

Bootham Ladies crowned national futsal national champions

13 HRS AGO



By Francis Redwood

Following a demanding campaign in the National Futsal Series Women's Super Series Tier 2, the York-based team secured the title after a tense final weekend and a season that saw them travel more than 3,000 miles for fixtures across the country.

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Chris Collins, club chairman, said: "Wow, that was a stressful last few days.

"We thought we had won it, but the rules were a little ambiguous, so waiting on league confirmation really tested us all.

"I am incredibly proud of this group.

"The miles they have travelled this season are beyond anything we imagined at the start."

Bootham Ladies, who receive no financial backing from the FA or the league, have completed the season without sponsorship or external funding.



L-R: Hannah Block, Heather Smith, Erin Elliott, Natasha Eustance, Katie Samson, Suzy Collins, Jess Baker, Charlotte Broad (Image: Bootham Futsal Club)

Mr Collins said: "We have no sponsors or financial support from the FA or the league, so to achieve this entirely on our own makes it even more special."

He also addressed the uncertainty around promotion, adding: "The league is restructuring, so we're not yet sure what happens next in terms of promotion.

"For now, we'll enjoy this moment, take a well-earned break over the summer, and come back ready to go again in September – whatever the outcome."

With costs continuing to rise, the club is appealing for sponsorship and financial support to help sustain and grow women's futsal in York.



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The club has encouraged businesses interested in supporting the team to get in touch.

An international opportunity also lies ahead for the club's younger players, with the Under-15s squad set to travel to Italy in June.

Despite the uncertainty over what next season will hold, Bootham Ladies Futsal Club is celebrating a title earned against the odds – through their hard work, resilience, and determination every step of the way.