

Jacob fires Merseyside Schoolboys to Cup Final



Congratulations to Jacob Slater after his man of the match heroics for Merseyside Schoolboys U14s secured a 2-1 win and a place in the Final of the ESFA Inter-county Cup.

Jacob (9R) set up the first goal and scored the winner, as the boys from Merseyside edged out Wolverhampton 2-1 in the semi final.

Among those watching was Jacob's proud mother Eilish, who talks us through the action: "Merseyside Boys started strongly and finally broke the deadlock after 30 minutes, when Jacob crossed for one of his team mates to score.

"The West Midlands side responded strongly and levelled to give a half time score of 1-1, which did not truly reflect Merseyside Boys' dominance.

"The second half was nerve racking, with play switching from end to end at a frantic pace.

"Merseyside Schoolboys regained the advantage when Jacob went from creator to scorer after he got on the end of a long cross.

"There was then an anxious end to the match, with Wolverhampton pushing for the goal that would have forced the match into extra time, but the boys clung on to win the game."

Merseyside will now play Kent Schools in the final, with the venue to be announced in May.

After the match, Jacob, who also plays for Sacred Heart and has represented Preston North End's U14s, was delighted to have seen his side through.

Happy

He said: "It was a really close game and I am very happy we managed to get past a very good Wolverhampton side.

"I am pleased with the assist and the goal but the main thing was that we won the game and now we can all look forward to the final in May."

Jacob's success is mirrored by our Sacred Heart teams from all year groups who, earlier this (school) year, drew praise for their commitment from Head of PE, Mr O'Malley. He said: "Our football teams

have had a range of success throughout the year groups.

"We have had excellent turnouts to training sessions, as evident at the Year 7 football trials, when 52 players attended over the course of three days.

"This was a fantastic turnout and, since then, large numbers have attended the Thursday training sessions for Years 7 and 8 after school with Mr Hurst and Mr Duggan.

"Each team have come up against very strong teams in the National and Merseyside Cup competitions, making it extremely difficult to grind out results but all the boys have showed terrific spirit and commitment.

"Both the Year 7 A & B teams had cup victories. The A team beat Birkdale 5-4 in a tightly contested game, whilst the B team beat Manchester Health Academy 4-3 in extra-time, in what was a nail-biting game, for which special mention must go to James Gillbanks who scored four goals. Well done boys."

Year 11s consider life at Cambridge University

Year 11 students contemplating life beyond Sacred Heart got to learn about Cambridge University recently.

Sandy Mill, Cambridge University's Schools Liaison Officer, visited our school to explain what the place has to offer.

Mr Mill explained about the application process and what students should expect to find at Cambridge. He said: "The talk focussed on living and studying at high level universities, dispelling some of the myths surrounding 'Oxbridge' and detailing how A-Level choices can affect what subjects students are able to apply for at university.

"This is designed to get them thinking about university choice, and prerequisites for certain subjects they may wish to apply for ahead of their A-Level choices."

Inspirational

The students came away from the session with plenty to think about and were impressed both with Mr Simm and what Cambridge has to offer, with Moya Devey (11A) saying: "The speaker was very inspirational and insightful."

Phoebe Carey (11S) echoed the sentiment, adding: "He was brilliant, as he was very charismatic and got rid of the stereotypes we had about people who apply for Cambridge." Whilst Meghan Farrington (11S) said: "It was great to get the chance to speak to him on a one-to-one basis afterwards. He was so passionate and told us a lot of things we did not know."

Overseeing the event was History teacher, Mrs Reid, who said: "It was a very interesting session. The students were excellent throughout and asked a lot of relevant questions.

"On behalf of the students, I would like to pass on our thanks to Mr Simm, who was very engaging and offered a great insight into what students who are considering applying to Cambridge can expect."

News in brief

Welcome back. There are GCSE Music Performance Examinations taking place throughout this week. Also taking place this week is PE moderation and there is a STEM Careers event taking place at the Crosby Comrades Club from 1pm on Wednesday.



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