

U13s Battle for First Win

Copmanthorpe were the visitors to the Junior School on Saturday for a feisty local derby. After two good performances without any reward, the girls were anxious to get their first points of the season against a good Copmanthorpe side. A tough first half saw the girls soak up a lot of pressure with some heroic defending and were probably fortunate to end the half 0-0. The second half saw the girls come more into the game, and two goals in two minutes late in the game settled it for the home side. First Annie followed up a free-kick to finish from close range and then Emily G scored a long-range scorcher to give the girls some breathing space. An all-round excellent performance from every single player and they all thoroughly deserved their first win of the season.

Team: Freya, Maeve, Emily G, Isabella, Annie, Emily S, Rose, Charlotte

Captain: Freya

League Match: Won 2-0 (Annie, Emily G)



POM League: This was an impressive defensive performance from this player. She was strong in the tackle, brave with her blocking and intelligent with her interceptions and distribution. This player didn't let anything get past her, and along with Maeve and Emily S, put up a defensive shield that never got broken. A superb display.

Match Report

The match started with lots of Copmanthorpe pressure as they won a succession of early corners. Rose and Maeve had to be at their best in defence to keep the visitors out, with Rose making some stunning tackles which brought gasps and cheers from the crowd. Freya in goal had to be alert to the danger, especially as a series of corners and crosses came in dangerously to her near post. BWR tried to mount counter attacks with Emily S having a shot from long range, and Emily G making a threatening run

down the wing, but Copmanthorpe didn't ease up pressure on the BWR goal and Rose and Maeve were kept very busy. The midfield of Annie, Isabella, Emily G and Emily S worked their socks off to help out in defence but also support Charlotte up front, and they never stopped working hard. Charlotte had a tough job as the lone striker but she held the ball up well, chased hard and didn't let the Copmanthorpe defenders have an easy time. As the half came to an end, the girls started to get more into the game and they went into the break all square at 0-0.

A change of goalkeeper at half time saw Maeve swap with Freya and it didn't affect the defensive solidity at all with Emily S dropping into defence with Rose. The half started brightly for BWR with Isabella having a long range shot, and Freya and Isabella working a good throw in, giving Isabella a chance to cross for Emily G. At the other end Maeve had to pull off a good save and keep

Copmanthorpe out in what was becoming an end to end game. After the Copmanthorpe Keeper handled the ball outside the area, Emily G had a fine free-kick parried by the Keeper and Isabella put the follow-up just wide. Freya was making a big impact up front with some strong runs, and Isabella and Emily G on the wings were carrying a real threat to the opposition. Annie in the centre of midfield was outstanding as she tackled, intercepted and harried the Copmanthorpe players, always trying to push the play forward. The girls got a number of free-kicks after pushes and rough play, and one such free-kick, after Isabella had been pushed to the ground, was again taken by Emily G who fired in a great shot. The Copmanthorpe Keeper could only parry the ball and Annie was first to react to poke the ball home. 1-0 to BWR. Moments later it was two as Emily G collected the ball on the left wing, took it round her marker and fired a long range effort into the net. 2-0 and a bit of breathing space after such a tense game. There was time for another Emily G shot, another fantastic tackle by Rose and a brilliant clearance from Emily S, before Maeve made a great save in the last few seconds to keep that first clean sheet intact. At the final whistle, a very hard fought match had ended 2-0 and the first win of the season for the girls.

Outstanding performances from every single player, against tough opposition, was fantastic to watch. A well-deserved victory to get the first League points of the season. Well done girls!