball and made life very difficult. With the game being played in the Stotfold half it looked like a goal would come eventually, and it nearly did. In their first attack of the game a Stotfold player was clean through on goal, but fortunately she hit the ball straight at Amber and she made a comfortable save. Eventually the pressure told, and after fifteen minutes a cross from Amy found Phoebe on the far post, and she had time to pick her spot, and hit a low shot into the net. Surely now things would settle down. But it did not. Town were still struggling to get any fluidity into their game. That is how it stayed until halftime. Indeed that is how it stayed until the last ten minutes. Then Town scored three times. With ten minutes left Amy crossed the ball into the goalmouth, the ball was cleared as far as Joanna on the edge of the penalty area, and she hit a first time shot into the net. A minute later it was 3-0. A corner from the left found Chloe on the near post, and she just nonchalantly flicked the ball with outside of her right foot in to the bottom corner. Only now could anybody feel the game was won. The fourth goal came in the last minute. A through ball found Chloe clean through one on one with the keeper. The keeper was quick off her line, but Chloe just managed to get a toe end to the ball on the edge of the penalty area, and the ball trickled agonisingly slowly into the net. So another win, but as it has already been said, not a totally satisfying one, but a win is a win. Onward we go.

