

## U13s Edge Top of the Table Thriller

The race for second place in the league came to Moor Lane on Saturday with the visit of Rawcliffe. The visitors took the lead halfway through the first half but the girls hit back before half-time as Emily S scored a spectacular goal by lobbing the keeper from the left hand touchline. BWR dominated the second half and finally got the winner they deserved as Emily G fired home from a Rose corner. The final ten minutes were fraught with Freya making a fantastic late save but the girls hung on for a superb win.

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

**Captain: Freya**

**League Match: Won 2-1 (Emily S, Emily G)**



**POM League: An impressive performance from this player as she showed character and determination to drive the team forward. Her running with and without the ball was superb and she capped a fine display by scoring the winning goal. A superb performance.**

### Match Report

A tense opening period saw little goalmouth action as both teams battled to impose themselves on the match. Emily S had two early efforts at goal, and Rose, Amelia and Maeve were strong at the back, providing protection for Freya whose handling was safe and assured. The midfield of Annie, Isabella and Emily G were working hard to win the battle in the middle of the pitch, and Rawcliffe were proving tough and competitive opposition. Almost against the run of play, the visitors went ahead as a long kick out from their goalkeeper soared over the heads of most of the players and allowed the Rawcliffe striker to fire home from close range. This galvanised the girls and they piled forward to get the equaliser. A fine run by Isabella caused panic in the Rawcliffe defence and a long range effort by Rose went just wide. The equaliser came just before half-time as a well-worked throw-in on the left-hand side left Emily S in space on the touchline. She sent a spectacular lob over the Keepers head and just under the bar to send the home supporters wild. Annie had a fine chance to put the girls ahead when she made a superbly timed run into the box but just couldn't get on the end of an Emily S cross. The half ended 1-1 and the girls deserved to be back on terms.

The second half started with concerted pressure on the Rawcliffe goal as the girls looked to get ahead in the game. Emily G went close with a good effort and then she had a double chance blocked and then deflected wide. From a succession of corners, Rose was causing mayhem in the visitors' defence with Emily G getting on the end of most of them but each effort was either blocked or went just wide. Eventually the combination worked as Rose sent over an excellent corner and Emily G fired into the net. Rawcliffe tried their best to get back into the game with some desperate defending by the girls required to keep the lead intact. Freya had to make a vital save near the end and her handling and command of her box was excellent all game. The girls had some late chances to make the game safe as Rawcliffe pushed forward, but they just couldn't find the back of the net. It was a tense and nervy final few minutes but the girls hung on to claim a deserved victory 2-1 and consolidate their position in the table.

This was an excellent team performance as everyone contributed to beat one of the best teams in the League. Well done girls!

