

SPORT

ACFL DIVISION 2

Mullahoran remain on top

Belturbet
Mullahoran

1-5
0-11

BELTURBET welcomed Mullahoran to Ballyconnell for the top of the table clash on Sunday last as both teams entered with perfect records in the opening two rounds.

Mullahoran, playing with the wind in the first half, started the better but were quite wasteful in front of goal. Philip Brady opened the scoring on the third minute but despite having lots of ball the visitors had to wait until the eighth minute to get their second through Gavin Brady.

Philip Brady added his second before Niall O'Reilly broke forward to send over Belturbet's first point on the 14th minute. Gavin Brady soon restored Mullahoran's three-point

advantage with a fine effort as the game entered the second quarter.

Sean McKeogh pushed Mullahoran's lead to four only to be cancelled by a long-range free from Enda Henry. Mullahoran finished the half with two more Gavin Brady points from frees to go in at the break leading 0-7 to 0-2.

Mullahoran introduced Enda O'Reilly at half-time and his impact was immediate with a point on his right foot from close range. The Rorys, now wind-assisted, began to get on more ball but like the visitors in the first half found it hard to hit the target.

Nine minutes of play followed with no score when finally Philip Brady broke the deadlock followed by a Gavin Brady free to push Mullahoran into an eight-point lead

with 17 minutes remaining. It was a further 11 minutes before Belturbet registered their first score of the second half when they were awarded a penalty which Brendan Fitzpatrick converted.

The goal gave the Rorys a new lease of life and they soon added on two more points again from sub Fitzpatrick and a free from Enda Henry.

Mullahoran were under pressure with Belturbet beating at the door with attack after attack but the full-back line for the Dreadnoughts produced a number of vital turnovers only to find the ball coming back at them again a few seconds later.

Fitzpatrick reduced the gap to two points as the game entered injury time but Mullahoran had the final say when Gavin Brady converted a



Back from injury: Killian Brady.

13-metre free to seal a three-point win.

Mullahoran: William O'Reilly, James Reilly, Tadgh McGahern, Matthew

Hynes, Darren Sheils, Killian Brady, Colm O'Reilly, Callum Mussi, Paddy Brady, Barry McArdle, Sean McKeogh (0-1), Liam Wilson, Gavin Brady (0-6, 3f), Philip Brady (0-3), Ray Lynch. Subs: Sean Briody, Enda O'Reilly (0-1), Cian O'Reilly, Daniel O'Reilly, Eddie Dalton.

Belturbet: Cian Vaughan, Peter Shannon, Mark Lawlor, Kevin McConnell, Shane Fitzpatrick, Niall O'Reilly (0-1), John Cahill, Mark Teevan, Fionnan O'Reilly, Enda Henry (0-2f), Stuart Dunne, Cormac Donohoe, Conal McGinnel, Conor Vaughan, Sean O'Lawlor. Subs: Danny Anscombe, Niall Lawlor, Ryan McGovern, James McCaffrey, Cillian Murray, Ronan Vesey, Killian Teevan, Brendan Fitzpatrick (1-2, 1-0 pen), Pauric Rehill.

ACFL ROUND-UP

Munchies win derby

Munterconnacht **1-17**
Maghera **1-10**

MUNTERCONNACHT showed a clinical side to their game last Saturday to dispense of the challenge of Maghera in breezy conditions.

Early points from John McCabe and Sean Nolan inside the opening six minutes had the homesters up and running and although Benny McConnell broke Maghera's duck in the 8th minute with a finely judged angled free against the wind.

Munterconnacht regained the initiative and points from John McCabe and Kenneth Fadojo preceded a goal (17) from John McCabe after a great pass from England-based Sean Nolan.

As Maghera began to circle the wagons, they suffered a big blow when key player Aidan Monaghan received a red card.

The flying Stephen Sheridan pointed to increase Maghera's woes and although Liam Gilsenan pulled one back for the visitors, predictably the would-be winners had the final say going into the interval with points from John McCabe and Stephen Sheridan.

The aforementioned McConnell cancelled out a quick-fire McCabe free on the restart but points thereafter from Sean Nolan and John McCabe (42) maintained the gap.

Munterconnacht proceeded to sit back somewhat and Maghera's Killian Clarke split the posts as did team-mate Aaron Brady.

Sadly for the chasing team, there was to be no Lazarus-like revival and, instead, a fine point by Aidan Tierney and a brilliant point from Kevin Hendrick consolidated Munterconnacht's lead.

Maghera fought to the end and they at least had the satisfaction of notching the final two points courtesy of neat efforts from Killian Clarke and Benny McConnell.

Munterconnacht: G Rock, B Skelly, T Morrissey, L Lawless, S Erickson, F O'Reilly, C Meehan, D Nolan (0-1), C O'Shea, S Nolan (0-2), D Carroll (0-1), S Sheridan (0-3), K Hendrick (0-2), J McCabe (1-7), K Fadojo (0-1).

