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ROCK 'N' ROLL: Wakey Wheeled Cats, in blue, suffered a disappointing defeat to Newcastle Roller Girls last Saturday. Pictures: RICHARD NICHOLSON

Newcastle roll over shell-shocked Cats

Wakey Wheeled Cats 23
Newcastle Roller Girls. 249
WAKEY Wheeled Cats roller derby team failed to end their first home season with a bang when they suffered a bitter defeat last Saturday.

The Cats were hoping to regain face and return to winning ways after losing their last bout to Hellfire Harlots in October.

But the Newcastle Roller Girls (NRG) proved to be too tough a challenge for the home side and they suffered a heavy 249-23 reverse.

Both teams started skating at roughly the same time so on paper it looked set to be an

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equally-matched clash.

However, the bout failed to match up to those expectations and although there was a relatively close start, the Cats soon lost their way, with Newcastle racking up the points while holding strong defensively.

At the midway point of the first half, Wakey had only nine points while Newcastle boasted a healthy 59.

First-time bouter Dina Crisis took the jammer position, easily forcing her way through the pack to earn lead

jammer status and clinching four points before calling off the jam.

Wheelie Coyote did the same shortly after but Newcastle continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over and at half-time the Newcastle team had stretched their advantage to 105-19.

The Cats have produced gutsy second-half fight-backs in recent clashes but they were unable to muster one this time and they gave away more points than in the first half on their return to the track.

Newcastle broke the 200-point mark with six minutes

remaining, reaching well beyond the sights of Wakey, who were left languishing on only 23 points.

NRG continued to score at will as the Wheeled Cats had more players sent to the box, and the bout came to an end with the Wakefield team trailing by 226 points.

The bout saw the Cats take on a much more tactical approach, clearly having learned some lessons from October's defeat, but they were unable to convert this into points.

The team's biggest downfall was the large number of penalties they conceded throughout the bout.

This was particularly apparent in the second half, when Cats' blocker LuMardy was ejected from the bout for taking too many trips to the penalty box, and other Wakey players were dangerously close to suffering the same fate.

The Cats return to open competition in the new year when they go up against Cardiff-based outfit Tiger Bay Brawlers.

In the mean time, Wakey will be looking to regroup during the festive break with the aim of clawing their way back with improved performances in 2012.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Rivals hit for six by Hettie

HETTIE Bushby scored six goals as Netherton Juniors U10s girls swept to a 9-3 win over Bramley Phoenix.

Isabella Williams (2) and Pippa McWilliams added to the tally and Natasha Smith was the player of the match.

Adam Favager and George Booth each bagged a brace to steer Netherton U8s to a 4-2 success at home to South Hiendley. Adam Foster was the man of the match.

Luigi Irace was the man of the match but was unable to save Netherton U10s from a 4-0 loss to Thornes.

Netherton U9s celebrated 4-2 and 2-0 victories over Fryston.

Man of the match Connor Brook completed a hat-trick and Spencer Moorhouse also scored.

NETBALL

Phoenix double derby delight

TWO victories gave Wakefield Phoenix bragging rights over city rivals Wakefield Wildcats.

Phoenix U12s started their season with a 10-2 win over the Wildcats, in which they raced into a two-goal lead thanks to accurate shooting from Poppy McDermott and Katy Tolson.

Wildcats tried to respond but met a solid defence and Phoenix pulled away in the final quarter.

Sarah Baker was the players' player of the match.

Phoenix U14s B also saw-off their Wildcats opponents in a 24-13 success.

The Phoenix team opened-up a five-goal lead and once again, a solid defence backed-up a sparkling attack.

Olivia Theaker was the players' player of the match.

The news was not so good for Phoenix U14s A team who lost 24-14 to Shipley.

The tall Shipley players led from the start but gutsy Wakefield remained in touch throughout. Hannah Barker was the players' player of the match.