

Best Performance of the Season from U14s



A damp and drizzly York College was the venue for Saturday's League match against Poppleton Tigers as the girls looked for revenge from a narrow defeat earlier in the season when BWR had to play almost all the game with 8 players after an early injury. A sluggish start from the girls meant Freya had to produce an outstanding save, and then Robyn had to heroically clear off the line, within the first 10 seconds! BWR slowly got themselves into the game and it was a fantastically close and competitive match with both sides having chances and the play see-sawing back and forth. The girls went ahead 10 mins before half-time as an Elen throw-in caused chaos in the Poppleton defence and Amy L was on hand to score as the ball was judged to have crossed the line before it was cleared. The game was delicately poised at 1-0 at half-time, but the girls came out and bossed the second half with an excellent performance. The game was settled by an Elen strike half-way through the second half, but the girls never looked in danger of letting Poppleton back in the game and ran out worthy 2-0 winners. The best performance of the season so far from the girls as they kept a clean sheet, played good football and beat a very good side.

Team: Amelia, Emily, Robyn, Amy L, Abi, Elen, Freya, Koré, Rose, Isabella, Amy G

Captain: Elen

League Match: Won 2-0 (Amy L, Elen)



Player of the Match: A superb performance from this player as she commanded the defence with skill and authority. Strong tackles, committed clearances and a willingness to chase down every loose ball, made this an outstanding display from this players. She also found time to put in some excellent in-swinging corners and set up the second goal for Elen. Excellent!

Match Report

Heavy overnight rain made for a soft, muddy pitch and constant drizzle only added to the gloom as the girls kicked off their match against Poppleton Tigers. At the start of play the Tigers were only one point and one place above BWR in the table and so this was an important game for both sides. The girls started very sluggishly, allowing a Poppleton forward to run through on goal in the first ten seconds. Freya produced an outstanding save and was then helped out by heroics from Robyn as she blocked a shot on the line and cleared the ball away. This was the wake-up call the girls needed and they worked hard to get into the game. Amy L had two good chances, a fine shot which was saved by the keeper and another effort which went into the side netting. Isabella put in a fine cross and Koré was unlucky not to get a good connection on it. Rose followed up with an excellent ball forward which landed kindly for Robyn who put her shot just wide. Although the girls were now creating chances, Poppleton were still in the game and Freya had to be on her toes to push a low shot round the post, and then spectacularly tip a shot over the bar from a very well taken free-kick. With ten minutes to go to the break, Elen took a long throw on the right which caused chaos in the Poppleton defence. Somehow the ball sneaked through a group of players and Amy L was on hand to see the ball just cross the line before it was cleared. There was a moment's hesitation before the Referee signalled a goal, but it was no more than the girls deserved. The game continued its end to end pattern and some fine work by Amelia as she skipped past two players and fed the ball through to Isabella was brilliant. Elen took a superb free-kick that whistled past the far post, but the girls couldn't add to their lead and they were solid at the back, so the half ended 1-0. For the second half BWR went four at the back with Emily and Rose playing centrally and Amelia (right) and Abi (left) playing either side. This worked well and really negated the attacking threat of Poppleton, who were being restricted to long balls forward and trying to capitalise on blocks or ricochets. Up front the girls were still creating opportunities and Rose had a succession of corners which tested the Poppleton defence, and Isabella had a good effort saved from a free kick. Half-way through the second half the girls got the breathing space they deserved as a Rose corner found Elen in the box and she fired the ball home. Poppleton tried their best to get into the game, but the girls were playing brilliantly and the visitors didn't really have a chance as the girls managed the game well. Freya in goal was as solid as a rock, with superb handling in the damp, slippery conditions, and

some excellent clearances as she came out of her area to sweep up loose balls. Emily and Rose were outstanding at the centre of defence and didn't put a foot wrong with strong tackles and great communication. Abi and Amelia played their socks off with brave, committed challenges and positive clearances, and their decision making was excellent as they either played safe or passed the ball up the line. Robyn and Isabella on the wings showed all their tricks and skill and were a constant threat in attack. They also played a brilliant game for the team as they tracked back and were constantly pressing the Poppleton midfield. Elen and Koré, in centre midfield, put in a real shift as they covered almost every blade of grass. In defence, they were strong and energetic, and in attack they pressed and created chance after chance. Up front, Amy L was at her inspirational best with strong, brave runs, but also intelligent balls into space for Isabella and Robyn to run on to. Amy G, playing in only her second game, continued her impressive progress. Some excellent touches in the midfield were accompanied by a superb run into the box, which was only thwarted by some outstanding defending. The game finished 2-0 and the girls thoroughly deserved it after an accomplished performance.

The girls should be proud of this game and it's something they can build on in the weeks to come as they start their march up the table. Well done girls!