

## 3G Nightmare For Bish

The first visit to Goole Towns' new home on the 3G pitch at Howden School, turned into a disappointing trip as the home side won 3-0. The girls never got to grips with the artificial surface, and some missed early opportunities prevented any pressure building. Goole took their chances well and were worthy winners. The girls never let their heads go down and battled to the end but it just wasn't their day.

**Team: Annie, Emily, Freya, Maeve, Amelia, Isabella, Charlotte, Rose**

**Captain: Emily**

**League Match: Lost 3-0**

**POM League: Maeve.** Maeve never stopped running and trying and she seemed to be everywhere. When playing in defence, she was always on hand to make the vital challenge or interception. In midfield, Maeve showed how versatile she is, and looked accomplished and confident. A really spirited performance in challenging circumstances.

### Match Report

With the 3G pitch only booked for an hour, the girls had no time to practice on the surface before the game and this showed throughout the match. Freya had been ill all week so volunteered to go in goal. Maeve and Amelia started in defence, Annie and Isabella in midfield and Emily and Rose up front, with Charlotte as sub. BWR mounted some early pressure with one attack giving Annie and Isabella good shooting opportunities, but these were blocked by some committed Goole defending. An Emily run and cross gave Rose a chance but she just couldn't reach the ball. Emily then had the best chance of the match as her snap shot with her left foot was pushed onto the post by the Goole keeper. This was the point where the pressure needed to turn into a goal but BWR's luck was out, and Goole fought their way back into the game. A swift counterattack resulted in Goole hitting the post, and two more good opportunities for the home side were wasted before a shot from the Goole striker just sneaked in at the post to give Goole the lead. At half-time it was 1-0 and things got worse for the girls at the start of the second half as a Goole attacker found herself one on one with the keeper and she finished with confidence to make it 2-0. There was still plenty of time to get back into the game but no clear chances came as a combination of strong, forceful defending, and unfamiliarity with the 3G surface conspired against the girls. A third goal came direct from a corner, which the Goole player had taken excellently all game, with a cruel deflection for an own goal. That summed up the game for BWR. Some late strong running by Emily and Rose up front resulted in shots on target but there was always a block or a foot or the goal keeper in the way and it finished 3-0 to Goole.

Freya made some smart saves and her kicking was excellent throughout the match, especially from hand as the long ball turned into a useful weapon on the bouncy surface. Amelia and Maeve worked well together in a new defensive partnership and looked solid, with good communication and commitment. Charlotte came on in an unfamiliar defensive position and fitted in really well with some good tackles and interceptions. She had to come off late on after a nasty knock to her knee, but she was really brave and gave everything. Isabella and Annie in midfield had a tough afternoon as Goole didn't give them any time or room to play. There were some forceful challenges, which we have come to expect from Goole, and the midfield pair had a real battle on their hands. Emily and Rose up front had no breaks at all, and nothing broke for them in the penalty area. Time and again they looked like they might score until a last second challenge or block would thwart them, or an unkind bounce or ricochet would mean the chance went begging. A very frustrating match for the girls.

The girls battled well but a really strong performance by the home side, which their coach described as the best he'd ever seen from them, and the 3G pitch, were just too much for the girls. The girls never stopped trying and competing and they should be proud of that. Well done girls!