

Bleak Morning for U12s

For the last away game before the mid-season break, BWR made the trip to Malton to play second-placed Brooklyn. With injuries and absences taking their toll, it was an under strength side that were lucky to escape with only a 9-0 defeat. After 'borrowing' a couple of players, the friendly was a much more respectable goalless draw, but it was a horrible morning for the girls in the bleak November drizzle.

Team: Emily G, Maeve, Amelia, Charlotte, Isabella, Wendy

Captain: Emily G

League Match: Lost 9-0

Friendly Match: Drew 0-0

POM League: Amelia. This was an immense performance from Amelia. She never stopped running, tackling and trying. Her head never went down at any point during the game, and her effort and focus was excellent from start to finish. A fantastic example to the rest of the team.

POM Friendly: Emily G. Emily volunteered to go in goal in the Friendly and produced three fine saves to keep a clean sheet. Her handling and kicking were excellent in the wet and damp conditions.

Match Report

With only six players it was always going to be tough against a Brooklyn side who had only lost once all season, and that was a narrow 1-0 loss to reigning Champions York RI, and so it proved with a crushing 9-0 loss. An early foray into the opposition area and a half chance for Charlotte was the only real BWR attempt of the first half, and the only time the girls managed to get into the Brooklyn half. Maeve had the bad luck to be in goal and she performed heroics to keep Brooklyn at bay, with good handling in the damp conditions, and some brave saves at the feet of the Brooklyn attackers. She had no chance with any of the goals, and without her efforts the score could have been much worse. In defence, Amelia and Wendy were under pressure from the start. Amelia was excellent as she tried to stop the wave after wave of attacks. Wendy took an early ball to the face, but she bravely carried on, and worked hard for the team, with lots of marking and tackling. In midfield, Isabella and Emily G had the impossible task of trying to protect the defence and also trying to mount some kind of threat at the other end to relieve the pressure. With their pace they were always a threat on the counter-attack, but with being a player light, and no substitutes they had to conserve their energy and so the forward threat diminished as the game wore on. Isabella ran herself into the ground with tackles and interceptions and she never stopped trying and working for the team. Emily tackled and harried and tried her best to help out everywhere. She showed passion and commitment and always tried her best. Charlotte had the hopeless task of playing striker, but in reality she was pulled back into midfield and defence as everyone had to help out. She worked really hard throughout the game, always being outnumbered when the ball was cleared up to her, but she never stopped trying, despite feeling poorly throughout the game. The girls tried their best, but everything was against them.

The friendly was just a 15 min match, with Brooklyn lending us two of their players to make it 8 v 7 and giving BWR a player advantage. Emily G pulled off some great saves to keep a well-deserved clean sheet, and Maeve introduced some much needed fresh legs into the side. A 0-0 draw was just about fair to both sides and gave the girls something to finally smile about after a traumatic morning.

Lots of hard work and the girls never let their heads go down and they never stopped trying. Well done girls!