

Goals at Last for Bish

League newcomers, Rawcliffe, were the latest opposition to visit BWR at our temporary home ground of York College, and it was triple joy for the girls as they scored their first goals of the season, got their first win of the season, and also got to show off their new purple kit. Emily G got a hat-trick in a 3-0 win, and the whole team performed well. The friendly was won 1-0 with a lovely strike by Rose, and it was a great way to finish off a very successful morning. With 4 goals and 3 points in the bag, the girls should take lots of confidence into the next match.



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

League Match: Won 3-0 (Emily G 3 – 1 Pen)

Friendly: Won 1-0 (Rose)

Captain: Amelia

Player of the League Match: Amelia. The Captain's armband worked its magic again as it inspired Amelia into a super performance. She was commanding at the back, with well-timed tackles, interceptions and clearances, and she was really tough when she needed to be, never shirking a challenge. An excellent display.

Player of the Friendly Match: Rose. Rose never stopped trying and never stopped running and got her just rewards for all her hard work when she scored the winning goal. Throughout both matches, Rose was always looking for the pass, and her movement and skill on the ball were excellent. A superb performance.

Match Report

BWR were impressive from the start as they dominated the opening passages of play with really good pressure on the Rawcliffe goal. Both Annie and Emily G had good early efforts at goal, and the Rawcliffe keeper had to make a good stop from an Emily G shot. Eventually the pressure brought a goal, the first one of the season, as Annie threaded the ball through to Emily G in the box and she coolly fired it home. Emily O then had a fine looping effort tipped over by the opposition Keeper. The girls continued to play well with lots of passing and moving. Maeve in goal had very little to do, excellently protected by Amelia and Freya. A second goal was inevitable, with all the pressure, and it was a really well worked goal. Emily O took a good quick throw down the line to Annie. Annie took on two defenders and put in a lovely cross which the Rawcliffe Keeper couldn't handle, and Emily G squeezed the ball over the line to make sure. 2-0 and thoroughly deserved. The second half started really well as an Emily G shot was handballed in the area by a Rawcliffe defender. Emily G stepped up to take the penalty and she smashed it home to complete her hat-trick. The girls continued to play good football, exemplified by one move where Abbi won the ball superbly in defence, passed to Emily G, who fed it through to Annie, who put in a lovely through ball into the penalty area for Charlotte to chase after but it just ran out of play. Superb passing and moving from defence into attack. Another move saw Emily G link up with Freya to provide Rose with a chance which went just wide. Rawcliffe came back into the game as the girls tired and Maeve had to be on her toes to stop a couple of Rawcliffe breakaways. The last few minutes saw a host of chances for Freya as she put just wide from an Emily G corner, and then she latched on to an interception from Emily O but her shot went just wide again. An excellent performance from the whole team to get the first goals, first win and first points!

Maeve kept the first clean sheet of the season and she had to make some important saves throughout the game as Rawcliffe threatened on the break. She had excellent concentration throughout and she was a really safe and reliable pair of hands in goal, giving everyone confidence. Amelia and Freya proved a formidable back line, and the opposition got absolutely nothing out of them, with strong tackling and great clearances and interceptions. Abbi started in midfield but dropped back to her preferred defensive position for the second half, where she was strong and determined, with great tackling and excellent reading of the play. Annie put in another wonderful performance, with strength and courage all over the pitch and she never stopped running. Her passing was excellent and she linked up with her team mates all over the pitch. Rose and Emily G started up front and they both combined really well, with good passing and movement. Rose worked really hard all over the pitch and she showed all her skills with lovely drag backs and super turns. Emily G had an outstanding game, not only with her hat-trick, but also her all round play, as she dropped into midfield in the second half. Her crosses and corners were excellent. Emily O showed how versatile she is by playing in just about every position during the two games. She worked really hard all over the pitch, with excellent tackling and some great clearances. She even had a shot tipped over the bar. Charlotte played mostly up front and she never stopped working and trying, and she was unlucky again not to get a goal with some great runs and movement off the ball.

The friendly saw Freya go in goal, and she hardly had a save to make in the first half as BWR dominated again. This time there was only one goal to show for all the pressure as Rose fired home after great work by Maeve. Charlotte had two great chances and Emily G had a shot after intercepting a Rawcliffe goal kick. Just before half-time, Rose had a great run and shot but the half ended 1-0. The second half saw much more pressure from Rawcliffe as Freya had to pull off two great saves to keep her clean sheet intact. There was just time at the end for Annie and Rose to combine for another Rose attempt on goal, but it ended 1-0. The girls were tired at the end but they still had enough to get the victory.

Well, it took 4 games, but the win, and the goals, finally came. That should give the girls lots of confidence going into the next match. Well done girls!

Regards

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