

Tournament Success for U12s

The annual end of season tournament at York RI took place under leaden skies and a cold, biting wind. With one group of seven teams, the girls had an initial set of six 10 minute matches to negotiate and after leading at half-time 1-0 in the first match everything went against the girls and they finished bottom of the group stage with a record of 1 draw and 5 losses and only one goal scored. That meant a round-robin play-off against the two teams who finished 5th and 6th but all three matches finished goalless so each match was replayed as a penalty shoot-out. Two fine saves by Freya and two sets of perfect penalties by Isabella, Rose and Emily, saw BWR win both games and be crowned Consolation Cup Winners! A fantastic example of determination and perseverance paying off for the girls with well-deserved success.



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

Captain: Emily

vs Scarborough Ladies – Lost 2-1 (Rose)

The tournament got off to a great start with an early goal as great work by Emily set up Rose to fire home and give the girls a deserved half-time lead. Two quick goals in the second half won it for Scarborough and it took a superb double save by Freya to keep the score line respectable.

vs York RI – Lost 4-0

Maeve performed heroics in the BWR goal and the girls never stopped trying but York RI were just too strong and powerful as two goals in each half blew the girls away

vs Stamford Bridge – Drew 0-0

The first point of the tournament was won with a strong defensive display as the girls held strong against a Stamford Bridge side also struggling for goals.

vs Rawcliffe – Lost 1-0

This was a bad tempered game with some overly physical play by Rawcliffe including a really nasty foul on Isabella. BWR were the better side but Rawcliffe scored against the run of play with just about their only shot on target.

vs Wigginton Grasshoppers – Lost 4-0

The girls had an excellent first half but ran out of steam against a very good Wigginton side.

vs Poppleton Tigers – Lost 1-0

This girls finished the group stage with one of their best performances as they matched Poppleton all over the pitch. Poppleton scored a wonder goal to win it, but BWR should have had a goal themselves but controversially the ball was judged not to have crossed the line.

Consolation Cup Play-Offs

The teams finishing 5th (Rawcliffe), 6th (Stamford Bridge) and 7th (BWR) played each other in a round-robin play-off for the Consolation Cup.

vs Rawcliffe – Drew 0-0

The first play-off match saw BWR take on Rawcliffe again and the girls dominated the match but just couldn't find the back of the net.

vs Stamford Bridge – Drew 0-0

BWR's final match was against Stamford Bridge and it was a tense affair as the girls tried everything to get a goal, but also keep it tight in defence. Isabella hit the post with the best move of the match but there was no separating BWR and Stamford Bridge all morning.

Consolation Cup Penalty Shootouts

With the final Play-off round robin match between Rawcliffe and Stamford Bridge also ending 0-0, the play-off matches were repeated as penalty shootouts to get a winner. Best of three penalties before sudden death.

vs Rawcliffe – Won 3-1

Isabella took the first penalty and scored and then Freya saved the first Rawcliffe penalty. Rose then scored the 2nd penalty before Rawcliffe finally managed to score. That left Emily to win it with the third penalty and she coolly slotted home against the Rawcliffe goalkeeper who was so big her head scraped the cross-bar. Three of the best penalties ever taken and an absolutely crucial save by Freya.

vs Stamford Bridge – Won 3-1

The exact same pattern was repeated with three brilliant penalties by Isabella, Rose and Emily and then Freya saving the first Stamford Bridge penalty. As Emily's' penalty went in it took the girls a few moments to realise they had won the trophy, but then wild celebrations ensued.

Players

Freya – Great shot stopping. Crucial penalty saves. Ran her heart out. Fearless.

Amelia – Great tackling and clearances. Brave. Never lets the team down.

Charlotte – Strong tackling and not easily pushed off the ball. Versatile. Enthusiastic.

Annie – Great engine. Box to box midfielder. Intelligent passing.

Isabella – Bags of skill. Fast and strong. Brave. Penalty Hero.

Maeve – Brave goalkeeping. Fast and strong in defence. Cool on the ball.

Rose – Great close control. Excellent goal. Penalty Hero.

Wendy – Great tackling. Enthusiastic. Works hard for the team. True team player



Player of Tournament: This player never stopped running, encouraging and trying all day. She led the team brilliantly and was its heart and soul. Incredibly cool under pressure twice to score the winning penalty.