

## Darren Fairest updates us on the Young Owls U11s

Firstly as Chairman I would like to extend my congratulations to all players in all age groups on being successful at recent trials and wish those not selected this time the very best for the forthcoming season.

During the close season we were delighted to host south Dublin side Cabinteely who hosted the Young Owls during a tour of Ireland last season. Not put off by appalling weather the Young Owls and Cabinteely, managed by Mr John McCann, took part in a tournament also featuring Crosspool managed by Adrian Hackett and Rotherham side Wickersley managed by Mark Godley. The man in charge, local referee Craig Wallace, also deserves a special mention for his superb handling of the game between the Young Owls & Cabinteely.



**Young Owls captain George Dyer  
with Cabinteely's Joey McCann  
& referee Craig Wallace**



The Young Owls finished winners with two wins and a 1-1 draw against Cabinteely with an early goal by Seán Byrne for Cabinteely and well taken header by Lewis Rodgers for the Young Owls whose keeper Ewan Doman pulled off a superb last minute save to preserve 2 points. The Young Owls are now in dialogue with Cabinteely over the possibility of meeting in Blarney, Co. Cork in 2009.

The 2008/09 season is an exciting and challenging one for the U11s as they step up to 11-a-side games from small sided football. Assistant team manager, Steve Doman, commented: "without underestimating the might of the U11 'A' division, which is the strongest I've seen for a while, pre season friendly games are indicating that the players are compatible with the 'proper' game. The sacrifices made by attending a second training session every week for the past 3 seasons are proving worthwhile, having incorporated fitness, movement, touch/control and passing. Our objective is to try and improve on the respectable 3<sup>rd</sup> position we secured last season".

The Young Owls are grateful to the SWFC board, especially Mr Ken Cooke, and also Marcus Brameld for the kind support extended to our club.

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