

## **U14s Leave It Late at (not quite) the Seaside**

Fiercely cold sleet showers and a bitter icy wind greeted the girls for the first visit to Scarborough Ladies at their new home in Sherburn. BWR dominated the possession but couldn't turn it into goals in an exciting match played in a friendly atmosphere. Isabella opened the scoring in the first half with a lovely volley just inside the area from a Robyn corner, but Scarborough equalised late in the half, totally against the run of play. Chances came and went in the second half, and Scarborough were always a threat on the break, but with only a minute to go, Amy won a brave challenge in midfield, Elen passed the ball to Emily who beat two defenders and fired home. A superb all-round display from the girls and they thoroughly deserved the win.

**Team: Freya, Amelia, Rose, Emily, Isabella, Robyn, Kore, Amy, Abi, Elen**

**Captain: Amy**

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



**Player of the Match: A superb defensive performance from this player. Strong in the tackle, neat footwork and intelligent distribution. She always seemed to be on hand to make the vital tackle and she used the ball well, always remaining calm under pressure. An excellent display.**

### **Match Report**

The girls kicked off playing against the wind in the first half and this initially invited some pressure from the home side. It didn't last long as the girls started a wave of attacks on the Scarborough goal. A Robyn cross from the left just couldn't find a BWR touch, and this set a trend for the match, with some lovely crosses being fired in, but bad luck and good defending stopping the girls every time. Elen had a shot go just wide, and Amy first had a good effort saved and then she went even closer with the Keeper managing to frantically shovel the shot around the post. It looked like it was going to be a frustrating morning until Isabella found herself in the area with a bit of room, after an excellent corner from Robyn, and she fired a superb volley into the net. 1-0 and the least the girls deserved. The girls didn't relax and the goal gave them confidence as they poured forward. Isabella hit the post after excellent work from Elen, Kore and Robyn, and then Isabella hit the crossbar with a

thunderous shot from the edge of the box. Amy had a shot go wide after a superb through ball by Elen, and it was total domination until a swift breakaway from Scarborough, right at the end of the half, created confusion in the defence and the ball just squeezed in at the near post. It was a cruel blow to the girls, as they had played so well and had so many chances. The half ended 1-1.

The pattern of the second half was a repeat of the first as BWR dominated the play with Scarborough threatening on the break, but the equaliser had given the hosts confidence and they looked more dangerous in attack. Freya was cool and calm with her handling all match, and her kicking was excellent, especially against the wind in the first half. The back line of Amelia, Abi, Rose and Emily played superbly, giving their opponents very few good chances, and always being on hand with a challenge or clearance. They were well organised from set pieces and were very unlucky not to get a clean sheet. The central midfield pairing of Kore and Elen dominated the middle of the pitch, and Scarborough found it really difficult against them. Elen on debut was particularly impressive with great close control and a willingness to do the hard work, getting box to box. Kore got into some excellent forward positions and was always driving the team forward. The wingers, Robyn and Isabella, put in outstanding performances, continually beating their markers and putting in some great crosses. They both worked their socks off, helping defensively, and pushing forward in attack, and were the most skilful players on the pitch. Up front, Amy put in a massive amount of hard work. She was always on hand to receive the ball, hold it up, or just run at the opposition and she really deserved a goal. The chances kept coming in the second-half, Robyn hit the post, Emily had a shot saved, Amy had a chance which went just wide, and Elen had an effort saved. Scarborough were always dangerous from counter-attacks as the girls pressed for the winner, and they had a long-range effort flick the top of the crossbar with Freya having it covered anyway. Emily was now playing further forward and had an excellent run which finished with her shot being saved. The time was ticking away and it was getting more and more frustrating for the players that they couldn't turn their domination into a victory, especially with the threat of Scarborough on the break. With a minute to go, Amy made a brave challenge in midfield and the loose ball was passed by Elen to Emily, who went past two defenders and fired the ball into the bottom left hand corner to make it 2-1 to BWR. The girls saw out the last 60 seconds without any alarms to give them a thoroughly deserved win.

A superb all-round performance from the girls. Defensively sound, tough in midfield and creating chances up front. Lots to be proud of and the unbeaten run stretches to four games. Well done girls.

