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St. Peter's GAA Club, Warrenpoint



U11 Boy's Football Report – Johnny Rooney

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We entered 2 teams in the South Down U11.5 leagues (11 a side) taking part in Division 1 (mainly primary 7 players) and Division 4 (mainly primary 6 players).

31 players represented the club with plenty of playing time for all players. However, there was a need for 5 players from the U9 panel to attend every match to ensure we could field 2 teams.

P7 team

This year was a difficult year for the P7 team in which they lost all their league games. Throughout the league we were unable to field our “strongest” team with just 11-12 players available come match day. Throughout the league the players developed and put in their best performance of the year in the last league game against Shamrocks which was followed up with a win against Rostrevor in a challenge game before the enforced break.

Playing numbers at this age group is an issue especially compared to the other clubs involved in the league, the skill development of the players is unfortunately behind their peers and a lot of work is required to ensure the team can continue to compete at this level. However, there is a very committed core of players and parents who will hopefully push the team forward in the future, the goal of the coaches & club is to expand the core and get more players and parents involved.

P6 team

The players in P6 team have developed throughout and put in some great performances and they were very competitive in every game in the league, winning 3 matches, drawing 1 and losing 4 matches. The coaches were delighted with how the players performed and the enthusiasm the players should during every match and coaching session was great to see.

This year seen a massive improvement in the players attitude, behaviour and attention at each coaching session which allowed the coaches to spent more time coaching instead of managing poor behaviour.

It must be noted that the players were playing against the “C” team of many of the local clubs and like the P7 team there is a lot of work to be done to ensure they compete against the local clubs in the future.

Like all the teams in the club this year was a challenging year, the coaches would like to think the football committee for their support and guidance to ensure coaching sessions and matches happened safely. A special word of thanks goes to the players and their parents for attending the coaching session and matches to ensure the young boys played in the blue jersey this year.