

Carlow Soccer 07.10.07

Fixtures

Sat 13

No Youth Fixtures

(Closed afternoon because of International)

Sun 14 Oct

F.A.I. Umbro Jnr Cup Rd 2 (e.t.p.)

Lions F.C.	v	Hanover Hps	12.30	Local
Killeshin	v	Crettyard Utd	11am	J. Wynne
Fort Cel	v	Wolfhill Ath	12.30	Local

(Clubs contact opponents early in week)

Carlow Shield Rd 1 (e.t.p.)

Ardattin Ath	v	Slaney Rvs	12pm	M. Doran
Bagenalstown	v	St. Fiacc's	11am	D. O'Connor
Castle Rngs	v	Borris F.C.	11am	P. Moran
Derry Rvs	v	Nurney Villa	11am	M. O'Reilly
Kilree Cel	v	Balt' Boys	2pm	M. O'Reilly
Moone Cel	v	Ballymurphy	11am	G. Cosgrove
Parkville Utd	v	Hacketstown	11am	P. Kelly
Rathanna	v	Dereen Hgts	2pm	M. Salter
Stretford Utd	v	Carlow Rvs	11am	M. Salter
Tullow Twn	v	Burrin Cel	2pm	C. O'Rourke

Nationalist Division

Crettyard Utd	v	Palatine Cel	2pm	P. Moran
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Whites Pharmacy Division

Old Rd Villa	v	Ridge Rngs	11am	G. O'Sullivan
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Dolmen Flooring Division

Hanover Hps	v	Grange F.C.	11am	C. O'Rourke
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Over 35 Division

Thomastown	v	New Oak	2pm	M. Murphy
Wolfhill Ath	v	Killeshin	11am	T. Lawlor

Beginners Course

A Referees Beginners Course will be held in the Seven Oaks over two days on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October, 9.30am to 5pm each day.

The Course is open to anyone, 16 years and over, who wants to become a Referee in Association Football in the Carlow League and is willing to commence immediately after the Course.

Full details and bookings to Michael Walsh, F.A.I. Referees Assessor after 7pm only, Monday to Friday, 0599722428 or e-mail: chelseamick@eircom.net. In all e-mails include Mobile number, Landline home number, full address and date of birth.

League Tables

Carlow People Premier		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crettyard United	7	4	2	1	21	11	14	
Bagenalstown	7	4	2	1	14	8	14	
Parkville United	6	4	0	2	11	4	12	
Burrin Celtic	6	3	2	1	16	11	11	
St. Fiacc's F.C.	7	3	2	2	12	12	11	
Stretford United	6	2	3	1	10	9	9	
New Oak Boys	5	2	2	1	13	8	8	
Slaney Rovers	7	1	1	5	11	18	4	
Hanover Harps	4	0	2	2	4	7	2	
Killeshin F.C.	7	0	0	7	6	30	0	

Nationalist Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kilree Celtic	5	3	1	1	15	6	10	
Crettyard United	5	3	1	1	8	9	10	
Wolfhill Athletic	7	2	2	3	8	9	8	
Ballymurphy Celtic	5	2	1	2	12	8	7	
Hacketstown United	3	2	1	0	6	2	7	
Moone Celtic	5	1	3	1	7	11	6	
Nurney Villa	4	1	2	1	4	4	5	
Palatine Celtic	5	1	0	4	5	12	3	
Castle Rangers	3	0	0	1	2	5	9	1

Whites Pharmacy Div.		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stretford United.	6	5	0	1	19	8	15	
Ardattin Athletic	6	4	0	2	12	8	12	
New Oak Boys	4	3	1	0	8	5	10	
Ridge Rangers	4	3	0	1	10	5	9	
Baltinglass Boys	4	3	0	1	10	7	9	
St. Joseph's	6	3	2	1	21	15	11	
Dereen Heights	5	2	0	3	11	10	6	
Old Road Villa	5	1	1	3	8	13	4	
Parkville United	6	1	0	5	10	19	3	
Rathanna F.C.	5	1	0	4	7	18	3	
Derry Rovers	5	0	0	5	10	18	0	

