

ST JAMES MATCH REPORT

GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!

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St James girls finally got their wish, taking part in three friendly fixtures on a rainy Tuesday afternoon at Hebburn Comprehensive, drawing two and narrowly losing out in the other.

For a team that had never played together before, the girls instantly gelled with each other on the day, working tirelessly for each other to come away with some really good results against some strong teams.

First up, it was Biddick Hall as the opponents. The girls took a half to get into their rhythm, but after the interval, they really stepped up their efforts. Layla was very unlucky on a couple of occasion not to score, and there was some resolute defending at the back from captain, Ruby. The final score was 0-0, but in truth, St James were unlucky not to collect all three points.

The second game started at a more frenetic pace, with the girls finding their feet quickly against Bede Burn. Goalkeeper Jess made some really important stops in the first period, with Thea defending really to protect her goal. There was also some nice link up play from Jessica Hall and Darcey in the midfield, with Sofia also heavily involved. Ella made a couple of really good tackles in amongst the madness in the middle of the park



The St James Girls Squad

Juliette, who was playing competitively for the very first time, also started to make her presence known, winning the ball back on a number of occasions. Again, the girls came away with a draw, ruing a couple of clear-cut chances to find the winner late on.



Our new strips

In their third and final fixture, Jarrow Cross were the opponents. The girls knew this was going to be a tough game, and so it proved to be. Excellent defending again from Thea, who made amazing progress across the three matches, and Jess in goal was busy, keeping out the Jarrow attack on several occasions. Emily had settled into her stride for this game too, and passed well in midfield. Jarrow did manage to find that all important goal to win

the contest, but the girls held their own against some very talented footballers on the opposing team.

All in all, a great experience was had by all, and who knows, we may have the next Leah Williamson or Mary Earps in our midst. Watch this space.

SQUAD:

**Jess, Ruby, Ella
Emily, Juliette,
Layla, Sofia,
Darcey, Jessica &
Thea**

PLAYER OF THE MATCH:

Thea

