

Match Report U14 Boys

Valley Rovers versus Strand Celtic 12.30

Saturday 23rd November 2013

A beautiful bright crisp day at the pitch in Strandhill

Strand Celtic started strong and scored after 3 minutes, then after 7 minutes of play and with a strong sun in their eyes, Valley scores to make it 1-1. Declan Cunnane's superb goal lifts the spirits of Valley and they launch a massive attack on Strand Celtic. The rest of the half was taken up with attack after attack on Strand Celtic's Goal but every time that second goal eluded Valley. Some on the sidelines were saying it was the low sun but luck was just not on Valley Rovers side. It could easily have been seven or eight goals up as the ball went wide, found the keeper, went over the top, or often than not, hit the woodwork. It was a frustrating time for Valley. Half time called by the excellent referee Karen Elliot and it was still 1-1.

Now Valley had the sun behind them and within 5 minutes of play in the second half Declan Cunnane rolled the ball into the Strand goal to make it 2-1. A number of sub changes were made and Strand started to come back strong. Strand mounted strong attacks on the Valley goal and after 21 minutes of play their hard work was rewarded as they scored to make it 2-2. Then after a corner and a lot of pushing in the Valley Goalmouth, the referee called for a penalty. With protests being heard from the sideline Strand lined up and took the shot and scored to make it 3-2.

Pressure now on Valley to come back and with one minute to go before the final whistle Ciaran Jennings puts the ball in the net to make it 3-3 for Valley. A great game to watch and well done to all those involved.