Dolmen Flooring Div.		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hanover Harps	6	5	0	1	19	8	15	
Grange F.C.	4	4	0	0	19	4	12	
Carlow Rovers	7	3	3	1	18	15	12	
Dereen Heights	6	2	2	2	12	11	8	
Tullow Town	4	2	1	1	8	7	7	
Nurney Villa	6	1	1	4	5	16	4	
Hacketstown Utd	6	1	1	4	5	16	4	
Borris F.C.	3	1	0	2	4	6	3	
Burrin Celtic	6	0	2	4	7	17	2	

Over 35's Division		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolfhill Ath	2	2	0	0	8	2	6	
New Oak Boys	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	

Killeshin F.C.	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Thomastown Utd		1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Nurney Villa	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	
Stradbally Town		1	0	0	1	2	7	0

Diamond Woodcraft U/17	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Derry Rovers	5	4	0	1	15	11	12
Parkville Utd	4	3	0	1	14	6	9
St. Joseph's	3	1	1	1	14	8	4
Burrin Celtic	4	1	1	2	5	6	4
South East	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Nurney Villa	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Bagenalstown	4	1	0	3	5	13	3
Baltinglass	3	0	0	3	3	18	0

Diamond Woodcraft U/18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Anne's	3	3	0	0	14	4	9
Dereen Hgts	4	2	1	1	14	10	7
Crettyard Utd	4	2	1	1	12	12	7
St. Fiacc's	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
South East	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Stretford Utd	3	0	0	3	4	14	0
Moone Celtic	4	0	0	4	3	16	0

Golden Boot

W/end 30 Sept.

Carlow People Premier

7 Byrne Dominic, Slaney Rvs

6 Fox Brendan, Crettyard Utd

5 Coakley Shane, Killeshin

5 Phelan Neale, Parkville Utd

Nationalist Division

4 Doyle James, Kilree Celtic

4 Doyle Thomas, Ballymurphy

3 Purcell Niall, Crettyard

3 Fleming Val, Nurney Villa

3 Walsh Alan, Wolfhill Ath

Whites Pharmacy Division

9 Haughney Paul, Stretford Utd

7 Dempsey Mark, St. Joseph's

4 O'Neill Alan, Parkville Utd

4 English Mickey, Baltinglass

4 Doyle Willie, Dereen Heights

Dolmen Flooring Division

7 Byrne Kieve, Carlow Rvs

6 Byrne Niall, Grange F.C.

4 Byrne Patrick, Grange F.C.

Over 35

3 Enright Ger, Wolfhill Ath
2 Dunne Karl, Wolfhill Ath
2 Patterson Martin, Wolfhill Ath

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

5 Tobin Patrick, Parkville Utd
4 Whelan Pádraic, St. Joseph's
3 Nolan Paul, Derry Rovers
3 Connolly P.J., Parkville Utd

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

10 Campion Colin, St. Anne's

Noticeboard

Saturdays Free

Please note except in extreme emergencies Clubs should respect that Saturday is a day off for League Officers. Please do not contact the League Secretary on Saturdays.

Match Reporting

All teams must report on every Saturday and Sunday games, otherwise the club will be fined 40 Euro per each team for non reporting. Carlow People Premier and Whites Pharmacy Divisions 5-6pm Sunday only to Dan McDonnell (new numbers) 059 9141704, 0873170417 or e-mail before 3pm to buzzno7@eircom.net . Nationalist Division 5-6pm Sunday only to Sean Murphy at 059 9146416. Dolmen Flooring Division and O/35's 5-6pm only to John Coughlan at 059 9140746 or e-mail before 5pm to john@carlowsoccer.com. U17 & U18 on Saturdays 5-6pm only to Sean Murphy at 059 9146416

Disciplinary

Players etc dismissed or red-carded must appear before the Disciplinary Committee on the Thursday following the fixture. Players or clubs will not be notified and it's in their own interest to appear or be represented. The Committee meets every Thursday at 8.30pm in the Seven Oaks Hotel, Carlow, during playing season unless otherwise notified through the media or web. Under the Automatic suspension rule, players are suspended automatically for the next game and must be served with the team they were sent off in, e.g. a player dismissed for the 'A' team must serve the suspension with that team and cannot play with the 'B' team or Youth team in the meantime, if in doubt refer to Rules www.carlowsoccer.com

Free Days

Clubs must give a clear 10 days notice under Rule if they require a "Free Day". Notice must be in writing either by post or e-mail secretary@carlowsoccer.com , the Wednesday week prior to Saturday games and Thursday week prior to Sunday games.

