

## Great Performance but No Reward for U12s



It was the annual trip to the seaside on Saturday for the girls as they battled the A64 roadworks to take on Scarborough Ladies. The girls put in one of the performances of the season but were again short on luck as they went down to a narrow 1-0 defeat. As usual with Scarborough, the friendly was a fun affair and the girls got a deserved 1-1 draw. A great performance, lots of fun, fish and chips and the beach – a great day out for the girls!

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

**Captain: Freya**

**League Match: Lost 1-0**

**Friendly Match: Drew 1-1 (Freya)**



**POM League: This player had the job of playing as the lone striker and she did this really difficult job brilliantly. She ran herself into the ground, chasing lost causes, pressuring defenders and generally causing the Scarborough defenders lots of trouble. Her touch, as ever, was excellent, and she held the ball up with real skill, helping to bring the midfield into play, and launch really effective counter attacks. An excellent display.**

### Match Report

The pitch at Scarborough has been turned round 90 degrees but still has a steep slope and BWR started the match kicking uphill which brought quite a bit of early pressure which the girls did well to withstand. A new formation for BWR, designed to make the team defensively stronger, saw Emily play as sweeper, behind Amelia and Maeve, and this worked well with the girls looking really solid at the back. This gave BWR the platform to launch some really effective counter attacks, and an early run up the wing from Isabella brought a cross come shot that hit the post, but Rose wasn't able to get to the loose ball. On another swift attack, Rose held the ball up superbly and then set Annie off on a great run which caused more panic in the home defence. Scarborough were dangerous with every attack and it took an excellent save from Freya to keep the BWR goal intact, before Emily had to make a superb interception to thwart another attack. The girls were counter attacking with real energy and purpose and Isabella's runs down the wing were a constant threat. A lovely passing move between Isabella, Rose and Annie ended with Annie shooting just wide. As half-time approached, Freya had to make a really brave save at the feet of an onrushing attacker to keep the score 0-0 at the break. The second half brought an early scare for BWR as the home side blasted a shot over the bar from close range. The only goal of the game came soon after as a Scarborough attacker finally managed to get some room in the box and finished from close range. It was a cruel blow for the girls as they had battled so hard and played so well, but their heads didn't drop and they tried really hard to get something from the game. Rose had a shot from a tight angle which hit the side netting, before Isabella had a shot

blocked from a really intelligent through ball from Rose. Rose then had two great efforts on goal before Emily, pushed up to striker in the last few minutes, had a superb mazy run into the Scarborough box before being crowded out by the home defence. The girls finally ran out of time trying to get the equaliser and it ended 1-0 but the girls had given everything.

Freya looked rock solid in goal, with some brave saves and really safe handling. Her kicks were excellent and distribution of the ball was intelligent. Emily settled into her new sweeper role really well and looked commanding at the back. She made some great interceptions and tackles, and she used her pace to great advantage. Maeve and Amelia were excellent in defence as they tackled and marked and chased and never stopped working hard for the team. Isabella and Annie, in midfield, covered every blade of grass as they defended when needed and then had the energy and drive to launch lightning counter attacks. Rose played as a lone striker with the responsibility of holding the ball up for the midfield to join the attack, and she did this role superbly. She never stopped running and battling and she deserved more luck in front of goal. Wendy started as sub and then came on up front and showed some excellent touches, holding the ball up and playing some clever passes. This was one of the performances of the season as every member of the team put in 100% effort. They kept battling and trying for the whole 50 minutes and deserved something from the game. It was a fantastic effort and the girls should be really proud.

The friendly was a fun 8 a-side game with Maeve in goal, Rose and Emily in defence, Annie, Wendy and Amelia in midfield, and Isabella and Freya up front. The girls conceded a first half goal from a corner, but rallied in the second half with Wendy hitting the post, and Emily making an excellent run to set up Freya to score the equaliser. A wonderful save from Maeve kept BWR in the game before Emily made a late run to try to snatch a win but got crowded out and the game ended even which was a fair result.

Against a really strong Scarborough side, who are challenging the top four and have scored 15 goals in their last two home matches, this was an outstanding performance. The girls looked strong at the back and dangerous on the counter attack, and they deserved something from the game. Well done girls!