



# CELTIC SOCCER ACADEMY

## CLUB PARTNER NEWSLETTER

April 2015



## Under 17's Win the Glasgow Cup 2015

The young hoops dominated the final against Rangers at Hampden Stadium on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April and cruised to a 2-0 victory thanks to second half goals from Josh Kerr and Mark Hill.

It was nothing short of what the Celts deserved, given their outright dominance over the Ibrox side, and the Professional Academy Manager, Tommy McIntyre praised them for the manner in which they won the cup.

"The importance of this was the performance," he said. "It's not just about winning, it's about the style, philosophy and everything we do throughout the Academy.

"The players look up to the first team and they see the way they play and the enthusiasm for the type of game they play, so they have good role models and on a big stage like this I thought they acquitted themselves really well."

The victory saw McIntyre and his charges retain the cup following his side's win over Rangers in last year's final at Celtic Park but he insisted he was simply happy for his players to keep the trophy at Paradise.

He said: "It's not about me. It's nice but the most important thing is seeing these young players experience success, being respectful and at the same time developing and hopefully progressing further within the club."

## ACADEMY UPDATE

The Academy Under 13's side travelled to Dublin, Ireland from 3 – 5 April 2015 to participate in the prestigious St Kevin's Academy Cup. Celtic FC have participated in this tournament on numerous occasions and we had no hesitations in returning for the 2015 addition to take on teams such as Benfica, Arsenal, West Bromwich Albion, Deportivo La Coruna and the hosts St Kevin's Boys.

We were drawn in the same group as St Kevin's and Benfica and after an exciting opening 1-1 draw with the hosts we had to beat Benfica to advance to the semi finals. The boys performed superbly and ran out convincing 3-0 winners to set up a semi final showdown with Deportivo La Coruna. The semi final produced some very good football and in the final minute of the match Deportivo scored which looked like to be the winner. Incredibly enough we re started the game and managed to score the equaliser with virtually the last kick of the ball to set up a tense penalty shoot out for a final spot. Unfortunately the young hoops lost 5-3 but we were immensely proud of their achievements both on and of the pitch.

These tournaments provide a brilliant platform for our young players to test themselves against some of the top European Academies. The Under 13's will now travel to Belgium in May to take part in the Bassevelde Tournament.

Willie McNab

Under 13's Academy Coach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qwr27aT7qxM>

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## UNDER 13's Squad



Under 13's squad: Season 2014/2015



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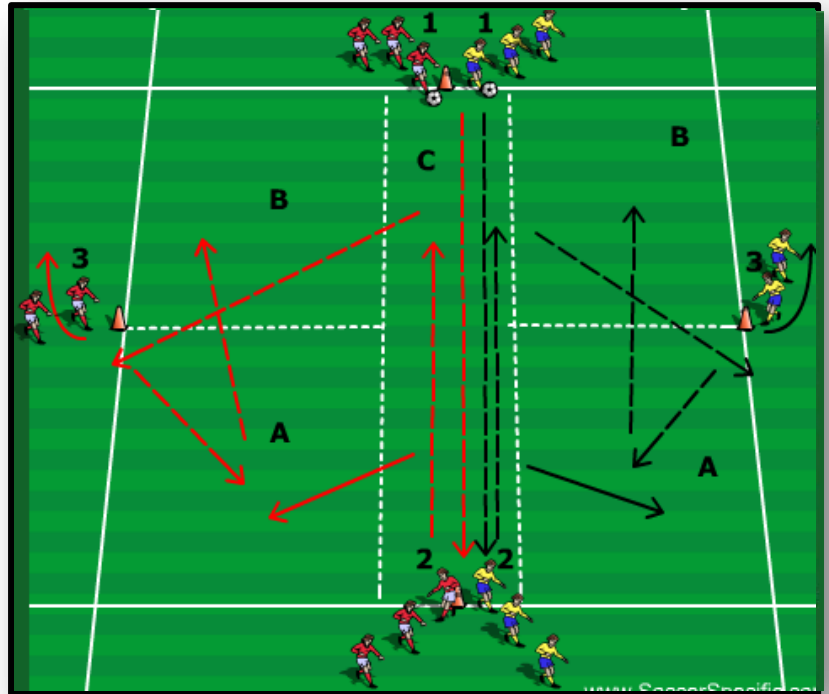
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### SESSION OF THE MONTH "PASSING AND POSSESSION"

#### PASSING

1. 1 passes to 2 who bounces back to 1. (Channel C)
2. 1 plays a pass to 3 in area A.
3. 3 then plays a bounce pass with 2.
4. 3 receives the pass from 2 in area B and passes to 1
5. Both sides go simultaneously

**Rotate: 1 – 2 – 3 - 1**

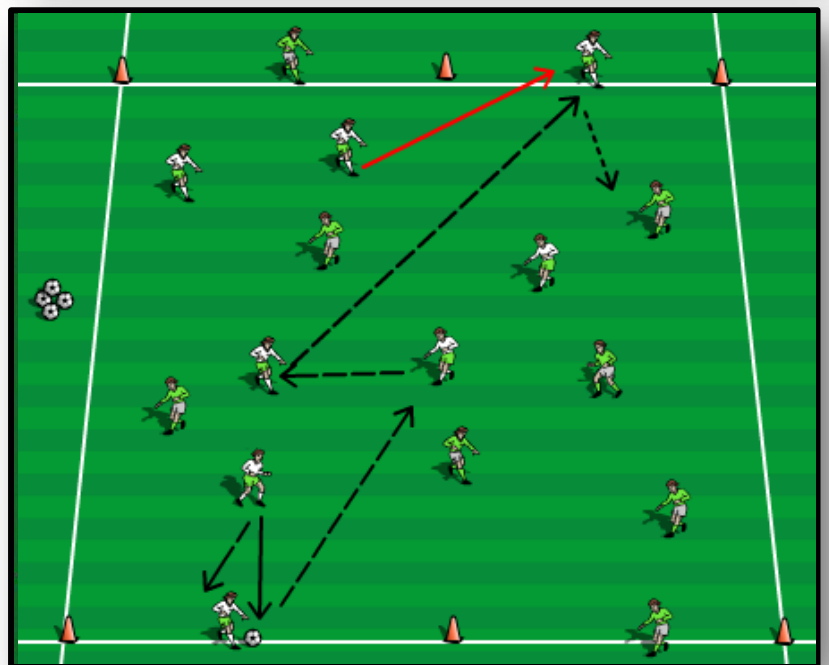


#### POSSESSION

6v6 in the middle area with 2 players from each team at the ends. Compete for possession in the middle and aim to play from one side to the other using your end players. End players can rotate at any point during the game with an inside player

#### COACHING POINTS

1. Weight of pass.
2. Angle of pass, no straight passes so we don't get caught with a counter attack.
3. Scanning – Check your shoulder before your receive, see a picture!
4. Timing of run to receive the pass.
5. Be composed – try not to be spooked.
6. Move ball quickly, 1 – 2 touch if possible.



This session is based on our Intermediate Academy curriculum for ages 13 – 16 years

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