

OLSS U15 BOYS KICK OFF CAMPAIGN WITH EMPHATIC VICTORY OVER OLD RIVALS ST MACARTANS 0-7 OLSS



OLSS U15 Boys kicked off their FAIS Minor campaign in style on Tues 8th Nov with a stylish 7-0 victory over old rivals St Macartans College, Monaghan.

Played in great conditions at the Monaghan town schools' venue, OLSS dominated early proceedings but a tendency to overhit the final pass when in good positions meant that there was nothing between the teams as they game moved towards the midway point of the first half. Indeed, the home side began to find their way into the game, forcing a number of corners but it was the visitors who eventually took the lead in the 23rd minute when striker Tristan Nugent got on the end of a nice move to slot home from 10 yds at the back post. Buoyed by this, OLSS soon struck again with the goal of the game in the 27th minute. A flowing passing move which began in their own defence saw the ball worked down the right with some slick passing releasing Dominykas Rimkunas and his first time cross from near the bye-line was finished to the net by striker Nugent for an outstanding goal at any level, to double the visitors' advantage. St Macartans came close to halving the deficit just before half time when a well struck snap-shot from distance came back off the post into the arms of OLSS keeper Cathal Malone, but the visitors saw out the remainder of the half to take a 2 goal lead into the break.

2 soon became 3 on the resumption of action when the hard- working Malachy Treanor scored a fine solo effort, cutting in from the left wing and beating a couple of defenders before firing the ball past the advancing St Macartans goalkeeper with 4 mins of the second half on the clock. This was soon followed by a hat-trick goal from striker Nugent, that effectively ended the game as a contest when his strike from a free-kick, some 25 yds from goal proved too hat to handle for the home netminder

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just 3 minutes later to put 4 between the teams.



Playing some eye-catching football, with midfielders captain Ryan Walsh and Ross Lennon pulling the strings, OLSS were now in full flow and added number 5 with 13 mins on the clock when winger Dominykas Rimkunas got the goal his efforts deserved with a nice strike from 15 yds. OLSS made use of their bench but still pushed forward and some pressure on the home defence saw a misplaced pass pounced on by Tristan Nugent whos effort at goal was deflected to the net..

The final goal came courtesy of midfielder Ross Lennon with 12 mins left on the clock, when he found himself in an advance position and a surging run into the box saw him ghost past a number of defenders before coolly lifting the ball over the outrushing goalkeeper. St Macartans came close on a number of occasions but strong defending by OLSS kept them at bay for an impressive beginning to their campaign.

OLSS were well served by a strong defensive unit in keeper Cathal Malone, Joseph Routledge, Matt McNally and Matthew McNamee with full backs Darragh Wynne and Sean Murtagh working tirelessly in the wide areas. Midfielders Ryan Walsh and Ross Lennon were central to everything and were ably assisted by front men Malachy Treanor, Dominykas Rimkunas and hat-trick hero Tristan Nugent.



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Subs: Tom Duffy, Daithi Hegarty, Max Mallon, Darragh McAdam, Robert Duffy, Alex Windrum, Stephen Duffy, Shane Geoghegan.