

## Old enemy humiliated

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WINSFORD ladies renewed their rivalry with old adversaries from last season, Manchester City, at the Barton Stadium on Sunday.

Winsford beat City to the Division Two League title and knocked them out of the cup last season, so a close encounter was anticipated.

And City just couldn't cope with an excellent Winsford team, playing their best football of the season so far.

The first goal arrived on 18 minutes. A well struck free-kick from the outstanding Danielle Lydiate was parried by the City keeper for Michaela Thompson to head the ball into the net.

A minute later and it was 2 – 0. Thompson's pace took her past two players and she then blasted the ball into the roof of the net.

City were stunned and could not get the ball out of their own half with Winsford looking dangerous on every attack.

The third goal came on 33 minutes thanks to a fine individual effort from player of the match Danielle Lydiate.

She collected the ball midway in the City half and skilfully beat two players before leashing an unstoppable shot past the City keeper.

Three minutes later and it was 4 – 0 as Sarah Lee rounded the keeper to score from a tight angle.

City pulled one back, but Winsford regained their four goal advantage on the stroke of half time when City failed to clear a corner and Beck Hilditch found the net.

The second half was pretty much the same as the first with Michaela Thompson adding two more goals to round off an impressive performance.

Danielle Lydiate scored an outstanding 40-yard volley and Becky Hilditch completed the rout on 71 minutes.

This was a really impressive display from Winsford who travel to league leaders Saffron this weekend.