

Aldershot Town vs. Shanklin
Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division
22 January 2012

LATE SHOW FROM SHANKLIN SCUPPERS SHOTS

A sixth win of the season at home went amiss for the Shots, as a Nikki Moore goal early in the second half wasn't enough to secure Aldershot three points against a strong Shanklin side.

Once again, the Shots were only missing defender Holly Gayler, who was serving the last of her two-match suspension. Ryan Salmon made two changes to the side that beat Wycombe Wanderers last week, with Caz Shephard and Laura Wallman replacing Katie Salmon and Jade Ferguson on the bench.

On a blustery afternoon at Farnborough Gate, the visitors got the game underway and immediately were on the attack, forcing the defence to work hard from the outset.

There were several strong tackles made by both teams, with referee Jim Stokes working well to allow the game to flow where possible.

On the half-hour mark, Shanklin's Chloe Parkes found herself in the book for a bit of 'afters' following a late challenge on a colleague.

HT: Aldershot Town 0 Shanklin 0

No changes were made at the half-time interval by either side, and Aldershot fired into life in the opening minutes of the second half.

GOAL FLASH: Shots 1-0 Nikki Moore 48'

Following a series of well-fed passes down the right wing, Nikki Moore found herself in space to fire across the 'keeper and into the corner of the net to give the home side a deserved lead.

GOAL FLASH: Shots 1-1 Danielle Merryfield 70'

Shanklin got themselves back into the game in the final twenty minutes, when an attack wasn't cleared by the defence and Lesley Hubbard was left helpless as the ball was fired into the net.

GOAL FLASH: Shots 1-2 Susan Cullen 78'

Twelve minutes from time and the Shots' hearts were broken as a series of passes found Cullen who fired past Hubbard to give the Isle of Wight side the lead.

Towards the end and Amy Lawrence took a hard knock to her knee, requiring hospital treatment.

FT: Aldershot Town 1 Shanklin 2

Squad

- 40. Lesley Hubbard
- 2. Amber Marsh
- 3. Katie Salmon (12. Laura Wallman)
- 4. Di Smith
- 6. Sian Houghton
- 7. Emma North
- 11. Jade Ferguson
- 14. Amy Hubbort
- 15. Nikki Moore
- 16. Lauren Carnell
- 17. Amy Lawrence

"The girls were clearly disappointed with the result, but there were some excellent performances out there and the girls should not be down-hearted. For the neutral, this was a great game, as it was a real physical contest with both sides putting in strong tackles.

We now have three big games ahead of us, in a Chairman's Cup tie at Chesham United Reserves on Sunday, then the week after that we host Maidenhead United before travelling to the league leaders Oxford United."

Matt Leary

The Shots currently lie 6th in the table, two points behind Southampton Women in 5th and seven off the top. However the Shots could be awarded up to nine points by the Southern Region League following three unfulfilled fixtures by opposing teams. News of this will be confirmed soon.