

**MIDLAND COUNTIES YOUTH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011-12
UNDER 18's**

**SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER 2011
AT HUNTINGDON TOWN FC**

HUNTINGDON 0 WORCESTERSHIRE 4

Worcestershire started the new campaign with a trip to Huntingdonshire with seven of the starting eleven players making their competitive debuts for the County. Worcestershire started brightly getting a lot of the early possession. Debutant Jamie Molyneux caused a few early problems for the home defence forcing a corner as early as the 2nd minute and a minute later shooting over the crossbar from just outside the penalty area. The visitors continued to get the better of the early exchanges and on 15 minutes following two consecutive corners both Tom Allard and Connor Smith were denied by excellent saves from the home goalkeeper Luke Shipp.

Despite all their early pressure the visitors nearly went behind, Ryan Potts for the home team broke away and with only the goalkeeper to beat he put his shot wide. The visitors took the lead on 22 minutes when, following good approach play, Jamie Molyneux ran clear of the home defence to slide the ball past the goalkeeper. The same player could have doubled the score 2 minutes later but, having got around the goalkeeper, he put his shot wide of an empty net. It came as no surprise when the visitors increased their lead on 39 minutes when this time Jamie Molyneux made no mistake from close range.

Just before half time the home team had a chance to reduce the arrears when Ryan Potts ran clear of the Worcestershire defence only to put his shot straight at the goalkeeper.

HALF TIME 0 - 2

The second half started with the visitors continuing to control the game and reducing the home team to the odd break away chance. On 52 minutes Gareth Williams-Howells, for the visitors, headed over from a good cross from Bradley Niblett. The visitors continued to pressurize the home defence and on 61 minutes Gareth Williams – Howells headed the third goal following a good corner from Tiago Ribeiro. On 70 minutes, Jamie Schembri had an opportunity to increase the visitors lead but put his shot just over the bar. However he made no mistake 10minutes later when placing his shot wide of the goalkeeper to put the ball just inside the far post.

The home team had an opportunity to get on the score sheet on 84 minutes but a free kick from just outside the penalty area was placed wide of the visitor's goal.

Overall this was a well deserved win for Worcestershire and credit must go to the players and Management team.

FINAL SCORE 0 – 4

Worcestershire: Joshua Smith, Ben Hayes, Gareth Williams-Howells, Bradley Niblett (Chris Smith 68 mins), Eddy Westbury, Christopher Neilson, Tom Allard, Connor Smith, Jamie Molyneux, James Schembri (Jack Cullity 81 mins), Harry Osborne (Tiago Ribeiro 46mins). Unused Subs, Sean Cooke, Oliver Butler.