

Climate change storms did not deter the wonderful efforts by both the Moynalvey/Boardsmill and Oldcastle under 14's. To begin with, spare a thought for the unfortunate young Oldcastle player who had to leave the field with a knee injury. We wish him well.

Craig Gilsenan clipped over a wonderful left footed point for the first score. Dylan Anthanson and Conor Quinn worked hard to fashion early scores. Sean Lynch raided from the half back line as did the brave Ciaran McLoughlin. The latter fielded brilliantly and fired over an exquisite point that his grandfather Louis would be proud of! All thoughts of tractors and farming were put to one side as Timothy Halton held the fort at centre back. He was aided very effectively by Charlie McCormack and Vinny Walsh. We were fortunate that Michael Brady scored two excellent goals just before half time. These were not the loopy type of goals that sometimes happen at under 14, rather they were Michael Brady bullets to the bottom corner of the net. We were also fortunate that Oldcastle had a goal disallowed in the first half.

Early in the second half, Oldcastle played the better football. One of the biggest challenges in this big pitch was to transfer the ball rapidly from defence. Evan McCormack and Senan Maher were effective in this regard while Diarmuid Slevin and Liam Deegan added badly needed fresh legs. Evan Kennedy, Cameron Johnston and Noah O'Dea battled hard and forced two penalties which Michael Brady converted. Meanwhile at the other end, Colm Wall remained robust in defence and Tadhg Cotter in goals put all thoughts of the Trim agricultural show to one side, and made some excellent saves. Michael, our captain, gave a lovely modest speech during the cup presentation paying ample tribute to the gallant Oldcastle players in addition to his own team.

Well done to all mentors and players.



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