Valley Rovers V Boyle Celtic u16 9th November 2013

Goals Cormac Burnside

Defence: Jamie Mc Cann, Sean Fallon ,Nial Conlon, Eddie Farell

Midfield: James Conlon, Sean O Reilly , Daragh Mc Mahon, Eoin Heslin

Strikers: David Curran and Cillian Wallace

Subs Anthony Cunnane and Aiden Mullaney

Today Valley Rovers played Boyle in our first league game together as an U16 outfit.  With players missing we were under strength, against a good Boyle side, that are together for four years now, we hit the ground running and we're very unlucky not to be in front after good work with the ball out of defence , through our midfield and David was unfortunate not to score. We dropped to deep and paid the price from that we didn't recover.  Boyle played all the football in the first half.

At the break We had a good talk about positional and tactical ploys, the lads went out and this was certainly a different team. Their heads were high and straight away, we worked the ball down the right side of mid field, and into the danger area, where Boyle committed a foul by handling in the box. Darragh stepped up and whacked the back of the net, great play valley Rover's.

Valley Rover's contained Boyle very easily and with great diligence they seemed a totally different team. Boyle found things harder than in the first half and we're shooting from distance, our defence stood strong under the guidance of Nial Conlon and Sean Fallon. They eventually broke our resilience and scored midway through the half. This didn't deter us in the slightest, we went up after the kick off and nearly scored, great work from Sean Reilly, David Curran, and Daragh Mc Mahon ended in a corner kick .

One of the best moves in the second half, was started in our defence and worked well through our midfield , Niall won a header onto Sean Reilly who squared the ball to Darragh who coolly slotted the ball into the bottom right hand corner, great goal .

Boyle scored again late in the game to finish what was an enthralling second half. I as a manager couldn't be more proud of what I seen this team doing in the second half, they knew the chips were down but kept fighting for each other. From Cormac Burnside our stand in keeper, Jamie Mc Cann, Sean Fallon , Niall Conlon, Eddie Farrell in the back to James Conlon, Sean O Reilly, Daragh Mc Mahon, Eoin Heslin in midfield to David Curran and Cillian Wallace up front and also Anthony Cunnane and Aiden Mullaney who came on as subs played beyond themselves, they put in a great "TEAM" performance, a one to be proud of themselves and make me proud to be part of this great team ,

Donal O Connor