

U14s Hang On For Win

Thick fog was the main talking point as Wigginton Grasshoppers were the visitors to York College on Saturday. The game was dominated by BWR as they pressured the visitors goal, with Wigginton only a threat on the counter attack. A fine opening goal from Elen, and a second by Amy, looked to have given the girls the score line they deserved, but Wigginton pulled one back to make it 2-1 before Amy scored from a Rose corner on the stroke of half-time, leaving it 3-1 at the break. The second half followed the same pattern as the first, with plenty of chances for BWR, and some threatening counter attacks from Wigginton, but more goals wouldn't come for the girls. A late goal by Wigginton made for a very tense final few minutes but the girls hung on for a deserved 3 points.

Team: Amelia, Rose, Emily, Isabella, Robyn, Amy, Abi, Elen, Ellie

Captain: Ellie

League Match: Won 3-2 (Elen, Amy - 2)



Player of the Match: A strong defensive performance from this player who didn't make a mistake for the whole game. She was tough with her tackling and always in the right place at the right time. This Player kept calm in possession and her distribution from the back was excellent. A fine performance.

Match Report

With thick fog surrounding the pitch like a wall, the game started with immediate pressure on the Wigginton goal. Amy had a great early chance, from a through ball by Rose, which was saved by the Keeper, and then Rose put in a wonderful corner which Ellie volleyed just wide. The chances kept coming as first Amy had a great run which the keeper managed to shovel round the post for a corner, and then Amy had a fierce shot tipped over the bar. The girls had to be wary of counter attacks from Wigginton, and Emily, playing in goal, had to be alert to make a good save from a Wigginton corner. The opening goal finally arrived as Elen fired the ball home after an Isabella throw and fine work by Amy. It was the least the girls deserved. Elen had a good run and her shot was turned around the post by the Keeper before the girls made it 2-0 when great work by Abi on the

edge of the area ended with Amy scoring from close range after some pinball in the visitors penalty area. The girls sensed a big score and attacked again and again, with Amy and Ellie having multiple chances, with great work by Elen in midfield, and Robyn and Isabella being brilliantly creative on the wings. Unfortunately, the goals wouldn't come and Emily had to be alert and make a good save from a rare Wigginton breakaway. Totally against the run of play, the visitors pulled a goal back as they fired home from close range. Just as it looked like it would be 2-1 at half-time, Amy turned in a great Rose corner, and the two-goal lead had been restored.

The second half started with the same pressure on the visitors' goal, and plenty of chances for the girls. Ellie had a shot cleared before a superb shot by Rose from outside the area was saved by the Keeper and Emily, following up, put her shot into the side netting. Amy put in a great cross to set up Emily for a chance, and then another Amy cross gave Ellie a chance but it was saved by the Keeper. A Robyn corner was put wide by Emily and then some great work by Amy and Robyn setup Robyn for a chance that went just wide. As in the first half, Wiggintons threat was on the break and Isabella, playing in goal in the second half, had to make some important saves, and the defence of Amelia, Rose and Abi put up an impressive shield to protect both stand-in keepers. With only a few minutes to go Wigginton managed to pull another goal back, making it 3-2 and it set up a tense final few minutes, especially when Wigginton won a corner with seconds to go and sent everyone up into the BWR box, even their Keeper. The girls defended bravely and managed to clear the ball as the final whistle blew. A match that the girls had dominated with chances, ended 3-2, with the girls hanging on, but they deserved their win.

A special mention for Emily and Isabella, our rookie Goal Keepers, who did a brilliant job. With more luck in front of goal it could have been a much bigger victory but 3 goals, 3 points, job done. Well done girls.