

Clean Sheet but No Goals for Bish

It was the first trip to the Roko on Saturday to play Rawcliffe and a fine performance from the girls threatened to get a deserved three points, but strong defending by the home team and no luck in front of goal again for BWR meant they had to settle for a point in a goalless draw. The Friendly was more of the same, with twenty more minutes unable to split the teams. A frustrating morning for the team, but a much improved display over last week, and something for the girls to build on for the last part of the season.

Team: Annie, Emily, Freya, Maeve, Amelia, Isabella, Rose, Wendy

Captain: Amelia

League Match: Drew 0-0

Friendly Match: Drew 0-0

POM League: Annie. Annie never stopped running, marking, tackling and passing for the whole match. She exemplified the fighting team spirit on show this week and she never gave up or let her head go down. Annie worked box to box, breaking up opposition attacks and then launching attacks at the other end. An inspiring performance.

POM Friendly: Wendy. Wendy played her socks off in defence with superb tackles and clearances. She kept battling for the whole match. She also deserves massive credit for her performance in the League match where she was a true team player and very nearly scored a goal. An excellent display.

Match Report

The game started with lots of pressure by the girls on the Rawcliffe goal. Isabella gave the home side's defence a torrid time as she twisted and turned on the right wing and put in some teasing crosses. Emily and Rose were also causing Rawcliffe problems and an early shot by Rose produced a fine double save by the home keeper as Emily followed up the shot. Emily then went close twice as, firstly her shot was saved by the goalkeeper, and then she had a chance on her left foot, but that was also saved. As the half wore on the pressure increased and BWR created chance after chance but with absolutely no luck in front of goal as the bobbly pitch made life difficult. Rawcliffe were threatening on the break and Maeve and Amelia had to be on their toes to stop some swift counter attacks. Another Emily shot brought another fine save from the Rawcliffe keeper, and Rose's follow-up effort was blocked for a corner. The half ended goalless but the girls had played well and had virtually all the opportunities. For the second-half, Wendy came on for Rose and went really close to scoring. An Emily corner was turned goal wards by Wendy but it flashed just wide. The girls kept up their fine play, but Rawcliffe started to get into the game and the second half became more even. Another Emily corner brought a chance for Rose which went wide, but it just wasn't going to happen for the girls in front of goal today. A late opportunity for Rawcliffe gave the BWR supporters some heart flutters as a home attacker found herself one on one with Freya but Freya managed to put her off so that she shot wide. It ended 0-0 and the girls were disappointed but it's a point won and a clean sheet and they should be proud of that after recent results.

Freya went in goal and had little to do in the first half. Her kicking was good and she was a very safe pair of hands. She had to be on her toes in the second half as there were some dangerous counterattacks, but apart from the late scare, she looked comfortable and in command. In defence, Amelia and Maeve looked a solid partnership. Amelia is so strong in the tackle and she never gives up, making clearances and blocks and chasing attackers down. Maeve was excellent with her positional play today, she always seemed to be in the right place at the right time, and she made

some vital last ditch tackles and clearances. Annie and Isabella played in midfield and they ran themselves into the ground. Isabella was a constant threat going down the wing and she was at the heart of most of the BWR attacks. Annie seemed to be everywhere as she put in an excellent performance, working box to box and being in the thick of the action. Up front, Rose and Emily had a frustrating morning as they tried their hardest but had no luck in front of goal, and were usually surrounded by at least five defenders. Their movement was excellent and they never stopped trying and working for the team. Wendy showed what a true team player she is as she was asked to play as a striker, not her favourite position, without complaint. She did an excellent job and gave the Rawcliffe defence something to think about with her movement and good touch.

The friendly was an 8 a-side game so everyone could get some pitch time. This match was more even than the League match, and less clear opportunities in front of goal for the girls. Maeve went in goal, Emily and Wendy at the back, Annie and Rose in midfield and Isabella, Amelia and Freya up front. Some strong runs by Freya threatened the home goal, but both sides cancelled each other out and it ended 0-0 again.

This was a performance to be proud of as the girls gave everything. The team had been asked for a clean sheet and some goals. They got the clean sheet and tried their hardest to get the goals. Well done girls!