

## SPORT

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Dernacrieve joint captains Kevin McGovern, Dara McGoldrick and Sean McHugh and Man of the Match Caoimhin McGovern celebrate after the presentation by Brian Seagrave and Jim Brady, The Lakeside Manor, sponsor. A late, late goal from Caoimhin McGovern gave Dernacrieve a dramatic late win. See next week for full report. PHOTO: ADRIAN DONOHOE.

## ACFL DIVISION 2

# Farrell salvages a draw for Shamrocks

Ballyboro Shamrocks 1-9  
Ballymachugh 1-9

BAILIEBORO left it late to nick a point when they hosted ACFL Division Two rivals Ballymachugh on Sunday last.

In what was an eagerly-contested affair which was as unpredictable as it was feisty, the visitors looked destined to come out on top only for the Shamrocks to grab the leveller at the death.

Despite the understandably demanding underfoot conditions, the game was an open, fluid affair with both sides showing good ambition, speed and cohesion.

The exchanges ebbed and flowed with the pendulum swinging this way and that with monotonous regularity.

The hosts were marginally the better team in the first half and thanks, in part, to some neat points from the likes of Rory Farrell, Rhys Clarke and Michael Argue, Ballyboro always had their noses in front.

Ballymachugh had first half points from Mark Kiernan and Richie Fitzsimons.

However it was Senan O'Reilly's goal - after a terrific incisive foot pass from the aforementioned Clarke - which made all the difference as the Shamrocks eased their way into a gritty 1-5 to 0-4 interval lead.

The game was never anything less than fiercely fought over the entire hour with a number of black cards being handed out and a sprinkling of head-to-head clashes

pock-marking the exchanges as the second half progressed.

The second half was a niggly, fractured period with the tit-for-tat scoring and the physical exchanges making for an entertaining and tense encounter.

Ballymachugh stuck to their task and Barry Kiernan and James Smith both split the posts for the visitors to keep the spoils in the melting pot.

Ballyboro had further points from the aforementioned Farrell and Senan O'Reilly as Richie Fitzsimons and Mark Kiernan hit back for the visitors.

Ballyboro stayed on the front foot and two more Rory Farrell points saw Ballymachugh pegged back to level terms.

The stand-out Farrell had another opportunity with a 40 metre free with the last kick of match but his fine effort dropped agonisingly short of the target and that was that.

**Ballyboro:** J Cooney; J Barry, P Clarke, J Smith, L Gilsenan; A Reilly, N Comey, M Argue (0-1); P Clerkin, P Brennan; B Argue, S O'Reilly (1-1); R Farrell (0-6), G Daly, R Clarke (0-1).

**Subs:** C McCabe; C Gilsenan; C Dunne.

**Ballymachugh:** D Goldrick; S Halton, C Rooney, G Murtagh, A Baxter, A Donohoe, L Tierney, J Smith, M Kiernan (0-2), C Goldrick, B Kiernan (0-2), P Galligan, R Fitzsimons (0-3), C Mulligan.

## ACFL DIVISION 3

# Saints suffer derby defeat against Gaels

Templeport 0-6  
Shannon Gaels 1-7

SHANNON Gaels proved marginally the more efficient side as they secured an important derby win over hosts Templeport on Sunday last in a less-than-thrilling ACFL Division Three tussle.

Both sides did their best on the day to control matters but other than fleeting minutes, neither crew had the tiller in their hands for anything more than fleeting moments.

Indeed, the think-tanks in both camps will doubtless be mindful of the number of chances spurned in front of goal over the hour-plus.

Templeport opened the scoring courtesy of a Eoin Doonan point after seven minutes but incredibly they failed to score for the remainder of the first half despite engineering some decent scoring chances - including a couple of goal opportunities - over the half-hour.

Conor McNiff had the Gaels first point one minute after Doonan's opener before Niall Walsh pointed and the outstanding Aaron O'Hara also split the posts in the 21st minute. Another point followed from Ciaran McPartland which was followed by a melee with a smattering of yellow cards being issued as a result.

In near perfect conditions, the Gaels edged matters on the possession front and, more importantly, on the scoreboard and they went onto lead by 0-4 to 0-1 at half-time although they had a particularly lucky let-off when Kenneth McNiff saved the ball on his own goal-line.

