
Holy Family Secure Second Win in League Campaign

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On the 3rd of October, the Holy Family Under-16 team traveled to Kilcullen to face Cross and Passion College in their second game of the league. The throw-in was at 11:00.

Holy Family started the game well, with Jessica McNulty winning the throw-in. However, Cross and Passion quickly countered and scored the first point of the game. Soon after, Anna Dillon equalised for Holy Family, capitalising on a great kickout from Sadie Burke. Cross and Passion responded with two quick goals. Strong defending from the Holy Family backs prevented the opposition from extending their lead. A free kick from Anniemae Dunne put Holy Family back in the game.

Cross and Passion managed to add another point before Orlaith Dempsey intercepted the ball, working it up the pitch for Anna Dillon to score Holy Family's first goal of the match. The Holy Family girls capitalised on Cross and Passion's kickout, with Anna Dillon scoring her second point of the game. Later in the first half, Sarah Phelan turned over the ball in defense, and, with some great teamwork, Holy Family scored their next point. This was followed by another point from Jessica McNulty, with Cross and Passion also adding to their tally. In the closing minutes of the first half, Cross and Passion found the back of the net once more.

A last-minute penalty was awarded to Kate McNulty and successfully scored by Jessica McNulty, allowing Holy Family to finish the first half just one point behind Cross and Passion. The halftime score was 3-3 to Cross and Passion and 2-5 to Holy Family.

Early in the second half, Holy Family made two substitutions, bringing on Ciara Dunphy and Saoirse Hourihane. Holy Family began the half strongly, with Leah Ward scoring a free kick, though Cross and Passion quickly responded with another point. Aoife O'Toole found the ball just outside the D, adding yet another point for Holy Family. Cross and Passion then added two more points before Holy Family responded with three points of their own, bringing the game to a tie.

With fifteen minutes remaining, Jessica McNulty scored her second penalty, putting Holy Family in the lead. Excellent teamwork and skill from the Holy Family girls resulted in three more points. Cross and Passion scored a goal and two points before the referee blew the full-time whistle. The final score was 3-13 to Holy Family and 4-8 to Cross and Passion. Well done to the girls on this incredible win!