

***Aldershot Town vs. Andover New Street***  
***Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division***  
***6 November 2011***

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**GAYLER GRABS WINNING GOAL AS SHOTS RESUME WINNING WAYS**

**Aldershot Town returned to their winning ways, as a superb cross-cum-shot from Holly Gayler was the difference between the two sides in a fiercely contested side that bubbled throughout, but never boiled over.**

Ryan Salmon made 4 changes from the line-up that lost to Bracknell Town the previous week, with the injured Katie Salmon replaced by Amber Marsh in defence, and Emma North, Amy Lawrence and Nikki Moore all dropped to the bench in place of Amy Hubbert, Laura Wallman and Jade Ferguson.

Before the game, a minute's silence was observed in memory of Armed Forces personnel lost in action.

The match started at a breathless pace, with both teams leaving nothing on the table and strong tackles coming in from all angles, resulting in referee Callum Lane stopping the match on frequent occasions rather than apply the advantage.

Midway through the first half, and a tight offside decision from Matt Leary was greeted by a furious response from the Andover New Street coach. However Leary gave as good as he got, giving a frank explanation for his decision to cheers from the Shots technical area.

On 38 minutes there was a high drama, as the ball bounced between players in the Aldershot penalty area. Suddenly, and without protest from the Andover players, Lane awarded a penalty, having seen a handball. Hannah Bramhall was outraged with the decision, and her verbal protestations earned her a yellow card.

However there was a sense of justice, as the penalty kick was ballooned over the top of Messingham's goal, to the clear delight of the Shots crowd.

***HT: Aldershot Town 0 Andover New Street 0***

In the opening minute there was more controversy surrounding Bramhall, this time as the victim, as a cynical knee to the chest on the referee's blind side went unpunished. The Shots were clearly outraged as Bramhall was on the deck for over a minute before the ball was put out of play. Claims from the official that no contact was made didn't wash with the home side, particularly as it emerged that Leary had a clear view, but was prevented from flagging as he was acting as a club assistant and not a neutral.

On 55 minutes, Ryan Salmon made a triple-substitution, replacing Wallman, Hubbert and Ferguson with North, Lawrence and Moore, and the impact was immediate.

**GOAL FLASH – Shots 1-0 (Sian Houghton 56')**

From an Emma North corner, the ball was met in the middle of area by a powerful header from Sian Houghton, which rocketed past the Andover keeper giving the home side the lead.

**GOAL FLASH – Shots 1-1 (75')**

With a quarter-hour to play, the Shots relinquished their lead, as a cross from an Andover midfielder was deflected by captain Di Smith into the path of an oncoming striker, whose first time shot beat Messingham at her right hand post.


In the final 10 minutes, the cautions were evened up as a wild lunge on Amber Marsh resulted in an Andover booking.

**GOAL FLASH – Shots 2-1 (Holly Gayler 85')**

With five minutes remaining, Gayler got the winner as her cross for Lawrence evaded the on-rushing Andover defender and the 'keeper could only tip the ball against Lawrence and into the back of the net. The goal was originally awarded to Lawrence, but the video replay showed Lawrence only got to the ball after it crossed the line, so was duly awarded to Gayler for her first of the season.

***FT: Aldershot Town 2 Andover New Street 1***

**Squad**

1. Callie Messingham
2. Amber Marsh
3. Holly Gayler
4. Di Smith ©
5. Hannah Bramhall 
6. Sian Houghton
10. Caz Shephard
11. Jade Ferguson (7. Emma North 55')
12. Laura Wallman (15. Nikki Moore 55')
14. Amy Hubbort (17. Amy Lawrence 55')
16. Lauren Carnell

**Manager's Player of the Match:** Lauren Carnell