

The pressure that parents put on players...

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A real conversation overheard by Coach Paul on the way back from his U11s' match on Saturday.

U11s player 1: You had a good game today!

U11s player 2: Thanks, so did you. There was no pressure today... my dad wasn't there.

U11s player 1: Know what you mean. My dad always thinks I could do better.

U11s player 2: I was bit rubbish in the last game and my dad was really upset afterwards.

U11s player 1: So was mine, but I didn't think we were that bad.

U11s player 2: My dad will be sad he missed today though.

U11s player 1: So will mine.

Notes...

U11s player 2 was the Player of the Match.

At training, his mum told the coach how proud player 2 was to get the Player of the Match award and wonders – out loud – if it had anything to do with her and her partner not being there...

