

U12s Pass Their Physical

It was back to BWR's usual home ground of Moor Lane for the visit of Goole Town. With a reputation for rough and physical play, Goole didn't disappoint and the girls had to battle and take the knocks and bruises against tough opponents. A first goal for Charlotte, and two more from Emily G won the game 3-1. With Friendly spirit being in short supply there was no second game so the girls had a 5-a-side practice match which was a much better experience for the team. A tough morning for the girls but they battled when they needed to and their class shone through in the end.

Team: Annie, Rose, Emily G, Freya, Maeve, Amelia, Charlotte, Caitlin, Emily O, Isabella

Captain: Rose

League Match: Won 3-1 (Charlotte, Emily G 2)

POM League: Charlotte. This was an excellent performance from Charlotte as she led the forward line with energy and enthusiasm. Her willingness to chase lost causes and pressure defenders was great to see and it was an example to the team. Charlotte's link up play and runs into the channels is improving with every game and she got her just rewards for all her efforts when she got her first goal for BWR. A superb display.

Match Report

The first half was a tough test for the girls as Goole started with strength and attitude, using their arms, shoulders and occasionally hands to keep BWR from the ball. Goole definitely had the better of the play in the first 25 mins as they forced a series of corners and they really put pressure on the BWR goal. Goalkeeper Maeve had to be at her best to keep the opposition at bay, with really good handling in slippery conditions, and her distribution was excellent. In defence, Rose, Amelia and Caitlin formed a strong back line with good strong tackling and a brilliant 'never give up' attitude. In midfield, Annie ran her socks off as usual with telling tackles all over the pitch, and despite a brief moment of exasperation as she told a Goole player, in no uncertain terms, to stop pushing her, kept her cool under some intense provocation. Joining her in midfield was Isabella, playing her first game of the season after breaking her arm, and she fitted in like she had played every game, with excellent tackling and skills, plus loads of energy to keep running back and help the defence, often being the last player and averting danger with a well-timed tackle. Emily O once again did an excellent job for the team, playing in almost every position. She is quickly becoming one of the most dependable members of the team, and showed energy and skill throughout. In attack, Charlotte, Emily G and Freya all had great games, with superb link up play and some great movement. On another day, all three of them could have had a hatful of goals. Emily G had a good early attempt at goal to relieve the pressure a little, but Goole pressed for the opening goal and they nearly got it as they hit the crossbar with a fierce shot. The half finished 0-0 but the girls were fortunate to be on level terms.

The second half started with a better tempo from the girls as they tried to put more passes together, although a passing game was hampered by the long grass at Moor Lane. The girls finally got some reward for their encouraging start as a lovely move brought the first BWR goal. Rose won the ball in midfield and passed to Freya who threaded a lovely ball through to Charlotte in the area. Charlotte latched on to the ball quickly and fired a strong low shot into the corner to bring her first League goal of the season. The joy of taking the lead was short lived as Goole hit back straight away. A game of pinball in the BWR area ended with the ball in the back of the net and it was 1-1. The girls didn't let the equaliser get them down as they were straight back on the attack as Rose showed courage and strength to win the ball by the touchline and pass the ball to Freya who this time set up Emily G in the area. The keeper got a hand to the ball, but the shot from Emily G was just too strong and the girls were back in the lead 2-1. Almost straight away the lead was increased as a great

flowing move ended with Emily G hitting the post, Freya helped retrieve the rebound, and Emily G lifted her second shot into the roof of the net to make it 3-1. Goole threatened late in the game with a series of free-kicks and corners but the girls held firm and it ended 3-1. An excellent second half performance brought the goals the girls deserved.

Goole didn't want to play a friendly so the girls had a 5-a-side training game, with Charlotte getting a couple of goals and Maeve scoring a couple herself. It was a fun and a friendly way to round off the morning.

The girls should be really proud of their strength and courage in the first half, and their skill and determination in the second. The unbeaten run continues! Well done girls!