

League Win at Last for U12s

It was the turn of Stamford Bridge to visit Moor Lane this week, for the last match before the Caravans arrive. An excellent performance from the girls, in wet and windy conditions, saw them take an early lead with a wonderful strike from Rose, but Stamford Bridge equalised just before half time. BWR finally got the win they deserved with a late winner from Rose as the girls got all 3 points for the first time since November. A good humoured friendly saw Emily give BWR an early lead but Stamford Bridge got a very late equaliser to finish all square 1-1. A fantastic performance from the girls who finally got their just reward.

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

Captain: Rose

League Match: Won 2-1 (Rose - 2)

Friendly Match: Drew 1-1 (Emily)



POM League: led from the front with non-stop pressing of the Stamford Bridge defenders, and excellent chasing of lost causes. She never stopped trying, with great passing and really intelligent link-up play. She took her goals with clinical precision, the first was a superb finish, the second, under intense pressure from a defender, was excellent. An inspirational performance.



POM Friendly: Another strong performance in defence from this player as she chased and tackled and never stopped trying. Her distribution of the ball from the back is improving with every game and she is a true team player. An excellent display.

Match Report

Cold, wet and windy conditions faced the girls as they kicked off against Stamford Bridge, but they didn't let that slow them down as they started brightly. The front three of Annie, Isabella and Rose are really developing an understanding, and they continually linked up well, with Rose being excellent at holding the ball up and bringing the midfield in to play. A throw in down the left hand side was taken by Annie to Isabella who fed an intelligent pass through to Rose. Rose beat a defender on the edge of the area and fired an unstoppable shot into the top right and corner of the

goal from a difficult angle. It was a great goal, with excellent build up play and a superb finish. Going a goal down spurred Stamford Bridge in to action and they started to put the home defence under some serious pressure. BWR were still threatening on the break but the pressure was building and the visitors hit the post before a long range effort flew through a crowd of bodies and gave Freya no chance. The equaliser came just before half time and it was a blow to the girls after the euphoria of taking the lead. The second half started evenly with both sides getting half-chances but both defences were strong and held firm. With ten minutes to go, BWR changed their formation with Emily moving up into midfield, from sweeper, to make the extra player and this gave the home side more attacking options. Some good runs down the wing from Isabella and Emily began to really stretch the Stamford Bridge defence, and then with just a few minutes left, BWR got the winning goal. A lovely through ball from Emily was chased down by Rose who was being pressured by a defender all the way. Rose kept her cool and placed a clinical finish into the corner of the goal with the Keeper racing out to put her off. The girls had to hold on for just a few minutes more before the final whistle and some great celebrations.

Freya in goal was excellent again with great handling, kicking and all-round leadership at the back. Emily, Maeve, Amelia and Wendy were all superb as they put in strong challenges, marked, pressed and never stopped running. Isabella and Annie, in midfield, had a bruising game, but they again showed their resilience and their fitness as they ran themselves into the ground. They were especially good at supporting Rose up front, who had an exceptional game. Great leadership by example, two great goals and deservedly Player of the Match.

The friendly saw Maeve in goal, Wendy and Amelia in defence, Annie and Emily in midfield and Freya and Isabella up front. An early goal by Emily, firing in from just inside the box after good approach work by Freya and Isabella, was justly deserved as the girls piled the pressure on the Stamford Bridge goal. The girls had quite a few chances but just couldn't get a second and at half-time it was 1-0. The second half was more even but Emily and Freya both had chances to score before the girls were made to pay with a very late equaliser.

The girls put in another excellent performance but this time got their rewards as some great finishing, and some luck, finally won a deserved three points. The confidence gained should serve them well in the final part of the season. A special Thank You to Rose and her Family for delaying the start of their holiday so Rose could play. It's a great example of the commitment to the team shown by all the girls and their families. Well done everyone!