

Understrength Bish Blown Away in the Rain

Injuries, illness and surprise birthdays parties all came together to decimate the BWR squad for the first game of the season, away at Easingwold Town. A battling performance from the super six that made the trip wasn't enough to prevent a 3-0 loss. The friendly was thankfully six a-side but the girls were shattered by then and Easingwold ran out 3-0 winners again. Lots of energy, enthusiasm and commitment, plus tons of team spirit were really encouraging signs for the rest of the season and the girls should be really proud of their performance.

Team: Rose, Emily G, Annie, Maeve, Emily O, Amelia

League Match: Lost 3-0

Friendly: Lost 3-0

Captain: Emily G

Player of the League Match: Amelia. This was an excellent first performance from debutant Amelia. She ran her socks off in midfield in the first half, but her performance then stepped up a gear as she moved into defence. Amelia tackled bravely, intercepted passes and cleared the ball with conviction. A fantastic debut.

Player of the Friendly Match: Emily O. Another super performance from the other debutant . She battled bravely all over the pitch and she never stopped running and trying. Emily selflessly volunteered to go in goal and was a real team player. Another great debut.

Match Report:

The first Under 12s match of the season started in pouring rain as the home team tried to work their one player advantage. The girls battled bravely and for the first part of the first half, matching Easingwold in every department. Maeve was commanding in the box and Emily O and Rose gave her good protection from the opposition forwards. Annie and Amelia worked tirelessly in midfield, and Emily G attempted to help out in midfield and provide a goal threat up front. Eventually the player advantage, plus the continuous rolling substitutions by the home team, started to take its toll on the girls. Gaps started to appear and tired legs found it harder to chase after the opposition and close them down. The first Easingwold goal came midway through the first half as a stretched defence just couldn't close down fast enough. A second goal just before half-time could have meant the girls let their heads drop, but they picked themselves up and battled on. It wasn't all one way traffic either with both Emily G and Rose going close for BWR.

The second half was more of the same, with Easingwold utilising their large squad to maximum effect. The girls battled all over the pitch and stood up bravely to some lively tackling and marking by the home side. There were more attempts on goal, but Emily G didn't have her shooting boots on today and the girls just couldn't get the goal that they all deserved. Easingwold scored a third, almost against the run of play, and it just wasn't BWR's day.

The friendly afterwards saw Amelia in goal for the first half and Emily O for the second, to give Maeve a run out. Maeve did brilliantly as the only defender and seemed to pop up all over the pitch. The rest of the girls were totally shattered by this point, and despite coming close to scoring on several occasions, couldn't prevent another 3-0 win by Easingwold.

It was a tough day for the girls, especially the two making their debuts, but they all battled hard and there are lots of positives to be taken into our next match. Well done girls!

Regards

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