

U13s Draw Again with Cop

A crisp and clear Saturday morning saw the girls make the short trip to Askham Bryan College for the local derby against Copmanthorpe. The previous two fixtures between these two sides had both ended in draws so it was no big surprise that it finished all even again at 1-1. BWR went ahead early in the second half through Freya, before Copmanthorpe equalised with ten minutes to go. The girls were strong when they needed to be but also played some lovely football and probably had the better of the chances to score. An excellent all-round performance from the girls against a good strong side, which they should all be proud of.

Team: Maeve, Freya, Emily G, Isabella, Emily S, Rose, Amelia

Captain: Emily G

League Match: Drew 1-1 (Freya)



POM League: This player was carrying a painful arm injury coming in to the match but she didn't let that affect her as she put in an excellent performance up front. She ran herself into the ground chasing the ball and pressing defenders, and she was excellent holding the ball up and bringing other players into the attack. She took her goal well and it was the least she deserved for an impressive display.

Match Report

The tension and excitement began from the starting whistle as the action swiftly moved from one end of the pitch to the other. Freya had an early chance, quickly followed by some good link-up play between Freya and Emily S but the shot was well held by the Keeper. At the other end, Maeve in goal had to be alert and her handling and reactions were excellent. In front of her, Rose and Amelia put up a superb defensive shield which the home side struggled to break through, leaving the opposition with few clear cut chances. Up front, Freya was proving a handful for the Cop defence and she created an opening for a shot from Isabella which went just wide. Emily S had the longest effort of the day with a clever attempt to lob the Keeper, and then Rose got in on the act as she pushed forward and fired wide from distance. Copmanthorpe were relying heavily on long throws which the girls dealt with well, and from one such throw, Emily G broke down the wing and put in a fantastic cross but Freya just couldn't find the right connection to turn it towards goal. BWR finished the half strongly as another Emily G run and shot was well saved by the Keeper. The half ended 0-0 with BWR having the better of the chances.

The second half began as the first had, with chances at both ends, first Emily S having a good chance and then Maeve making a brave save. With the half only a few minutes old, BWR broke the deadlock

as a strong tackle in midfield by Emily G pushed the ball forward to Freya who fired past a defender and the Keeper to score. The goal gave the girls a lift and they started playing with extra confidence. Good work by Freya put Emily G in the clear but her shot went agonisingly wide, and then an Emily G corner found Emily S whose shot on the turn was spectacularly tipped over the bar by the Keeper. The girls thought they had the elusive second goal as a fantastic cross by Emily G was tapped home by Freya but the Referee, after first waving play on, then signalled the ball had gone out for a throw-in. Emily G had another chance to make the game safe but her shot was wide, and then, against the run of play, a long speculative shot by the home side found its way into the goal and it was 1-1. The play then was very tense as both teams went for the win but didn't want to lose. Freya put her shot wide from a huge kick by Maeve, and then a series of opposition long throws put the girls under late pressure, but they were strong to the end and the game finished all-square.

The girls were strong and determined, but also played some excellent football (the 1-2 between Emily G and Isabella was fantastic to see) and deserved to win a tight game. An excellent performance from the whole team. Well done girls!