

# Valley Rovers Match report

*Valley Rovers V Gaels United 26<sup>th</sup> October 2013 2pm*  
*Connacht Shield*

## **U14 Valley Rovers Team:**

**Sean Caulfield, TJ Davey, Adam Gaffney, Jason Dowd, Cathal Corcoran, Daniel Devine, Karl Jennings, Ciaran Jennings, Keith O Reilly, Declan Cunnane, Dylan Gallagher**

**Subs Used: Aaron Glancy, Aiden Mc Manus, Darren Foley**

**Rory Mc Cormack, Conor Whelehan, Ayrton Gleeson, Pdraig Gaffney, Eoin Conlon**

Saturday saw the meeting of Valley rovers and Longford's Drumlish based Gaels United in the Connacht shield. The early omens weren't good as heavy downpours threatened to put a dampener on proceedings.

However brighter sky's appeared and in the early attacks Valley came close to scoring through Declan Cunnane and then Karl Jennings who hit the post. Gaels united mounted speedy attacks and the Valley defence had their hands full with a mobile and skilful strike force led by Gaels United No.11 Connor Keenan. The young Valley defence were outstanding throughout the game of TJ Davey, Adam Gaffney, Jason Dowd, Cathal Corcoran, and Daniel Devine.

However it was Valley that made the vital breakthrough when a through ball from midfield was finished well by Declan Cunnane, who played well throughout as did Dylan Gallagher Darren Foley and Aiden Mc Manus when they came on.

However Gaels United reacted well and it eventually paid off and they equalised through Ryan Crowe, Valley responded well and was unlucky not to score but close to half time Gaels United scored a second from a corner headed home by Conor Keenan.

In the second half a change formation saw Valley going all out for an equaliser and they were awarded a penalty which was well saved by Michael Courtney, and on the counter Valley Keeper Sean Caulfield made some great saves as Valley pressed. However Valleys pressure paid off when a stunning strike from Karl Jennings went into the top corner after some good build up play. The Midfield of Karl Jennings, Ciaran Jennings, and Keith O'Reilly worked tirelessly throughout the game as did Aaron Glancy when he came on making a significant contribution.

Both teams attacked searching for the telling goal and with 6 minutes to go Valley were awarded a penalty which was dispatched by Karl Jennings. Valley held out for a great win over a well coached and skilful Gaels United Team

It was a great team performance and it was a great squad effort which includes Rory Mc Cormack, Conor Whelehan, Ayrton Gleeson, Pdraig Gaffney and Eoin Conlon

This was a very exciting match with both teams attacking hard from the first whistle and the match was well officiated by Referee Ronnie Cawley.

A warm thank you to all who supported the team, gave out tea & sandwiches, transported players and helped in any way as it is a club/community effort.