## **MATCH REPORT**



HBE U10 RED vs ST IVES NAVY ROUND 3 – 28 APRIL 2024 ROFE PARK

After a really close and enjoyable game away last week against St Ives White, we returned home to Rofe Park to face St Ives Navy. Both teams fielded 12 players, making life nice and easy for coaches and managers!

If I had to sum up this game, I'd say that we did everything except kick goals. The defensive pressure was excellent throughout the game. One notable spell in the third quarter saw us tackling and spoiling valiantly for several minutes whilst pinned in the back third. The boys had great energy, chased the loose balls and stuck their tackles. However, we struggled to win the ball in the middle and get it to the forwards, resulting in only 2 goals for the game - both great efforts from Oscar and Alex.

St Ives on the other hand scored most times that they went forward, often through having a loose player out the back. This made for an ugly "scoreline" - not that we score! - but I genuinely feel that it didn't reflect the effort from the boys. They did a lot right, played the game in great spirit and maintained a positive attitude, never giving up or getting disheartened. I think they will learn a lot from this game and we definitely have some key areas to focus on in the next training session.

Player of the week went to Thomas, for a great effort particularly in the midfield. The Callum Mills award went to Tadhg for maintaining excellent pressure relentlessly across all 4 quarters.