

***Aldershot Town vs. Oxford City***  
***Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division***  
***4 September 2011***

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**CITY HOOP-LESS AS SHOTS LADIES HAVE SIX APPEAL**

**After a torrential downpour threatened kick off, then traffic holdups delaying the arrival of Oxford City, the Shots' extended wait for the season kick off was rewarded with a 6-0 demolition of the Blues**

The Shots were without 'keeper Callie Messingham (holiday), Lauren Storey (injury) and Stacey Ireland. Laura Funnell and new signing Amy Robinson were not registered in time for the match but hope to be eligible for next week's encounter vs. Launton.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 1-0 (Jade Ferguson 5')**

The Shots got off to the best possible start, when just five minutes into the game a perfectly weighted ball from the right found the feet of Jade Ferguson who took one touch to control before knocking it past the City 'keeper.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 2-0 (Caz Shephard 10')**

On 10 minutes the lead was doubled when City failed to clear their lines following a Ferguson strike, and the ball fell to Caz Shephard who smartly rounded the defender before powering it home for the midfielder's first goal in over two years for the club.

It kept getting better for the Shots as on 20 minutes they were awarded a penalty. The City keeper fumbled the ball in the corner of the area, giving away to Ferguson. As the shot-stopper tried to regain possession, she only succeeded in hauling down the number 11 leaving Jelf an easy choice to point to the spot. However Laura Wallman fired the penalty wide of the mark and the Shots were left to re-group.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 3-0 (Laura Wallman 21')**

Sixty seconds later and Wallman repented when the 'keeper rushed out of her area, leaving the goalmouth totally undefended, with Wallman cheekily lobbing the keeper to warm applause from the Farnborough Gate faithful.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 4-0 (Laura Wallman 40')**

Approaching the half-time interval, and poor defending – and a slice of luck – resulted in the ball finding Wallman - appearing to be offside from the replays - who only had to turn and fire past the keeper.

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At the interval, Salmon replaced a slightly-injured Ferguson for Amy Brant.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 5-0 (Sian Houghton 48')**

The Shots were instantly back into their stride from the restart, and were rewarded with their fifth, as a corner from Emma North bounced off of Amy Hubbort into the path of Sian Houghton who powered it home into the net.

Half an hour remaining, and Salmon used his second substitution in replacing Wallman with Naph Williams.

**GOAL FLASH: Shots 6-0 (Emma North 77' Penalty)**

13 minutes from time and the Shots were awarded a second penalty, when a quick corner found Amy Brant in the centre of the penalty area, and as she turned her marker she was hauled down. Captain North powered home the resulting spot-kick.

The Shots then elected to take their foot of the gas and ease home to three thoroughly deserved points in an entertaining match.

***FT: Aldershot Town 6 Oxford City 0***

**Squad**

- 40. Lesley Hubbard
- 2. Amber Marsh
- 3. Katie Salmon
- 4. Di Smith
- 6. Sian Houghton
- 7. Emma North
- 10. Caz Shephard
- 11. Jade Ferguson (17. Amy Brant 46')
- 12. Laura Wallman (5. Naph Williams 61')
- 14. Amy Hubbort
- 16. Nikki Moore

**Player of the Match:** Amy Hubbort

*"A solid performance to start the season by the Ladies, we showed good commitment throughout and played some good football in patches however we still have a lot of improvements that need to be made to our game in the coming weeks but I'm confident we can achieve those improvements."*

**Ryan Salmon, Manager**

*"WOW! What a start to the season! A massive thank you must go to our club volunteers, who were shovelling water for nearly an hour to clear the pitch. It probably didn't help Oxford City being delayed 55 minutes but our girls just kept calm and did their preparations as normal. Everyone had a really good game, this is a really positive start to the season but we won't rest on our laurels as we know Launton can be a tough side."*

**Matt Leary**