

U12s Run Out Of Steam

For the last League match before the mid-season break, Scarborough Ladies made the long trip to visit BWR at Moor Lane. In a highly competitive encounter, the girls held their own until a late flurry of goals resulted in a 5-1 defeat which was very flattering to the away side. BWR had to borrow some players for the friendly which was a 9v9 circus with Scarborough winning 2-1. Some good play early on from the girls was encouraging but they faded towards the end and Scarborough showed their class with some ruthless finishing.

Team: Annie, Emily G, Freya, Maeve, Amelia, Isabella, Emily O, Wendy

Captain: Freya

League Match: Lost 5-1 (Emily G)

Friendly Match: Lost 2-1 (Scarborough Loanee)

POM League: Wendy. Wendy never stopped trying and battling throughout the match. She made some timely interceptions and last ditch tackles and was always on hand to challenge for the ball at the back. Several times she was outnumbered at the back during a Scarborough counter-attack, but she never gave up and she always did her best. An excellent display.

Match Report

The match started with some good pressure on the Scarborough goal. Isabella made a fine run up the right wing and crossed for Maeve who helped it on to Emily O whose shot was turned round the post by the Keeper for a corner. From the corner, Isabella crossed in again for Maeve whose shot rebounded to Emily O who had two attempts at goal but couldn't get the ball through a crowded penalty area. Almost straight away, Scarborough broke up field and their striker fired the ball into the top corner of the BWR net, giving Freya no chance, and giving Scarborough a 1-0 lead. The girls ignored this early setback and went back on the offensive with some good passing resulting in another Emily O chance. Emily G came on as a substitute and injected some pace into the attack and she soon set up Maeve for a shot, and then Isabella made another run and cross to give Maeve another attempt. Towards the end of the half, Freya was called on to make a point-blank save when one on one with a Scarborough attacker, to keep BWR in the game. The half ended 1-0 but the girls had had the better chances and had played really well. The second-half started brightly with an early shot from Annie going just wide, and some good pressure, but BWR were always vulnerable to the counter attack and they had Freya to thank again as she pulled off another fine save from a swift Scarborough attack. Scarborough made it 2-0 as they scored a scrappy goal from a corner, and then 3-0 as a fine long range shot gave Freya no chance. It could have been even worse moments later as Freya had to be at her best to make yet another superb save. The girls were still creating chances and they finally got the goal they deserved as Emily G picked up the ball by the left hand touchline and powered her way through several defenders to finish from close range. That made it 3-1 but any hope of a comeback was extinguished as Scarborough got a fourth after a long run and fine shot from long range. Another chance fell to Maeve, and Emily G had a couple of late chances, but Scarborough made it 5-1 with a late goal to give the score line a very flattering look. The girls had battled well, and played some good football in patches, but on this evidence, Scarborough look a good side and deserved their win.

Freya had an exceptional game in goal. She made some fine saves, many where she was one on one with the attacker. Her kicking was very good and her handling was safe as houses. Wendy and Amelia had a tough time at the back, often being outnumbered as Scarborough launched swift counter-attacks, but they tackled, and covered, and challenged, and never gave up. Isabella, Annie

and Maeve worked really hard in midfield, trying to support the attack and also trying to cover in defence. They battled well and did their best against talented opposition. Emily O started as the lone striker and had some good early attempts. She was moved into defence later in the match and she made several fine challenges and clearances. Emily G came on in attack and had some good attempts and she scored a fine goal.

The friendly was a 9v9 affair, with BWR having to borrow 3 players as Amelia and Maeve had to go early. Emily G played in goal and made some fine saves again, but had no chance with two first-half goals from Scarborough. The second-half was more even and Freya had several attempts on goal but with no luck. One of the Scarborough loanee players pulled a goal back, and the girls pushed for an equaliser but it just wasn't their day.

Some encouraging signs but the girls were beaten by the better team. The mid-season break will give the girls some much needed rest and a chance to come back stronger after Christmas. Well done girls!