Results

Sat 6 Oct

FAI Umbro Yths Challenge Cup Rd 1

South East 1-2 St. Anne's

Diamond Woodcraft U/17.

Bagenalstown 1-3 Burrin Celtic
Baltinglass 2-5 Derry Rovers

Diamond Woodcraft U/18.

Crettyard Utd 5-5 Dereen Hgts
St. Fiacc's 5-2 Moone Celtic

Sun 7 Oct

O'Neill's L.F.A. Junior Shield Rd 1

West End Utd 2-1 Borris F.C.
Redwood 3-1 Tullow Twn

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Cel 5-2 Crettyard Utd
New Oak 1-1 Bagenalstown
Killeshin 0-2 Parkville Utd
St. Fiacc's 3-2 Slaney Rvs

Nationalist Division

Crettyard Utd 1-0 Wolfhill Ath
Hacketstown 2-2 Kilree Cel
Palatine Celtic 1-2 Moone Cel

White's Pharmacy Division

Ardattin Ath 5-1 Parkville Utd
Derry Rvs 3-6 St. Joseph's
New Oak 3-2 Baltinglass
Old Rd Villa 2-3 Dereen Hgts
Rathanna 0-5 Stretford Utd

Dolmen Flooring Division

Burrin Cel 3-3 Dereen Hgts
Carlow Rvs 1-6 Grange F.C.
Nurney Villa 2-5 Hanover Hps

Over 35 Division

Nurney Villa 0-3 New Oak

REPORTS

O'Neill's L.F.A. Junior Shield

West End United 2

Borris F.C. 1

Borris travelled to Tullamore in their opening round of the L.F.A. shield and came home narrowly defeated.

The Carlow side started good with Darren Foley and Jason Gaffrey creating some good scoring chances in the first half hour. Then scoring chances in the first half hour. Then on 31 minutes following some bad defending by the Borris lads, United went 1-0 ahead. The visitors tried their best to restore parity.

With Gaffney and Shem Dwyer causing some serious problems for the West End defence, however at the half time break, United were 1-0 ahead.

Early in the second half the Offaly side got off to a good start by going 2-0 up, again the Borris defence were lacking, except for that early mistake, Borris held the upper hand for the remainder of the game with Ger Foley, Dwyer and Darren Foley creating a number of goal scoring opportunities. Then on 80 minutes Shem Dwyer gave his side a life line when he scored to reduce the arrears. Five minutes later he had the chance to square the game, when he went one on one with the United 'keeper only to send his shot wide. Paul Foley, John McKeever, Shem Dwyer and Chris Coleman stood out for Borris.

Redwood F.C. 3

Tullow Town 1

Carlow side Tullow travelled to Kildare to take on local side Redwood and put in a good performance.

Town got off to a good start creating early chances. Just on five minutes Mick Stynes set up Martin Fitzgerald who rounded the 'keeper but a defender rushed in to save off the line. Redmond then went on the attack and on twelve minutes from a corner kick opened the scoring. It then became a mid field battle and at the half time break the scoreline remained 1-0.

In the second half Tullow again started well and on 50 minutes Christian Coppola equalised with a super solo effort. They went on to creat match winning chances through Paul Clancy, Martin Fitzgerald and Jones Osaro. They had a super chance of taking the lead when Clancy put a ball through only for Coppola to send the ball wide in front of an open goal.

Tullow's luck changed and Redwood put them on the break twice in 65 and 84 minutes for a final scoreline of 3-1. Martin Fitzgerald, Paul Clancy and Anthony Moran put in top drawer performances for Tullow Town.