That said, the Gaels had two goal chances of their own which also went abegging with Niall Walsh hitting the

post in one instance.

In the second half a couple of attacks produced nothing to record but then Declan McLoughlin goaled for the visitors with a neat finish before Niall Walsh pointed to add to Templeport's woes.

The Saints rallied though and Eoin Doonan's two frees gave the Gaels a timely reminder of their responsibilities.

The Gaels came back though with Micheal Collieran launching over a huge free from the midfield area only for a point from Eoin Doonan (free) and a Hayden Kelleher point to give the Gaels something more to chew upon.

Conor McNiff grabbed his second point for the Gaels moments later only for Eoin Doonan to point once more.

Templeport kept up the pressure in the dregs of the second half but the Stephen McManus marshalled Gaels' defence held firm to ensure they would travel home with the spoils.

**Shannon Gaels:** Liam Reilly; Brian McLaughlin, Stephen McManus, Paul McCaffrey; Oisín Dolan, Kenny McNiff, Daniel Fitzpatrick; Micheal Collieran (0-1), Ciaran McPartland, Conor McNiff (0-2), Aaron O'Hara (0-2), Gavin Fee, Declan McLoughlin (1-0), Niall Walsh (0-2), Ollie Nolan.

**Subs:** Nevin O'Donnell.

**Templeport:** Gareth Bannon; Eamon Baxter, Odhran Duffy, Ciaran King; Jason Doonan, Aaron Donohoe, James Rudden; Sean Dolan, Gavin Donohoe, Shane Galligan, Liam McAweeney, Naoise McKenna; Ciaran McManus, Conor McAweeney, Eoin Doonan (0-5).

**Subs:** James Murphy; Hayden Kelleher (0-1), Ryan Kelly, Kieran McManus.

## ACFL DIVISION 3

# Goals prove crucial as Leaguers see off Killinkere

Killeshandra 2-13  
Killinkere 0-14

IT WAS goals that counted in Killeshandra with a double in the first half proving all-important in a game what was always evenly-contested.

A brace of points from Eoin Brady were welcome leg-ups for the hosts early on but when Brian Clarke broke his side's duck in the 6th minute, it was a case of 'game-on'.

A fine point from Emmet Fitzsimons added to Killinkere's momentum but Killeshandra grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck over the course of the following 10 minutes.

An outstanding 1-4 tally, with points from Tomás O'Reilly and Lee Reilly, gave them a foothold before Lewis Cooper-Fay replied for the visitors.

Killeshandra remained in the box seat and even though

Conor Sexton split the posts for Killinkere, a fine Shane Murphy goal (30) - plus a great Joe Masterson save - helped catapult the hosts into a 2-7 to 0-6 interval lead.

From the throw-in, Eoin Brady pointed to make it an eight point game.

Killinkere launched a counter-offensive which yielded them four points without reply with Emmet Fitzsimons and Jamie Smith on the mark.

The Leaguers refused to push the panic button though and Shane Murphy's point (41) and further efforts from Eoin Brady (48) and Tomás O'Reilly (49) negated a lift for the Killinkere men offered by Darren Smith's free (42).

The final ten minutes of the game was a typical tit-for-tat affair with another Fitzsimons pointed free was cancelled out by a neat Tomás O'Reilly score.

Killinkere easily out-scored their hosts in the run-in with some fine points from the likes of Kevin McCabe and Anthony Brady but, predictably, the Leaguers had the final say with Conor McGearty's 62nd minute point putting the seal on a deserved victory.

**Killeshandra:** J Masterson; S McGurran, C O'Reilly, D Tighe; M O'Reilly, D Higgins (0-1), A Fitzpatrick; T O'Reilly (0-4),

A Brady; C McGearty (1-2), D Luby, D O'Hanlon; S Murphy (1-1), S O'Reilly, E Brady (0-5).

**Subs:** L Bevis; C Sweeney.

**Killinkere:** S McGovern; G Denning, L Fay Cooper (0-1), O Sharkey; D Sweeney, K McCabe (0-1), M Smith; B Smith, M Farrelly jnr; J Smith (0-2), E Fitzsimons (0-4), D Smith (0-1); P McCabe, B Clarke (0-1), C Sexton (0-1).

**Subs:** C Cusack; A Brady (0-1).