



Match Report

Under 8's Premier – Sunday 13th March 2016

SSA Under 8 prem had a very enjoyable game, which was pleasing to watch and also pleasing for the players to play in. Individually players were set targets before the game in which they tried to complete as well as trying to implement their current topic within the training sessions. Jack C and Jack D both were able to maintain possession of the football very successfully and did so by using their good scanning habits to see the optimal pass, enabling them to retain possession. In relation to the good play shown by both Jacks, Charlie was extremely confident whilst on the ball and looked to be positive whenever in possession, looking to create shooting opportunities at the earliest possible moment, while if this wasn't available looking to retain the ball for somebody else to work the opportunity. Jacob also showed fantastic composure and used very good ball manipulation, whilst under pressure, allowing him to retain possession for SSA.

Dorian also remained immensely positive during the game and was looking to create shooting opportunities throughout the whole match, leading to the move of the match, involving both Dorian and Lenny. Both players used one and two touch play to play around the opposition defence before Dorian then slotted a through pass to Lenny, who cut in for a shooting opportunity, showing a great piece of play by SSA.

Lenny found high success when looking for space to exploit in order to launch quick attacks for his side. As well as this, Lenny looked to implement the current topic being taught to him both on the Thursday and Saturday sessions, by closing down the space between him and the man on the ball when out of possession to apply maximal pressure from the earliest moment, allowing his side to regain the ball as high up the pitch as possible. This is very important, meaning SSA would be much closer to the opposition goal when regaining the ball; therefore, there will be less of a distance to work an opportunity to score.

Jayden also took on the current topic and tried to implement this during the game, as he obtained great defensive positioning and gave maximum effort to support his team when defending in 2 vs 2 situations, this saw Jayden pick up the Man of the Match award. Moment of the match was also provided by Jayden, as he performed a perfectly executed Maradona turn away from pressure, finding himself at a very acute angle from the goal. Nonetheless, managed to strike the ball through the keepers legs, in what seemed a very difficult situation.

Overall, a highly productive day for SSA, who have been taking what they are learning in their current topic, into the matches. Moreover, showing excellent pieces of both individual and team play to be able to score goals and defend collectively.