

## **Match Report Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013**

### **U14 Boys League. Kickoff: 2pm**

It was a lovely winter's day at Parc Ailbhe, Geevagh, when Ballisodare Rovers met Valley Rovers, for the U14 Boys League match. Ballisodare toggged out in red, while Valley Rovers wore their new amber and black kit, which is sponsored by Keith Aldridge. The match began with Valley Rovers starting strong. They tried their luck with a number of good shots at the goal, but it was all too easy for the Ballisodare keeper to save the ball.

After 10 minutes of play, Kieran Jennings kicked a lovely ball and scored a fantastic goal over the head of the keeper, to make it 1-0 to Valley Rovers. Almost immediately, Ballisodare came back strong, and nearly scored an equalizer, kicking the ball across the Valley Rovers goalmouth. The ball was shot back quickly to the other end of the pitch, allowing Aaron Glancy to head it straight into the Ballisodare goal, making it 2-0 for Valley Rovers. The play continued at a fast pace with both ends of the pitch been played. Keelan Dunleavy scored a great goal for Ballisodare making it 2-1 after 14 minutes of play. The pace quickened, and with Ballisodare's increased possession of the ball, there were more shots at the Valley Rovers goal. Scores were held off with good defending by TJ Davey, Daniel Devine, and Adam Gaffney, who played superbly. After 25 min of play, Declan Cunnane chipped the ball over the heads of the Ballisodare defenders and the keeper, lobbing the ball into the top corner of the net, making it 3-1.

Ballisodare fought on with Keelan Dunleavy taking a powerful shot, which narrowly went wide. It was half time, and the score stood at 3-1 to Valley Rovers.

The second half started with Valley Rovers more in possession, where they continued taking shots at the Ballisodare goal. Aaron Glancy shoots, but the ball finds the keeper. Then Darren Foley headed the ball towards the net, but again it's the keeper's ball. The pressure was on Ballisodare, as Valley Rovers continued with numerous attacks at the Ballisodare goal. Finally, Ballisodare broke away to attack, followed on with great defending by Valley Rovers Goalie, Sean Caulfield, making some great saves. However, a free kick by Ballisodares Diarmud O'Grady sends the ball into the Valley Rovers goalmouth. The ball was deflected off a Valley Rovers player into the goal to make the score 3-2. A number of sub changes were made by Ballisodare, in the hope to change their team dynamics, but Valley Rovers kept the pressure on. After 24 minutes of the second half, Karl Jennings scored a great goal to make it 4-2. Ballisodare performed some great defending as Valley Rovers mounted attack after attack in the last few minutes of the game. Before the whistle blew, Darren Foley scored a lovely header making the score 5-2 to Valley Rovers. With just one last kick of the ball, it was all over, and the referee, Cal Callaghan blew his whistle. Both teams played very well and gave us a great afternoon of soccer.