

Boys u16 Valley Rovers V Gurteen Celtic

23rd November 2013

Valley Team

Goals: Eoin Cullen

Defence: Darren Kelly, Sean Fallon, Niall Conlon, Eddie Farrell

Midfield: James Conlon, Sean O Reilly, David Curran Eoin Heslin

Strikers: Darragh Mc Mahon and David Rutledge

Subs: Cormac Burnside for Eoin Cullen, Eoin Heslin for David Rutledge, Ian Harte for Darragh Mc Mahon Anthony Cunnane, Aiden Mullaney Stephen Condon, Jamie Mc Cann, Cillian Wallace

Today Valley Rovers took on table toppers Gurteen in Cleveragh on Astro turf.

For the first time this season Valley Rovers had almost a full squad to pick from: Valley started the game brightly and some great play from midfield saw David Curran link with Sean Reilly and a through ball to Darragh McMahon nearly resulted in a goal. The Gurteen attack looked very sharp and only some great defensive play by Niall Conlon who played a captains part and Sean Fallon prevented a Gurteen breakthrough.

Eoin Cullen was outstanding in goal and produced some great saves.

Valley continued to attack through Ronan O Connor and James Conlon and David Rutledge but the Gurteen defence was well organised and cleared their lines well.

Darren Kelly and Eddie Farrell at the back put in some great tackles and Darren in an unfamiliar position started a number of attacks.

Unfortunately before half time a Valley Rover's move broke down and in the resultant attack, Gurteen broke quickly and took the lead through striker Liam Kelly who was a danger man throughout the game.

Valley responded well but on the stroke half time Gurteen added the second goal again through striker Liam Kelly which was very harsh on the Valley players as they had matched Gurteen for commitment in the match

In the second half, Valley made valiant attempts to get back in the game and came close to bridging the gap, but an injury to keeper Eoin Cullen disrupted the Valley momentum as they had to replace Eoin Cullen with Sean Fallon.

Valley made a number of changes: Cormac Burnside for Eoin Cullen, Eoin Heslin for David Rutledge, and Ian Harte for Darragh Mc Mahon. All subs performed very well when they came on. Valley put a good move together through Eoin Heslin, Ronan O'Connor eventually with Sean Reilly having a good effort.

Gurteen continued to attack and scored through Shane Grady the midfielder, and then Ronan Mulligan.

Valley can take great heart from their performance matching Gurteen throughout who are a very skilful and well coached team. With good players like Liam Kelly, Eoin Donoughe in midfield, Kane Phillips and Luke Taheny, they really showed why they are table toppers.

This was a great display by the Valley players and for a team that has been together a short time; they can take a lot heart from their performance. The Gurteen manager noted how skilful the players were and complimented the attitude of the players

Also, the remaining subs Aiden Mullaney Stephen Condon, Jamie Mc Cann, Cillian Wallace have been very committed all season and also to mention the great attendance by all at training.