

Derry Vocational Schools Under 14 Football Final sponsored by McKeever Family

St Colm's Draperstown vs St. Mary's Clady 11th December @ Watty Graham's Park, Glen

St. Colm's Draperstown

- 1 Ryan Scullion
- 2 Euan McBride
- 3 Martin Bradley
- 4 James Cushenan
- 5 Daniel McCullagh
- 6 Ciaran Doyle (C)
- 7 Shane Grant
- 8 Aaron Bradley 1-00
- 9 Hugo Lagan
- 10 Ruairi Kelly 1-00
- 11 Noel Rafferty 0-01
- 12 Ryan Doyle 1-00
- 13 Mark Farrelly 0-01
- 14 Jon-Paul Devlin 2-05
- 15 Niall Doyle 0-01

St. Mary's Clady

- 1 K Mullan
- 2 D Mawhinney
- 3 B Lewis
- 4 N McPeake
- 5 P McErlean
- 6 F O'Kane
- 7 S McDonnell
- 8 J McLarnon
- 9 R Convery (JC)
- 10 L Spier
- 11 D Gallagher (JC) 1-06
- 12 C Mullan 2-00
- 13 F Bradley 1-00
- 14 P Cassidy
- 15 B McClafferty



Paedar Lagan got the game underway at Watty Graham Park with a few bus loads of students watching on and making plenty of noise for both teams. St. Mary's Clady won the opening ball and got straight on the attack however J McLarnon rattled the ball off the crossbar to let St Colm's off the hook.

The Screen men broke with the ball and passed comfortably up the field to target man Jon-Paul Devlin who was fouled 21 yards in front of the posts, he hit the free over the bar to get the first score of the game after 2 minutes. Both teams settling into the game then missed chances for points before Ruairi Kelly won the ball in the Clady half, beat his man, soloed for 20 yards and hit a rocket passed Mullan into the Clady net, the young goalkeeper had no chance as Kelly gave St. Colm's a dream start 1-01 to 0-00 after 8 minutes.



St. Mary's Clady dominated possession of the following 4 minutes, kicking a wide and getting turned over twice by some excellent defending while on the attack. After 12 minutes St. Colm's broke on the counter attack, quick ball into Devlin who again won a free and dusted himself off to slot the ball over the bar to add another point to the score board 1-02 to 0-00.

13 minutes into the game and St. Mary's Clady got their first point from a free off of the trust boot of Gallagher. St Colm's won the subsequent kick out and get the ball to Mark Farrelly who takes a nice point leaving the score 1-03 to 0-01. Both teams now playing some fluid attacking football and the game began to open up slightly before half time. Gallagher converted another free before Rafferty converted a point from play for St. Colm's with 18 minutes on the clock, 1-04 to 0-02.

With both teams looking to gain the edge going into half time Clady won the ball in the middle of the pitch through Convery who passes and takes the return from two team mates before forcing Ryan Scullion into an excellent save in the St. Colm's net, but his defenders then foul the ball coming out giving Gallagher a chance with the free which he converts.

The Ballinascreen men then work the ball out of defence and find target man Devlin again who wins another free and converts the chance 1-05 to 0-03 with 20 minutes played.

Aaron Bradley who was having a fine first half doing a lot of spade work makes a majestic catch, gets the ball into the full forward line where again the St. Mary's defenders foul and Devlin scores his fourth point from frees. St. Mary's Clady however win the ball in the middle of the pitch and win a free of their own which an on form Gallagher converts to leave the score 1-06 to 0-04 at half time.



An entertaining half of football with both JP Devlin and D Gallagher on form from the free department to be the principle scorers for their teams.

With St. Colm's Draperstown on the pitch ready to start the second half, St. Mary's Clady left them waiting for four or five minutes before returning but it was St. Colm's Draperstown who won the throw in, direct ball into Devlin who this time kicks the ball wide.

28 minutes into the game Devlin again gets on the ball, has a shot at goal which is saved by the keeper but falls to Ryan Doyle who makes no mistake from the rebound, Goal 2-06 to 0-04 exactly the start St. Mary's Clady didn't want.

With Ryan Doyle's goal on the 28th minute the next two minutes were the defining moments in the game. Kick out won by St. Colm's who had an extra spring in their step after the early second half goal, ball into the danger area again, again Mullan makes the save but it's JP Doyle this time who gets a fist on the ball to send the ball into the Clady net for a third time. Almost instantly from the kick out Aaron Bradley who won the ball in the middle of the field finds himself in front of goal and again the ref signals for a goal to leave the score 4-06 to 0-04 in what was a dreadful 6 minutes of play from the throw in from St. Mary's Clady.

Niall Doyle adds to the misery with a well taken point from play for St. Colm's 4-07 to 0-04 now. St. Mary's Clady for the next five minutes began to compete again around the middle of the field, steaming the St. Colm's onslaught. F Bradley winning a free for his team 14 metres from goal which Gallagher converted 4-07 to 0-05.

With 10 minutes remaining the game had started to fizzle out, and JP Devlin getting his fist to ball to send it in for another goal for the St. Colm's soon after left it looking like an impossible task for the Clady men 5-07 to 0-05.



St. Mary's Clady gained possession in the middle of the field, patiently played the ball into the attacking half of the pitch before winning a penalty that Gallagher expertly converted to the goal keepers right hand side to bring his and St. Mary's Clady tally to 1-05.



The next three attacks went exactly against the script with C Mullan getting Clady's first score from play after 45 minutes with a fist goal following good work from Gallagher. This was followed by F

Bradley deflecting a shot from Mullan into the net again to leave the score 5-07 to 3-05 before Mullan amazingly hit the net again to leave the men from St. Colm's very little uncomfortable with 4 minutes remaining on the clock and the scoreboard reading 5-07 to 4-05.

Although their fears of a dramatic comeback were soon set to one side when the brilliant JP Devlin got the ball on the 45, beat a couple of men before hitting a rocket into the Clady net to give him a personal tally of 2-05.

St. Mary's Clady's stand out performer and joint captain D Gallagher took another well taken point before referee Paedar Lagan blew the final whistle much to the delight of St. Colm's Draperstown who ran out victors on a score line of 6-07 to 4-06 and claimed the 2013 Brian Óg McKeever U-14 Cup.



What Sucky (Ryan Bell) thinks?

"Very good game of football, well done both teams and their managers, plenty of attacking play which I love and some deadly scores, a lot of players for the future out their today!"

Some Stats



