

Winsford leave it late

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THE Barton Stadium witnessed high drama on Sunday as Winsford Ladies kept their dreams of a League and Cup double alive.

Winsford took the lead against Great Sutton Ladies after five minutes thanks to a great strike from the edge of the box by Sharon Tidd.

Then the usually rock solid Winsford defence conceded three goals in 20 minutes to put their chances of taking anything from this league game in serious doubt.

At half-time they trailed 3 – 1 and looked down and out.

But the team that came out for the second half was different to that from the first.

Winsford were committed to every challenge and soon found their form that looked to have deserted them.

With only one minute gone in the second half Laura Henshaw got on the end of an excellent move only to see her shot saved by the keeper.

But Sarah Lee followed up the effort and blasted the ball in to the empty net.

It was then one-way traffic as Winsford pushed hard for the equaliser.

Sutton though proved to be stiff opposition and held out until the 86th minute, when Lee collected the ball on the edge of the area, found space and hit a low drive beyond the keeper.

Most teams would have settled for a draw, but Winsford kept going and got their reward in the final minute.

Michaela Thompson hit a wonderful pass to Henshaw whose shot hit the cross bar, but Lee was on hand to complete her hat-trick and win the game 4 – 3.