# **U13s Draw With Easingwold**

It was a cold and windy away day in Easingwold for the girls on Saturday as a closely fought match ended all-square 1-1. The girls went behind to a sloppy goal half-way through the first half, but equalised mid-way through the second as Emily S poked home the ball after a fierce shot from Annie. The girls probably edged it on chances but a draw was a fair result as both teams played well in challenging conditions.

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

### Captain: Amelia

## League Match: Drew 1-1 (Emily S)



POM League: This Player added real pace and momentum to the BWR attack as she drove the girls forward. She was always busy in midfield and gave the Easingwold defence lots to worry about as she raced forward, linking play up well, and posing a threat in front of goal. An excellent performance!

#### Match Report

The girls started the match quite tentatively on what must have been one of the smallest pitches the team has ever played on. A low sun and a strong wind made it difficult for the girls and they took a while to settle. A strong forward run by Annie was the highlight as Easingwold had the majority of possession and applied pressure to the BWR goal. Freya had to be at her best, her early saves and solid handling, and her distribution from goalkicks, were excellent. Easingwold opened the scoring half way through the first half as a tricky bouncing ball managed to creep in at the near post. Going a goal down seemed to spark the girls in to life as they tried to get themselves back into the game. Charlotte set Annie up for a chance but

it went into the side netting. Emily G had a shot before Rose put a good chance just wide. The girls finished the half strongly with Annie first putting a shot just wide and then having another shot saved by the Easingwold Keeper. It was 1-0 to the hosts at half-time but the girls were still very much in the game.

The second half started with lots of midfield action leaving both Keepers with not much to do. Amelia, Maeve and Charlotte in defence were very strong, with tough tackling and excellent clearances. Annie, Isabella, Emily G and Emily S in midfield were doing a superb job, working box to box, and not giving the opposition any time to play. Rose up front had a tough job, usually marked by two defenders, she held the ball up well and her link-up play was excellent. As the half reached its mid-way point the girls started to exert some real pressure, Isabella had a fine shot and then Maeve fired in a long-range effort which hit the cross-bar and went out for a throw-in! Then, finally, the girls got a bit of luck in front of goal, as Annie fired in a strong shot which the Keeper could only parry and Emily S followed in and poked the ball home. After that it was all BWR as the girls pressed for the winner. Rose had an excellent shot saved, and then a Rose corner was flicked just over the bar by Emily G. Maeve had two more long range efforts but the Easingwold goal led a charmed life and it finished 1-1.

Another superb performance from the girls as they battled back from a goal down and finished the stronger side. Well done girls!