

# Football



## Boys': U13

U13 South Down Plate Final  
Dromore HS 0 - 2 Banbridge Academy

The U13 boys' football team have won the South Down Plate competition, running out 0-2 winners against Dromore High School, on Monday afternoon at Cheney Park.

The contest was a keenly fought affair. The Academy took an early lead through a well taken corner routine; Thomas Hamill rising well at the back post to head the ball into the bottom corner past the Dromore goalkeeper. On 20 minutes, Thomas McLoughlin pounced on a loose ball in the Dromore penalty area to drill a low shot into the bottom corner, giving the boys a well-deserved lead going in at half time.

The second half saw Dromore put in a determined effort to get back into the



match, but the Academy team defended stoutly and had many opportunities of their own to extend the lead. In the end, the

match finished 2-0, leaving the boys and their coach Mr Hanlon very proud of their achievement.

## Boys': U15

### Group Match 1

Newry High 3 - 8 Banbridge Academy  
Harry Gough (3)  
Sam Leslie (3)  
Reuben Walsh  
Aaron Stafford

### Group Match 2

Banbridge Academy 5 - 2 Banbridge High  
Sam Leslie (3)  
Patrick McElroy (2)

### Group Match 3

Rathfriland 2 - 3 Banbridge Academy  
Corey Hylands  
James Henning  
Harry Gough

### Semi-Final

Banbridge Academy 2 - 0 Kilkeel  
Patrick McElroy  
Corey Hylands

### Final

Newbridge 3 - 2 Banbridge Academy  
Callum Todd  
Sam Leslie

The Under 15 Football team had another very enjoyable season. Over 30 boys trained every Tuesday at Havelock with Mr Irwin. Sam Leslie was the star of the first 2 games, scoring hat-tricks both times as we comfortably beat Newry High and Banbridge High. Away to Rathfriland was a sterner test, but we managed to win 3-2 and top the group.

A 2-0 win over Kilkeel in the semi-final set up a final against a strong Newbridge team who were looking for revenge after losing to us in the final on penalties 2 years ago. We were 1-0 up at half-time thanks to a header from a corner by Callum Todd, but Newbridge equalised at the start of the second half. Sam Leslie thought he had scored the winner with 5 minutes to go, but they equalised in the last minute and went on to win 3-2 after extra-time.

### U15 Football Squad 2023/24=

1. Conor Patton
2. Conor Comiskey
3. Harry Johnston
4. Corey Hylands
5. Callum Todd
6. Ben Millington

7. James Nesbitt
8. Sam Leslie
9. James Henning
10. Reuben Walsh
11. Jason Sands
12. Jacob Frizzell
13. Ben McKeown
14. Isaac McIlwaine
15. Aaron Stafford
16. Lee Hutchings
17. Patrick McElroy
18. Harry Gough
19. Max Murphy

