

## Newbridge FC KS4 Match Report 15/1/25

The first match was against Clifford Holroyde, a team who we've had tough games with in the past, so we always knew it was going to be a tough game. The lads didn't start the best, with communication or encouragement going on during the game. Due to this Clifford Holroyde took a 3-0 lead.

After this the lads started to respond and began communicating, passing and moving off the ball, then the goals started to come with Lewie and Stephen both scoring to make it 3-2, giving us a chance of getting back into the game. Clifford Holroyde then scored an additional 2 goals to make it 5-2. However, once again the lads responded well and brought the game back to 5-4 with Stephen and Lewie tapping in an extra goal each. The final score was 7-4 but the lads should be proud of how they responded to losing, and it must be remembered that a lot of the opposing schools are full of Y11's pupils who are 6ft+ lads.

The lads knew going into the second game that they all needed to be strong in the tackles and continued passing pass/move possession based football. This match was against Observatory Blue. Newbridge took the lead with Lewie placing the ball into the corner with his left foot. Observatory Blue equalised with an unstoppable strike past Brylee, who had made some good saves before this. Stephen then gave us the lead with good link up play from Lewie. Despite the best defensive efforts and solid tackling by Isaac D, James, Blaise and George, Observatory Blue equalised to make the final score 2-2. Overall, a great result against a school we don't normally beat.

The final match was against Western Point, in the previous match against this team, we lost 6-1, so it was a test for the lads to see if we could compete. We went 2-0 down and we were being outplayed and outmuscled off the ball. The lads then started to develop confidence, Stephen and Lewie began to link up well and George and Blaise started putting in some very strong tackles. This positive play was rewarded with Stephen and Lewie both scoring past their 6ft goalkeeper to make it 2-2. Then Western Point started to step it up and scored 2 quick goals, making it 4-2. After this, the lads began to argue and criticise each other and our lads capitalised on this with Stephen and Lewie both scoring to make the final score 4-4. Everyone did fantastic in this match, showing great team spirit and commitment.

2 draws and a loss against lads who are mostly Y11 and 6ft+, are a really positive set of results. If we keep playing like this, the victories will start to come.

Player of the Tournament- Isaac D  
Biggest Leader- Stephen



