

## **Ladies through to cup semis**

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**WOMEN'S FOOTBALL:** Winsford Ladies reached the Cheshire and Manchester League Cup semi-final on Sunday and face Manchester City – the team they pipped to the title.

Their quarter-final tie was tricky: Saffron Ladies had only been beaten twice in the First Division.

There were very few chances in the first half, the best of which fell to Nicola Freeman, but she shot wide of the post while, at the other end, goalkeeper Kayleigh Hatfield made a good save low down on her near pos, to keep the scores level at the break.

The second half began with Winsford creating two good chances but the Saffron defence were in good form, as indeed were Winsford centre-backs Emma Johnson and Leanne Tobin.

As the game became stretched, it took a good double save from Hatfield to deny Saffron.

Just as the game seemed to be heading for extra-time, Winsford were awarded a corner. Michaela Thompson delivered an excellent in-swinging corner which was superbly met with a flying header by Sharon Tidd.

Winsford held on against frantic Saffron assaults in the dying minutes to keep their dreams of a league and cup double alive.