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## ESFA U15 England Schoolgirls 1 v 2 U15 Wales Schoolgirls

### SAFIB Bob Docherty Cup / Match One

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England's opening game in this season's Bob Docherty Cup ended in disappointment as Wales came from a goal behind at the break to claim a 2-1 victory in Salou.



With the weather having a typical British Bank Holiday feel with overcast skies, it was England who made a very positive start to the game with Georgina Spraggon firing straight at the Welsh keeper from just inside the penalty area with the first clear chance of the match.



Rebecca Ferguson was the next to go close when her long range free-kick rebounded back off the crossbar with the ball being scrambled clear as England looked to edge ahead.

Within moments of hitting the bar England went ahead when Jessica Simpson was released down the left and her looping shot from the corner of the penalty area found its way into the far corner for a 1-0 lead.



That lead was almost doubled when Tigi Gent had a clear sight of goal from 8 yards out but was denied by a fine save from the Welsh keeper.



Just as it looked like England were likely to increase their lead it was the Welsh who had the better of the closing stages of the half with Georgia Jenkins having to be alert as the half ended with her the busier of the two keepers.

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Jenkins could do little about the equaliser right at the beginning of the second half as the Welsh striker rounded the England keeper and calmly slotted home to draw the sides level at 1-1.

It was a classic game of two halves for England with limited opportunities in the Welsh half and too many errant passes and they were not helped when skipper Brooke Aspin hobbling off early in the second half.



And it was the Welsh who were celebrating the win when Jenkins was deceived by the backspin on the ball following a blocked shot and the ball looped over her head for what proved to be the winning goal.

All in all, a disappointing result although few could argue the Wales team deserved their win on the day with too many below par performances in the England side to warrant maximum points.

Focus will now switch to tomorrow's game with the Republic of Ireland who beat Scotland 2-0 in their opening match this morning.

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