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Celtic 5

Crettyard United 2

Crettyard's experienced mentors had drilled their charges earlier in the week that the slightest shortfall in standards would only end in tears against a highly rated Ballon outfit

United could not be accused of failing to rise to the occasion during a first half which saw United's Ricardo Tavolieri and Anthony Houlihan working hard to seize possession created by the hard work of David Maher but fail to find the target before half time.

There was no shortage of first half effort but Burrin certainly were on turbo-boost throughout the third quarter with a zestful Alan Kelly signalling their deadly intent with a superbly crafted score on 47 minutes. Crettyard were understandably anxious to respond at the earliest opportunity and had begun to turn the screw but Alan Kelly was lurking with a snipers intent and he raced forward to angle an accurate shot beyond John Graham on 52 minutes to double the Ballon advantage. When Ross Nolan angled Paul Hickey's great pass to the Crettyard net on 54 minutes Crettyard

could be described as shell shocked. United's Keith Nolan began to stamp his authority on the following exchanges and he reduced the arrears with an accurate shot on 65 minutes but Celtics Sebastian Ballut replied to keep the Ballon lads well ahead on 68 minutes. A Ricardo Tavolieri pile driver gave Crettyard some late hope but Armour McFarland applied the coup-de-grace for a Ballon outfit whose Graham Whelan, Ross Nolan, Matty Dowling and Alan Kelly impressed throughout. Best for Crettyard included David Maher, Ricardo Tavolieri and Michael Jordan.

New Oak Boys 1 **Bagenalstown1**

After a cautious opening quarter this game developed into a vibrant encounter with New Oaks Brian Quigley's deft lob flying over Bagenalstown keeper Pat Coady but scraping the wrong side of the bar on 25 minutes. Within minutes a quick clearance by the Bagenalstown keeper wrong footed the New Oak defence allowing Trevor Nolan to angle the ball into space for Patti O'Neill to drill a shot goalwards which forced an excellent finger tip partial save from New Oaks Dale Kearney and the vigilant Phil Mc Evoy rushed to complete the job of clearing the danger. The remainder of the half saw both sides effectively employ well timed offside traps to condense play in the midfield zone to half time.

Very early in the second half alarm bells were ringing loudly in the Bagenalstown defence as New Oak's Sean Kelly zipped towards their box before releasing to Pa Kavanagh who unleashed a drive that forced the save of the game from Pat Coady. The introduction of James Coakley gave New Oak a new dimension and added energy and the sub fired in a shot that extracted a good save from Pat Coady on 60 minutes. Trevor Nolan remained a thorn to New Oak's defence and he set up Peter Doyle to angle a header that flew narrowly over the target. Sean Mc Cormack made progress down the wing before flinging over a cross that fell invitingly for Patti O'Neill whose powerful header forced a good save from Dale Kearney on 74 minutes.

Bagenalstown were enjoying their best spell of the game before David Devine combined with Trevor Nolan whose return pass was drilled towards goal but Dale Kearney was well placed to collect. His clearance was controlled instantly by Dale Lacy whose angled pass allowed James Coakley to release Seamie Doran to score on 82 minutes. New Oak were still congratulating themselves when Bagenalstown responded with John Doyle releasing to Patti O'Neill who was delighted to equalise on 84 minutes. Bagenalstown's John Doyle was having one of those games and he might have plundered a score but for the agility of New Oaks Dale Kearney. New Oak's response saw Brian Quigley being denied a late winner by Pat Coady. Best for New Oak included Brian Quigley, Seamie Doran and Davey Walker. Best for Bagenalstown included Pat Coady, Sean Mc Cormack and Brian Murphy.

Killeshin 0 **Parkville United 2**

A revitalised Killeshin squad took the initiative from the off with great link up play between Dermot Whelan and Arnold Mahon providing an opportunity for Ian Brennan but his effort flew into the side netting after eight minutes. Killeshin continued to work hard and they should have been rewarded when Shane Coakley found himself in space but shot straight at Colly Darcy the Parkville stand in keeper after 19 minutes. Continued pressure from Killeshin left gaps at the back which were exploited by Parkville whose Neil Phelan's precise passing split the Killeshin defence

and Jamie Farrell scored in a well timed attack after 25 minutes. Killeshin's response saw an Ian Brennan corner cause confusion in the Parkville defence but the ball was scrambled clear after 37 minutes. Ian Brennan remained a torment to the United defence for the remainder of the half.

