

BMM Girls Football report

By the time the girls had changed into their brand-new football kits and made their way to the pitches, we only had 5 minutes to warm-up before our first game against the local favourites Schiers. Needless to say the game followed the same pattern as our first game at the basketball BMM the day before – like then we made all the attacks and had the lion's share of the possession but couldn't put the ball in the net. Dea and Benita had great chances but a combination of the post and the opposition keeper kept us goalless. In contrast Schiers had one chance to score in the second half and unfortunately did just that – we were extremely unlucky to lose the game 1 – 0.

For our second game we were drawn to play Chur, and despite defending resolutely for most of the first half, it was clear the girls from Chur were a class act. Their precise ball control and accurate passing kept us chasing the ball, and we eventually lost the game 5 – 0. We would probably have conceded more if it wasn't for some brave tackles from Captain Andrea and several fantastic saves from our keeper Franziska. We had been taught a lesson in how to play quality football, but we had to stay positive.

Our final game of the group stages was against Ftan who had conceded 15 goals in their first two games compared to our 6. So we started the game confidently and were deservedly 1 – 0 up at half time thanks to a well placed shot into the corner from Steffi. In the second half we played the game almost entirely in the opponents half and the pressure told as Steffi added another goal whilst Valerie expertly slotted 2 herself. Overall a convincing 4 – 0 victory.

Sadly, we had a long wait before our final game – the 5th and 6th play-off against Sarguns. So we enjoyed a leisurely lunch, took some team photos and supported the boy's team in their final few matches. Finally, we took the field and with tired legs and sore muscles made slow progress against an equally fatigued opposition. The game could not be described as a classic, but thanks again to goals from Steffi and Valerie, we won the game 2 – 0.

We therefore finished a disappointing 5th out of 8 having won 2 and lost 2 games. During the tournament we had scored 6 goals but had conceded 6. Consequently, we departed on the train wondering about what might have been if we had won our first game earlier that morning.

Mr. Jones, Coach