**Thursday 27th Nov Wexford CBS U-15 v Arklow CBS U-15**

**Report by Eoin Kinsella**

**It was a cold winter’s morning. The pitch is damp and mucky. Arklow are wearing blue and white jerseys, Wexford are wearing all purple.**

**Wexford started the game and had an early chance when Justin Butler tried to play a pass to Todd Hynes but the ball was cleared away for a corner. Arklow had a free kick just outside the box, the ball was hit high into the area and despite keeper Luke Moloney’s best efforts the ball ended up in Wexford’s net. Arklow 1-0 Wexford. A determined Wexford continue to try catch Arklow on the break but Arklow are defending excellently.**

**Arklow’s left back struck a marvellous shot just wide. Todd Hynes played a neat pass to Leon Nolan but he shot wide. Arklow’s left midfielder crossed a pin point cross to the back post but Luke Moloney intercepted it with a commanding catch. Leon played another clever pass to Justin Butler, Justin struck a shot towards the bottom corner but the keeper produced an excellent save. Yet another Leon cross found Todd, Todd’s shot flashed over the keeper’s crossbar. Arklow’s striker was stopped in his tracks after a strong run by a brilliant Kallum Broaders tackle. Cian Foley passed a long ball from Wexford’s defence, Leon flick headed the ball to Todd, but again his shot was stopped by Arklow’s keeper. Leon’s magical run and shot once again produced another great save from the keeper. Half-Time Arklow 1-0 Wexford, Wexford were finding it difficult to get past Arklow’s keeper.**

**Second Half: Wexford attack again in search of the equaliser, Leon’s cross to the back post finds nobody in a Wexford shirt. Gary Hall-Roche having a great game in the centre of midfield for Wexford, breaks up Arklow’s rhythm at every opportunity. Arklow’s striker dribbled down the wing, Kallum out-paced him and easily won the ball setting up another Wexford attack. Wexford’s backline is making it difficult for Arklow to get sight of goal. Ciaran Carthy stormed up the field, his long range shot bounced wide. Shane Bergin crossed the ball into Leon, Leon headed it towards goal but the keeper parried his effort, Leon made no mistake with the rebound as he smashed the ball into Arklow’s net, 1-1.**

**Luke made another good save in Wexford’s goal. Leon’s impressive performance was keeping Arklow on edge, he crossed from the right but the keeper saved. Shane’s throw found Gary Hall-Roche, Gary produced an amazing back-heel which sent him around the defender, he crossed from the by-line for Todd to clinically finish for a 2-1 Wexford lead. Wexford defended brilliantly in the remaining minutes, Gary Carroll replaced Tre Long for Wexford. Ciaran blocked a shot and set Wexford on the attack. Reece Murphy blocked another Arklow attack. Wexford had a scary moment near the end as Arklow came very close to equalising but the boys got a deserved result. Full-Time Wexford CBS 2-1 Arklow CBS. Wexford now await their semi-final opposition after topping the group.**

**WX.CBS: Luke Moloney, Reece Murphy, Cian Foley(capt), Kallum Broaders, Tre Long, Ciaran Carthy, Gary Hall-Roche, Justin Butler, Leon Nolan, Shane Bergin, Todd Hynes. Subs: Gary Carroll, Cian Whelan, Jamie Dawson, Scott Keeling, Josh Kavangah, Liam Godkin, Dylan French, Shane O’Neill, Jack Byrne, Ryan Lynch, David Harte.**