

Y7/8 Football Match Report vs Finch Wood Academy

The first Y7/8 friendly of 2025 saw Newbridge play Finch Wood Academy, a team who have been finishing near the top of the league in the past few seasons, so the lads knew that it was going to be a tough game. We agreed to play 12 minutes x 4 games.

The opening game saw Newbridge take the lead on the 5 minute mark with Brodey cutting in on the left and finishing it past the goalkeeper for a 1-0 lead. Shortly after this Jake made it 2-0 with a composed finish in the box. Despite the best efforts of Braidon and Jason in defence, and some brilliant saves by Paul, Finch Wood scored a consolation goal to make it 2-1 at the end of the first game. The lads were buzzing, but it was important for them to recognise that the 2nd game starts at 0-0, so they needed to continue showing a positive attitude.

In the 2nd game, the defensive display was fantastic, Layton and Logan put in some strong tackles. Macaulay was also attacking really well, making the correct decisions with the ball. All this positive play was rewarded when Brodey scored his 2nd goal of the day, to give Newbridge the 1-0 victory.

In the 3rd game, Brodey showed his quality with a fantastic corner, and Logan got on the end of the cross with a brilliant header. Charlie then extended the lead with a brilliant lob over the keepers head. Macaulay scored his 1st goal of the season with a composed finish to make it 3-0. Finch Wood then scored a consolation goal towards the end the game 3-1.

The 4th and final game saw Newbridge make an excellent start, Macaulay passed the ball out to Charlie, who played a brilliant first time pass to Jake to make it 1-0. Charlie then got his 2nd assist of the day, for Brodey's 3rd goal of the day to make it 2-0. Macaulay then added to his goal tally with a close range finish to make it 3-0, with Jake sealing the victory to end the final game with a 4-0 victory.

Massive praise to all the lads, who showed great teamwork, encouragement and leadership throughout, putting in an unbelievable footballing performance. Big thanks, must go to Blaise, George and Isaac who refereed the game fantastically, making some excellent decisions.

Next match is on Friday against Woolston Brook.

Player of the Match- Brodey.

