

# ST JAMES MATCH REPORT

## HERE COME THE GIRLS!

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St James' girls finally got their South Tyneside CVL up and running on Thursday, with game time and experience the two takeaways after two defeats.



Despite losing both matches on the day at the windy Hebburn Comprehensive 3G, the girls showed real togetherness and have learnt some valuable lessons that will stand them in good stead for future games in the league.

## St Oswald's lively from the off

The girls faced St Oswald's Hebburn in their first game, and they came up against a really strong team who passed it well and defended confidently.

The opponents got off to the perfect start in the first few minutes, with their number 7 giving Jessica in the St James goal no chance at all, finding the bottom left corner with aplomb.

It wasn't long before goal number two arrived, and it was almost a carbon copy of the opener, with the same scorer finding the opposite corner this time.

St James were learning lessons in the match, with many of the team playing football competitively for the first time ever. They started to grow into it, and despite a third goal late on for St Oswald's, there were definitely positives to take from the game.

## Bede Burn bags the points

The second game of the afternoon for St James was certainly a more even contest despite the final 2-0 scoreline at full time.

Brooke ran more powerfully with the ball, Eve had a thundering shot parried by the Bede Burn goalkeeper and Ruby defended gallantly at the back. Goalkeeper Jess came and claimed brilliantly on numerous occasions, and Heidi managed to see out a second game with an injury she had picked up pre-match. Positives aside, sometimes you just have to stand back and

applaud brilliance, and Bede Burn's two strikes were of real quality. Two of their players stood out in particular, and they will take a lot of stopping for any team as the league progresses.

## The only way is up

It's time to get on the training pitch now for the girls, before the next round of fixtures in January. As the song goes, the only way is up for these girls, and there is no doubt there is more to come from them in 2023!

Well done girls!



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Jessica I, Ruby, Jessica D, Summer, Shanae, Heidi, Brooke, Eve, Amelia, Emily

## PLAYER OF THE MATCH

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**Ruby Tolson**