

U12s Suffer Late Heartbreak

It was the turn of Easingwold Town to visit Moor Lane on Saturday. BWR continue to improve with their performances and an early strike by Emily gave the girls hope that their luck may have changed, but a soft penalty brought Easingwold level and then the opposition got a late winner to break Bish hearts. The friendly was an 8 a-side affair with the girls getting some revenge with a 3-0 win. The girls continue to play well but with no reward, and they really deserved something from the League match.

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

Captain: Isabella

League Match: Lost 2-1 (Emily)

Friendly Match: Won 3-0 (Isabella, Freya, Rose)

POM League: Freya. Freya produced a string of fine saves in goal to keep BWR in the game. She was brave when collecting the ball at the feet of on-rushing attackers, and she was positive and commanding with her defence. Her kicking was excellent all game and she so very nearly saved the penalty. An outstanding goalkeeping display.

POM Friendly: Annie. Annie never stopped running and trying and competing for the whole of the morning. She showed skill and creativity when on the ball, always looking to bring her team mates into the game, and strength and resilience off it. A commanding midfield performance.

Match Report

The match started with some early pressure from Easingwold, made worse by some sloppy defending from the home team. The girls had to dig in and weather the storm and they slowly fought their way back into the match. An Emily corner brought the first BWR chance of the game as Charlotte went close at the back post. Then came the goal of the game as Emily fired in a low shot from outside the area which screamed into the net. The midweek shooting practice had paid off! Easingwold immediately ramped up the pressure and again the girls had to work hard, as the opposition used their pace and long throw to great effect. A hopeful Easingwold cross was handled in the box to give the away side a penalty. It was well struck in the corner and Freya made a fine attempt to keep the ball out but it just squirmed over the line. The girls didn't let the setback get them down and they then played some of their best football. Emily made a super run but no one could get on the end of her cross, and then she had an excellent shot which was saved by the keeper. The half ended 1-1 but the girls had probably had the better chances. The second half started brightly. Annie made a superb run and cross and then she popped up on the end of a fine run by Isabella but her shot went wide. Emily continued to cause the Easingwold defence problems as she went on a run down the wing before putting in a fine cross which Isabella fired at the goalkeeper who had to make a smart save. At the other end the BWR defence was being kept busy with Easingwold breaking with pace and power. Rose, Maeve and Amelia had to be on top form to keep the opposition at bay, with some last-ditch tackles and interceptions. Freya in goal was having a great match, and she was brave and fearless, making countless saves. Annie and Isabella in midfield were having to work really hard to help out the defence and support Charlotte and Emily up front. With five minutes to go, a swift break down the wing by one of the Easingwold star players caught the BWR defence out, and she found herself alone in the area to make it 2-1. The girls tried their best in the last few minutes to get an equaliser but it wasn't to be. It was hard on the girls as they had played so well, against really good opposition, but got no reward.

The friendly was 8 a-side with Maeve in goal, a defence of Charlotte and Amelia, midfield of Annie, Emily and Isabella and a front two of Rose and Freya. This was a really open game with Easingwold changing positions too, and some early pressure brought a goal for Isabella as she fired in a shot into the bottom corner of the goal. Chances were coming thick and fast as Rose had an excellent shot saved by the goalkeeper and then Freya made it 2-0 as she fired home after a brilliant run and cross from Isabella. A fine first half was completed by a goal from Rose after excellent link up play from Emily and Isabella. The second half was more even with Easingwold having some good chances which were either dealt with by Charlotte and Amelia, or saved by Maeve. It finished 3-0 and the girls were thrilled to get some measure of revenge.

Another disappointing League result, but a far from disappointing performance as the girls battled well and deserved more. Well done girls!