

## U12s Hit for Six

A warm but windy Saturday morning brought the visit of high-flying Fulford to Moor Lane. Unfortunately BWR's unbeaten run in the new purple kits came to an end as Fulford's excellent passing and powerful dribbling were just too much for the girls and it finished 6-0. The friendly was a 10 a-side game on a slightly bigger pitch and it was a more even contest which finished 0-0. A great morning of football only spoiled by the score line!



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

**Captain:** Emily O

**League Match:** Lost 6-0

**Friendly Match:** Drew 0-0

**POM League:** Isabella. This was a complete midfield performance from Isabella as she combined excellent attacking play, with tenacious tackling in midfield and timely interventions at the back. She never stopped running all game and carried on despite several knocks. An excellent display.

**POM Friendly:** Freya. Together with her excellent performance in goal in the League match, Freya rounded off the morning with a committed display in the friendly. Starting off at the back she worked really hard, marking, tackling and stopping Fulford from playing. In the second half, playing as a striker, she used all her energy making runs and causing problems for the Fulford defence. A great performance.

## Match Report

Fulford started the strongest and immediately put pressure on BWR, with the first goal coming after only a couple of minutes play as a shot from the edge of the area found its way into the corner of the goal. To their credit, the girls didn't let their heads go down and they continued to compete well all over the pitch, but Fulford are an excellent passing side, and a lovely flowing move brought Fulford their second goal. BWR had their biggest squad of the season, and some fresh legs midway through the half brought some fresh impetus to the play. Some smart play by Isabella on the wing enabled her to create some space and cross the ball in for Emily G to setup Maeve with a chance but her shot was charged down and cleared. Isabella then linked up well with Emily G again to create a chance for Amelia but again the excellent Fulford defence were too strong. Freya in goal had to make several brave saves to keep BWR in the game, and the half finished in a positive fashion as Emily G had a good shot saved by the keeper.

The second half was tough for the girls as Fulford stepped up a gear and their flair players started making excellent forward runs. Goals came at regular intervals and it wasn't a fair reflection on how well the girls played to be on the end of a 6-0 defeat. Freya in goal was excellent, making countless brave saves, and her handling and kicking were all superb. In defence, Caitlin, Emily O and Abbi all worked really hard to close down attackers and their tackling and clearances were good. In midfield, Maeve, Amelia, Isabella and Annie showed commitment and energy as they battled all over the pitch. Up front, Charlotte and Emily G had a tough time playing in the lone striker role but they chased lost causes and pressurised defenders and they never stopped trying.

The friendly was a 10 a-side game and the pitch was lengthened so there was more space for the girls to play. It was Maeve's turn to go in goal, in defence were Amelia, Freya and Abbi, in midfield were Emily O, Emily G, Isabella and Annie, leaving Charlotte and Rose to play up front. With so many players, space was at a premium and both sets of players seemed to cancel each other out, but when Emily O won a penalty, it looked like the deadlock would be broken. Emily G bravely volunteered to take it but could only rattle the crossbar with a thunderous shot. The stalemate continued and it finished 0-0.

This was a lesson in passing and movement which hopefully the girls can learn from and emulate in the future. A brave and committed display from BWR. Well done girls!