Match report #10

Shannonside U12 Boys (Blue team) vs. NCW C Sat 17/02/24 @ 12:45, League Cup

For the 2nd round of the League cup we travelled to Woodfield NCW and the rain just poured down, but that didn't discourage these two teams. From the 1st to the last whistle, both teams were attacking and some of the passages of play were a credit to both teams. Mark Barry started in goal and our defence of Will O Donnell, Sean Cribbin and Charlie Frawley, were in tremendous form and they needed to be as NCW were dangerous on the attack. In midfield Sam Lewis, Freddie Lewis, Tommo Kearns (our captain for the day) and Michael Mullane, were equally as dangerous when attacking and Josh O Mahoney was up front. The lads worked their socks off, covering every blade of grass on the pitch as the game swung from defence to attack to defence all afternoon. On 15 minutes, Oisin Kelly, James Moroney and Colm O Sullivan were on to add some new energy. With both teams playing a high line, there was space in behind and there were chances throughout, but nothing could separate the teams as the Goalkeepers were having brilliant games, making save and sweeping off their lines. 0-0 at half time and it was all to play for.

Start of the 2nd half and the rain was still pouring down and the pitch was getting heavier, but credit to the team, they never stopped running and supporting each other. Legs were getting heavy and with 10 minutes remaining, it was looking like this was going to extra time and penalties. There was very little between the teams. And then within 5 minutes, NCW had scored twice, leaving us with little chance to recover and find the goals to bring us level. In the end, NCW won out 2-0 and they progress to the ¼ finals of the league cup where they meet another NCW team!

Many thanks to Stephen Roche who refereed brilliantly, offering words of encouragement and constantly assisting the players and explaining his decision making. Thanks to the parents for travelling and supporting the team and to Keith & his NCW team for hosting us.

Our next league game will be on Saturday 30/03/24 vs Glantine (away), KO TBC.

Team: Mark Barry, Will O Donnell, Charlie Frawley, Sean Cribbin, Freddie Lewis, Tommo Kearns (C), Sam Lewis, Michael Mullane, Josh O Mahoney, Oisin Kelly, Colm O Sullivan.