Subs: C Cooney, J Gilsenan, B O'Shea, S Keogan, B Cullen, B Plunkett.

Maghera: J McConnell, H O'Connell, P Baugh, J Davidson, A Monaghan, B McConnell (0-3), C Reilly, L Gilsenan (0-1), F O'Reilly, A Tierney (0-2), A Brady, K Clarke (0-3), D Dunne, S Smith, C Dunne (0-1).

Subs: S Ryan, M Muldoon.



The Munterconnacht squad who defeated Maghera last weekend.

Kildallan on form

Shannon Gaels **0-9**
Kildallan **2-15**

TWO well-executed second half goals worked the oracle for Kildallan on their trip to Blacklion.

Shorn of the talented trio of Jason McLoughlin, Aaron O'Hara and Niall Corrigan, the black and amber brigade made a decent start to the match but struggled thereafter.

Niall Walsh made it 0-1 apiece for the hosts in the 4th minute but Kildallan quickly grabbed the game by the scruff of the neck and by the 20th minute they had stormed their way into a convincing 0-8 to 0-1 lead.

Kildallan first went ahead in the 6th minute when their opening point scorer Ryan O'Neill again found the target to put his side ahead by the odd point in three.

Six further unanswered points followed from the determined white and reds with Cathal Sheridan, Darragh McGovern, Conor Crowe, Aaron Duignan and Eoin McPartland all finding the target in quick succession.

At the other end of the pitch, Shannon Gaels demonstrated no such division of labour in front of goal and it was left to former county under 21 player Niall Walsh to make inroads into Kildallan's vaunted lead.

As things panned out, Walsh was to notch all five of the Gaels' first half scores with his 27th minute effort arguably the best of the lot; a score that was cancelled out moments later by an equally efficient Niall Cassidy effort.

Shannon Gaels: L O'Reilly, B McLoughlin, S

McManus, P McCaffrey; O Dolan, K McNiff, D Fitzpatrick; M Collieran, K McPartland; C McNiff, R McCaffrey, G Fee; D McLoughlin (0-3, 1f), N Walsh (0-5, 3f), O Nolan.

Subs: D Flanagan (0-1); K McGovern; N O'Donnell; C McCaffrey.

Kildallan: R Fitzpatrick; N Neary, N Crowe, K Donohoe; P McKiernan, F Donohoe, O McPartland (0-1); N Cassidy, C Sheridan (1-2); N Martin (0-2), R O'Neill (0-4, 3f), P Reilly (0-1); A Duignan (0-1), D McGovern (1-4, 1f), C Crowe (0-1).

Subs: D Neary.

Mooney rescues point for Redhills

Redhills **2-4**
Templeport **1-7**

A last-gasp effort from erstwhile senior countryman Turloc Mooney denied visitors Templeport both points in McGrath Park.

The Saints notched their first score after seven mins with a point from play by Eoghan Doonan. After a bout of see-saw play, Doonan burst through for further points from play in the 16th, 17th and 22nd minutes.

Redhills belatedly broke the ice and secured their first score in the 29th minute with a point by Greg Duffy only for Templeport to finish the first half scoring with one by Donal Maguire which left it by 0-5 to 0-1 at the short whistle.

With the aid of the wind on the restart, Redhills were a different proposition and they quickly won a free on the restart 35 metres from goal. Greg Duffy sent a high ball in and a mix up

resulted in the ball ending up in the Saints' net.

Moments later Duffy added a further a point (37) after a great passing movement from the full back line up the field.

Soon afterwards, Pauric Rudden added a further point (39) from play to put Redhills ahead for the first time in the game.

However, Templeport regained the lead again with points from a free (41) by Eoin Doonan and another on 43 minutes from Donal Maguire.

Three minutes later, Redhills' attacker Joe Callan was dismissed for a second yellow card offence. More woe waited Redhills' way on 50 minutes when Kieran McManus found the net.

To their credit, Redhills responded with a goal almost immediately after a great move up the pitch which ended with Torloc Mooney blasting to the roof of the net.

Mooney then drew the teams level moments later with a long range point from 45 metres from play.

Both teams desperately sought a winning score in the dying minutes and although Redhills had the best chances to do so, they failed to take their chances and thus let Templeport off the hook.

Redhills: P Martin; D Faulkner, M Smith, E McDonald; S Jenkins, A Dunne, M Brady, T Mooney (1-2), P Leddy; R Murphy, M Kelly, P Rudden (0-1); T McCormick, J Callan, G Kelly.

Subs: G Duffy (1-1); M Sexton; R Dunne; C McMahon.

Templeport: G Bannon; E Baxter, O Duffy, C McAweeney; J Doonan, A Donohue, J Rudden; D Maguire (0-1), G Donohue; J Murphy, E Doonan (0-5), N McKenna; H Kelleher, K McManus (1-1), L McAweeney.

Subs: B Kelly; S Galligan; M Ball.