Match report

Shannonside U12 Boys (Blue team) vs. Glantine Sat 16/09/23 @ 10:00

Bright sunny morning in Shanagolden for the visit of Glantine FC for the early kick off. Game started with both sets of defences well on top, with no real scoring chances in the early exchanges and little between the teams. 1st chance came on the 20th minute when Oisin Kelly sprung the offside trap, almost latching onto a fine through ball from Michael Mullane, brilliantly timed run and what a through ball. Oisin plays so well for the team, working tirelessly and keeping defenders occupied. Cheered on by the ever present "Shannonside Ultras" supporters group, the tempo of the game started to increase and the attacking midfield four of Josh O Mahoney, Michael Mullane, Freddie Lewis and Sam Lewis started to find their feet, putting together some good passing moves, probing to find a way through. After a period of sustained Shannonside pressure the goals came with Sam Lewis, on another one of his amazing dribbles was brought down just outside the box. Sean Cribbin lined it up and with some quick thinking, instead of shooting, squared the free kick into Charlie Frawley's path and no goalkeeper in the world was stopping that rocket, Top Bins and the goal settled them and immediately the confidence grew. The 2nd quickly followed with Will O Donnell getting a final touch from a Sam Lewis cross. Glantine, had their best spell of the match as their centre backs launched attacks from deep. A long range effort was expertly saved by Mark Barry in the Shannonside goal, a sign of a great keeper that when called upon, he is there to make a vital save. Marks distribution was excellent today, both from the ground and from the hand, finding a Shannonside player every time. The 3rd was a great piece of play between the ever running Josh O Mahoney, who was having a huge influence on the game from left midfield and Sam Lewis, with Sam's speed of thought to match the speed of Josh who calmy slotted home for his 1st goal of the season. Josh turned provider and played through Freddie for our 4th just on ½ time. What a start to the Season for Freddie, he's in fantastic form in the middle of midfield.

Our back 3 of Will O'Donnell, Sean Cribbin and our captain Colm O'Sullivan were again formidable, dealing with every threat posed with a calm defending and exceptional positioning. These 3 are a serious unit and great to see the organisation, well timed tackles and positional awareness and together with Charlie Frawley providing the defensive cover in midfield they laid the foundations for our attacking players to shine. Will O Donnell claimed his second (following a VAR review) as it was his deflected shot found the back of the net just after the break, set up by Sam Lewis. Sam again turned provider as he laid the ball off for Freddie to claim his second of the day. At this point, Michael Mullane was mesmerising with his dancing feet causing problems for Glantine as he showed amazing piece of skill to play Sam Lewis through leaving the keeper with no chance.

Another good game and in particular the work rate and effort put in by every single player together with a tremendous attitude make them such a fantastic team and are just so enjoyable to watch. Thanks to our referee (S. Behan) today, who again allowed the game to flow and helped both sets of players throughout the game and thanks to Thomas and his Glantine team for travelling. Another very well-mannered and clean game between 2 teams that enjoyed themselves. Team: Mark Barry, Colm O Sullivan (C), Sean Cribbin, Will O Donnell, Sam Lewis, Charlie Frawley, Freddie Lewis, Josh O Mahoney, Michael Mullane, Oisin Kelly. Scorers: Charlie Frawley, Freddie Lewis x2, Will O'Donnell x2, Josh O'Mahoney, Sam Lewis