

Winsford Guardian

Ladies hit the final trail

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WINSFORD Ladies are on course for a memorable after an easy 6 – 3 victory over a previously unbeaten Manchester City side in the semi-final of the cup.

The game got off to a frantic start with Winsford scoring in the first minute, a goal-bound shot from Laura Renshaw was deflected by a City defender into her own goal.

But City hit back four minutes later to level the scores.

The game was fairly even after this with the Winsford defence of Jen Burgess, Rachel Cheshire, Kathryn Hulme and captain Emma Johnson looking as solid as ever, although it took an excellent save from keeper Lucy Presland to prevent City taking the lead.

On the half hour mark came the goal of the game.

Sarah Lee gained possession on the right wing and showed great skill in beating two defenders before sending a low cross into the box.

Advantage

With her back to goal, Sharon Tidd turned the defender before blasting the ball past the keeper to give Winsford the advantage.

City struggled to cope with a rampant Winsford and on 40 minutes a superb pass from Michaela Thompson found Lee with only the keeper to beat and she duly obliged to make it 3 – 1 to Winsford.

And there was still time for one more, this time from a corner. A superb delivery from Thompson was headed in at the far post by Carrie-Ann Bowyer.

Winsford were in total control of the second half and on 71 minutes a speculative shot from Danielle Lydiate was spilled by the City keeper to make it 5 – 1.

Winsford got a little complacent and allowed City two goals, but there was still time to put the icing on the cake.

In the 90th minute, player of the match Lydiate picked up the ball just in the City half and superbly beat two players before delivering a thunderous 30-yard shot into the net.

Winsford now face Division One champions Fletcher Moss in the final.