

Under 17 Leinster Shield

Wexford CBS 1 – 0 Tallaght C.S

Bokerboys ensure home ¼ final fixture

Wexford CBS continued their impressive season with a hard fought but deserved victory over Tallaght Community School in Wexford Celtic. After enjoying a free-flowing open game in the previous round, the Bokerboys saw an entirely different side to Tallaght in this game as their opponents were very well organised and a much more resilient outfit. This game was a real battle throughout and the opening 20 minutes was pretty much a constant battle for supremacy taking place in the middle of the field. After 15 minutes Wexford almost opened the scoring, Lee Busher gathered possession on the right flank took on and beat two players before lobbing in a cross which almost caught the keeper unawares but he managed to get a hand to it at the last second and put it out for a corner. Tallaght responded well and gradually began to exert more pressure on the CBS aided by a strong wind. A defensive mix up between Jason Nolan and keeper Adam Dempsey played in their nippy centre forward into a one on one position he fired an effort goalwards but Adam Dempsey produced a marvellous save to keep the scores level. Chances were few and far between in this game with the ball being worked well by both sides however when either team got forward, both defences coped admirably in a game where the defence was well and truly on top. Liam Rockett and TJ Cousins up front for the CBS were finding it difficult to find any space whatsoever as their opponents sat deep and packed their midfield. Aaron McGuire was having an excellent game and was involved in a fine move combining with Gary Cullen and Liam Rockett before playing a neat pass into the path of Luke O'Neill into an excellent position but the ref called a marginal offside. Tallaght upped their tempo towards the end of the half and piled forward but excellent defending by the entire CBS backline ensured they were allowed no efforts on goal.

The second half began in a different manner; the home side really took the game to their opponents, Tallaght however defended well Cormac Byrne and Gary Cullen were beginning to win the midfield battle. This was proving to be a tight contest and in truth the first team to score would always be the team to win. Thankfully it was the CBS who managed to break the deadlock with an excellent goal, Aaron McGuire picked up possession in his own half and carried it forward before releasing an exquisite defence splitting pass into the path of Lee Busher who beat one player before rifling an effort to the roof of the net leaving the keeper with no chance. As the game wore on the CBS exerted control over the remainder, Tallaght C.S poured everything they had forward including their keeper for a corner but it was to no avail as the CBS defence was in no mood to concede on the day, Matthew Creane almost added another just before the finish, the final whistle blew and the Bokerboys were jubilant after a hard-fought victory. Another impressive performance for the Bokerboys and an important win the boys will now meet Arklow CBS in the ¼ final at home after the Christmas holidays. The games will only get tougher from here on out but if this team can at least maintain the level of performance shown so far, or even look to improve upon it they stand every chance of going to the whole way. Best on the day for the CBS were Aaron McGuire, Ryan Byrne and man of the match Lee Busher.

Wexford CBS: Adam Dempsey (Wexford Albion), Aaron McGuire (North End), Jason Nolan (North End), Ryan Byrne (Wexford Bohs), Craig Kelly (Wexford Bohs), Lee Busher (Wexford Youths), Cormac

Byrne(North End), Gary Cullen (North End), Luke O'Neill (Wexford Albion), Liam Rockett (Curracloe), T.J Cousins (Wexford Albion) Subs: Matthew Creane (Wexford Bohs) for Cousins, Jamie Thomas (Wexford Albion) for O'Neill, Adam Carroll (Wexford Albion) for Rockett, Dylan O'Regan(Wexford Albion) for Cullen, Dion Murphy (Wexford Albion) for Kelly