
Junior Team Kick Off the League with An Unbelievable Victory

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The Holy Family travelled to Celbridge to play St. Wolstan's in the opening round of the group stages of the Under 16 competition. It was a lovely sunny day and throw in was at 10.30.



After the first 5 minutes, St. Wolstan's led by two points. In the 6th minute, HFSS got on the scoreboard from a brilliant point by Leah Ward. Following that brilliant score, St. Wolstan's trailed up the pitch and got a goal, they led by 4 points. HFSS answered this brilliantly with Anna Dillion getting a goal. HFSS then won the St. Wolstan's kickout with good off the shoulder play by Anniemae Dunne and Shona Naughton getting a high ball into Anna Dillon resulting in the HFSS getting another goal. St. Wolstan's won their kickout, played up the pitch and went straight for a goal but they were stopped by an unbelievable block by Faye Durney. Faye then passed it onto Kate Dunphy and then with super off the shoulder passing on to Kate McNulty. St. Wolstan's overturned the ball and trailed up the pitch but were stopped by Sarah Phelan with great tracking back and defending. Sarah travelled up the pitch with the ball and HFSS got another brilliant score on the board. St. Wolstan's won their kickout and travelled up the pitch getting a goal in the 16th minute and the teams were level. Grace Doyle won a great kickout from Sadie Burke and then passed it off to Faye Durney who gave a great ball to Orlaith Dempsey resulting in a score to put HFSS in the lead. Following that, St. Wolstan's trailed up the pitch and got another score on the board before half-time. Just before going into the second half, HFSS made a sub bringing on Amy Butler for Eimear Bryne. St. Wolstan's led by 3 points going into the half-time break.

As the second half began, there was a great off-the-shoulder play between Jessica McNulty and Sarah Phelan which led to a great score by Grace Doyle. St. Wolstan's went short on their kickout, travelled up the pitch and got a goal to reduce the deficit. HFSS went on to win their next kickout but were overturned by St. Wolstan's resulting in a penalty but with an unbelievable save by Sadie Burke, the HFSS kept their lead. In the 20th minute of that half, HFSS made a change with Leah O'Toole replacing Daisy Crinnigan, the HFSS still leading by 1 point. In the 24th minute, Grace Doyle hit the back of the net with an unbelievable goal extending the lead. Jessica McNulty caught a great kickout and passed it off to Grace Doyle who further extended the HFSS lead by scoring a great point. With five minutes to go St. Wolstan's finished the match out by scoring a goal. The full-time score was 6-8 to HFSS and 3-12 to St. Wolstan's. Well done to the Under 16 team on this great win!