Match report

Shannonside U11 Boys vs. Breska, Sat 23/09/23 @ 11:30

Our 1st U11 dual game of the season kicked off on Saturday with the visit of a very strong Breska team to Shanagolden for an 11:30 kick off. Despite the poor weather conditions, these players were full of energy from the kick off.

For team 1, led by our captain for the day, Will O Donnell, their intent was clear from the start, attack at every opportunity! With some great passing between our midfield 3 of Dale Fitzgibbon, Sam Lewis and Oscar O Sullivan spaces quicky opened up for the ever running Will O Donnell leading the line and all 4 players were a constant threat to the well organised Breska defence. The range of passing, short, long, over the top was just fantastic to watch and each of the players attacked at every opportunity. Our GK Mark Barry and defenders Charlie Frawley and Ben Gallinagh were solid as ever throughout, continuing their great form from last season. As a unit, these 3 are just fantastic so dependable and their work rate and encouragement for each other is brilliant to see. After a few minutes, we were able to rotate our players and on came Freddie Lewis, Thomas Kearns and Stuart Tobin. And what an impact they had on the game, bring renewed energy and constant running, both in attack and defence. All 10 players contributed hugely to a very enjoyable game and are a joy to watch.

For team 2, it was very much the same as team 1, led by our captain for the day Oisin Kelly. Oisin plays with a smile on his face every game and it carries on throughout the team. Again Oisin's work rate in leading the line was tremendous, never stopping throughout the game. Our GK, Lorcan Cribbin was in fine form, making diving saves, to his left to keep the Breska attack at bay and his distribution to re-start play and our attack was brilliant to see. Our back two of Colm O Sullivan and Tomas Fitzgerald, were immense throughout, never putting a foot wrong and not just happy to make clearances up the field, but instead looked to play from the back at every opportunity. The midfield 3 of Michael Mullane, Luke Fitzgibbon and Josh O Mahoney were just unplayable at times, with their link up play, quick feet and constant movement into the spaces. Sean Cribbin and James Moroney were introduced after 12 minutes and what a pair of players to bring into the game. Most encouraging was both their range of passing and quick decision making, always looking to make the right pass at the right time.

Great games today, with a huge home support cheering on both sets of players. Credit to everyone of them, no bad tackles, no demonstrating with the referees! And no red cards!! Thanks to Trevor and Brendan for refereeing both games and to Deccie and Donie offering the encouragement on the sidelines. Also like to thank Shanagolden Community Council for the condition of the pitches – so well maintained. Also thanks to Emily Jane and her Breska team for travelling, what a brilliant team and I am sure we will have many battles throughout the years with them. Well done to all involved and looking forward to our next game against Rathkeale in Shanagolden on Saturday the 7th October, time TBC.

Team1: Mark Barry, Charlie Frawley, Ben Gallinagh, Oscar O Sullivan, Sam Lewis, Dale Fitzgibbon, Will O Donnell (C), Freddie Lewis, Thomas Kearns, Stuart Tobin.
Team 2: Lorcan Cribbin, Colm O Sullivan, Tomas Fitzgerald, Michael Mullane, Luke Fitzgibbon, Josh O Mahoney, Oisin Kelly (C), Sean Cribbin, James Moroney.