Young Saltney left to rue missed chances as Conor Davies steals the show.

Saltney Town 1-3 Llanrwst United

Saltney named their youngest side in almost a decade for their Ardal league fixture, with Llanwrst United the visitors.

Injuries to captain Hayden Hughes and Leon Flatman forced Neill Rees-Hughes to look to youth to fill the voids in his line up and it looked to have worked in the 17th minute when he watched his side take the lead. George Davies found James Stephens who rounded Gwydion Owen to slot the ball home from close range.

A confident Saltney continued to match the visitors' intensity and their lead was almost doubled on 23 minutes when Stephens rifled a shot off the bar. Moments later, the bar was rattling again, this time Sean Williams with the strike.

At half time Hughes would have been delighted with his sides start to the encounter, however the experience of the Rwsters would soon come into play.

A rejuvenated Llanwrst re-entered the area for the second half and it wasn't long before that experience would show itself. With less than 3 minutes played Conor Davies found himself with time and space. Taking full advantage, he curled the ball into the top corner from 25 yards, leaving Josh Cooke in the home goal no chance.

The equaliser boosted the visitors and Saltney struggled to gain composure. On 73 minutes, it was Davies who switched from scorer to provider as he showed great strength down the Saltney left, before pulling the ball back to Callum Parry to send the ball home at the back post.

Saltney's youth tried their best to get themselves back into the game but it just wasn't to be. In fact, it would be a touch of salt into the wound when, in stoppage time, the referee deemed Cyprian Kulasza to have committed a foul inside the box and awarded the visitors with a penalty. Connor Davies stepping up to ensure his side took all home all three points.

Hughes will be disappointed with the result, but will be pleased certainly with his sides first half performance and maybe one or two of the young guns caught his eye.

Goals:

Saltney Town – James Stephens (17)

Llanrwst United – Conor Davies (48, 90+3 pen), Callum Parry (73)



Saltney’s James Stephens celebrates putting his side into a 1-0 lead.



Callum Parry slots the ball home at the back post to make it 2-1 to Llanrwst