

West of Scotland Ladies v Bishopton Ladies

Statistically, it was the perfect start to their first season in the National Division for West Ladies. Disappointingly, the 28-0 victory and five league points were awarded to them as opponents Kelso Ladies were unable to fulfil the fixture.

It is twenty-one months since West clinched promotion, nineteen months since they last played a competitive match. Everyone is that bit older (at least one member of the squad is now more than halfway to her bus pass), some players have moved on and a good many more have joined. Everyone had looked forward with great anticipation to competing at a higher level so the loss of the fixture came as a great disappointment to all. A huge thanks is due to Bishopton Ladies for stepping in at short notice to provide opposition for the Burnbrae side.

This is Bishopton's first season of competitive rugby. They have much to look forward to. Bolstered by a couple of "guests" from the home club, they fought hard and tackled well over the three periods each of twenty minutes that were played. They scored a fine try which was followed by an excellent conversion.

West played in the style we have become accustomed to with the accent very much on attack. They scored a number of fine tries, breaking from all areas of the pitch. The support play was outstanding. A number of the additions to the squad were introduced and all contributed. The new season promises much. Next Thursday evening, 9 September, West travel to Millbrae to face Ayr Ladies. It will be a hard eighty minutes but it is a challenge West Ladies are very much looking forward to.