### St Hilary School Football Team – Match Reports

# Match 1- Home against Alverton 1-0 Victory (goal scorer Hayden W) MOTM - Oliver H

On Tuesday the 13th November, St. Hilary football team played their first game of the season against Alverton School. As ever, they were a tough opponent: a great team, who were strong in tackles and prevented us from scoring as many as we would have liked. We had many chances, which their strong keeper saved he was top class! They were quick on the counter-attack, but our defence were great meaning they barely had a shot. Eventually after what seemed like hundreds of shots, (we hit the post, crossbar and keeper again and again!) Hayden managed to score what proved to be the decisive goal.



# Match 2 - Away against St Uny 3-2 victory (goal scorers Lewis, Harry, Hayden -) MOTM - Lewis

On Wednesday the 14th of November, we travelled to St Uny for our second match of the season. This time we scored a quick goal at the start of the game – this boosted our confidence and soon after, we grabbed a second. The second came after a good build-up of at least 20 passes, before Oliver B hit the crossbar and the rebound fell to Hayden to finish the move! St Uny had good players, who were class on the ball; they were strong in defence and could clear it with ease. St Uny were also very polite and well-mannered and greeted us on to the pitch. We all played well and felt a little disappointed to let in the two goals - but felt we deserved the victory.

## <u>Penwith School Football Tournament - County Championships Qualifiers</u> <u>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Mounts Bay Academy</u>

#### Match 1 Vs Nansloe

### 1 - 0 victory (goal scorer-Hayden)

Our first game of the day was against Nansloe School. It was a great game and a challenge for us, we went into it full of confidence after back-to-back wins, but it was not an easy game. We had many chances but missed all of them in the first half. They had a good striker, who was threatening from the word go: he caused us all sorts of trouble. Eventually, we found a breakthrough with a magnificent finish from Hayden; it was a good win.

#### **Match 2 Vs Trelloweth**

#### 5 - 0 victory (goal scorers - Hayden 3, Gabe 1, Harry 1)

Starting the game with bags of confidence, we set off and managed to score in the first few seconds of the game and again moments later. Fortunately for us, we were playing really well and scored another off from an amazing build up. The next goal was also very good with everyone touching the ball (except the keeper) before it was smashed it into the top corner. Not much later, we slid the ball in. It was a great game for St Hilary.

#### Match 3 Vs Parc Eglos

#### 0- 1 - defeat

This great contest unfortunately ended in a 1-0 defeat. Parc Eglos were immediately on the front foot putting tons of pressure on us, causing us to be a bit shaky and uncertain what to do with the ball. Later on in the game, we had a few good chances that we disappointingly put wide. Their goal was a great example of making the most of any opportunity that comes along - we were disappointed but did not let it put us off for our next game.

#### Match 4 Vs Brodrigy

#### 1-0 - victory (goal scorer- Lewis)

This was yet another gripping game full of chances, hard tackles and plenty of set pieces. We had many chances that were missed, but soon after, we were awarded a penalty that Lewis took. It hit the post, but thankfully put away the rebound to make it 1-0.

#### Match 5 Vs Alverton

#### 2-0 (goal scorers - Lewis 1, Gabe 1)

We started the game passing the ball around at the back, before playing a pass they were not expecting over the top; this led to a great cross and eventual finish from Gabe. The second came from a scrappy bit of defending by Alverton for one of our attackers to strike it passed their awesome keeper for a two nil win.

#### Match 6 Vs Marazion

#### 4-0 (goal scorers- Lewis 2, Hayden 1, Harry 1)

This game was our biggest game - not because of the opposition, but because if we won, we would win the tournament and go to the county championships! We started well and scored early from an amazing passing sequence that ended in a great finish from Hayden. Shortly after, we scored a second through a similar finish from Harry. We started the second half with an early chance that was put wide but seconds later, we grabbed a third from Lewis who weaved his way through the defence to score. A minute later, a ball came in from the left wing and Lewis chipped it up and scored a fabulous bicycle kick into the top corner.

#### **Conclusion**

After a great fun day we managed to win the tournament (Harry was our much deserved Player of the Tournament), meaning that next week we are off to Biscovey to play against the other winners at the county final. We hope to continue our recent success!

A big thank you to our coaches for all of their help and support and of course to all the parents who have come along to the games to support!

By Hayden, Gabe and Lewis

