

## **Great team effort by the UYSWC ladies**

York suffered a heavy loss at home against a strong Durham side despite a fantastic team performance.

The York girls started positively, Sarah Peacop making an excellent steal from centre back in the opening minutes and Player of the Match Louise Highton broke the deadlock with a fantastic shot. Durham then drew back level before Beth Richards scored a great solo effort to nudge York in front. Durham were a force to be reckoned with in attack however, scoring twice past keeper Fran Falcini to take the lead. York were undeterred and kept up the pressure, Ellie Roche playing well to move the ball around the pool. Highton was rewarded with a second goal and a well-structured man up allowed Roche to fire past the Durham keeper and edge York in front at the whistle.

The second quarter started well, with good swimming from Harriet Chidwick and Rebecca Mott on the wings. Durham seemed revived after the break however, and stunned the UYSWC ladies by netting 9 goals in the quarter. York continued to build attacks in the third quarter, playing well together and having several shots on target before Highton got her third of the game with an excellent backshot. The shots from Durham were relentless though and three more found the York net before the quarter was up.

York headed into the last quarter with nothing to lose, captain Fiona Whiting leading the way with a shot that bounced off the crossbar. Katherine Newton continued her impressive attacking form, netting herself another goal before Highton secured her fourth. Durham continued notching up goals but York refused to back down and looked strong going forwards. Laura O'Regan kept the attacks organised, with swift passes between Roche and Peacop. Highton rounded off a sterling performance with two more goals, the match finishing 18-9 to Durham.

Captain Fiona Whiting was pleased despite the result. 'We played really well and just switched off a little and were punished. They were a really strong team with a few skilful players but I think we definitely held our own.'

YORK: Falcini, Highton, Richards, Whiting (C), O'Regan, Roche, Peacop, Worrell, Newton, Hall, Darwin, Chidwick, Mott, Russell

Player of the Match – Louise Highton