

Match Report

U9 HBE Red v St Ives Navy

Round 10 - 25 June 2023

Rofe Park

Another perfect day at Rofe Park for round 10 versus St Ives Saints Navy. We were down a couple of players this week, but our opponents fielded a strong team of 13 and kindly offered us two different players per quarter, allowing for an 11-a-side game with the rarely-seen 4-3-4 zone formation.

We seem to have established a pattern in recent games of letting the opposition get a jump on us and scoring quick goals in succession. This week was no exception! Opposition number 23 (coincidence? I think not) proved difficult to stop with speed and accuracy in the first quarter.

Happily, another pattern that we have established is one of not panicking, staying resilient and defending well to shut down the scoring. After a quarter-time revving up, the boys responded with an excellent defensive quarter of tackling and contesting, to get the game back on their terms.

In the third quarter came our comeback goals. A couple of long and accurate efforts were kicked by a borrowed forward, but all the goals were set up by some great teamwork and passing in the forward zone.

Last quarter: the boys were excited to have Saints number 23 (Ben) as a forward. It was another quarter of strong midfield efforts and defence and the game finished once again on pretty even terms. There were endless three cheers for everything imaginable when the teams came together at the end.

Our player of the week was Tadhg, who had a solid four-quarter effort in all the zones. The Callum Mills award went to Jack for valiant defending, particularly under siege in the first quarter.

This week's game was played in great spirit, with good sportsmanship. Thanks to the Saints for lending us their players, who all seemed to relish going up against their teammates!