Killeshin were determined to turn around their less than satisfactory start to the season but struggled to translate chances into scores was their story of the day. Ian Brennan again led from the front and combined well with Arnold Mahon and Shane Coakley but Colly Darcy was in sparkling form to frustrate the busy Killeshin lads.

Then a period of Parkville pressure resulted in Killeshin conceding a free on the edge of their box with Neil Phelan arrowing a great free to the net to put the Tullow based outfit in a commanding position by 60 minutes. Killeshin's response resulted in a Bryan Lawlor header going close to beating Colly Darcy who also denied Aidan O'Rourke twice and Paddy McDonald. However Parkville held out thanks to the assistance provided by Phil Smithers, Owen O'Toole and John Kirwan. Most impressive for an improving Killeshin included Ian Brennan, Arnold Mahon, Aidan O'Rourke and Niall O'Rourke.

St. Fiacc's 3

Slaney Rovers 2

The Rathvilly outfit were undone within minutes of the kick-off with Mark Haughney launching a cross which an unattended Damien Hackett raced to make the scoring contact with on eleven minutes. Saints Paul Cullen was then allowed to advance unimpeded from midfield to the edge of the Slaney box and pick his spot to score on 20 minutes. Clearly unhappy with this lacklustre opening the Rathvilly lads began to get a grip on themselves and the game and deservedly marked St. Fiacc's cards when Stephen Lynch's accurate free engineered the opportunity for Dominic Byrne to score a splendid goal on 26 minutes. But during the following exchanges Rovers failed to find a telling finish to some of their best moves and the Saints were always unlikely to make that mistake with their Damien Hackett firing in a shot which was deflected to the Slaney net by a horrified Pat Byrne shortly before half time.

There was no sign of slipshod defending by St. Fiacc's during the second half and in this wilderness Slaney's most effective forward Dominic Byrne was required to play deeper allowing the Saints defence time to breathe. But his thoughtful prompting occasionally split the Saints defence and when James Gahan got on the end to score on 85 minutes it made for an interesting late flurry of activity concentrated mostly in the final third of the Saints half but the Carlow based outfit ran out winners thanks to the efforts of Damien Hackett, Paul Cullen and Jamie Parr. Best for Slaney included Brian Leonard, Kevin Mc Call and Danny Kehoe.

Nationalist Division

Crettyard Utd 1

Wolfhill Athletic 0

This tight and tense local derby went the way of the home side with a converted penalty midway through the second half. Chances were few and far between in this encounter, but Alan Walsh came close to breaking the deadlock on 37 minutes but a last ditch tackle from Enda Butler deprived him of a certain goal. The all important goal came on 62 minutes when Jimmy Brennan brought down Pa O'Shea in the area and Keith Purcell put away the spot kick. Wolfhill hit back strongly in search of an equaliser and Alan Walsh shot just over while Liam Kelly had a goal bound effort blocked on the line. At the other end Kevin Kelly, Wolfhill's 'keeper made a finer

save, before his side wasted a great opportunity to level when they were awarded a penalty after Cathal Leonard was fouled in the area, but Cathal Fleming put his spot kick wide, so Crettyard held on to win.

Outstanding for Crettyard were Enda Butler, Keith Purcell, Willie Fitzpatrick and Niall Kealy.

For Wolfhill, P.J. Rowan, Jason McLoughlin, and Kevin Kealy played well.

Hacketstown Utd 2

Kilree Celtic 2

This well contested tie ended all square in Hacketstown on Sunday.

The home side opened in style and dominated the opening quarter, without putting anything on the scoreboard as Eugene Lawlor headed over and Keith Pollard had a shot saved, while Owen Coleman shot over when well placed. Gradually Kilree came more into the game and John McGrath in the home goal denied Craig Doyle, before Blain Dwyer put Celtic ahead from an Eddie Monaghan cross. Hacketstown recovered straight away from this setback and Barry O'Connor placed Keith Pollard to side foot home an equaliser two minutes later. However Kilree regained the lead before half time when Blain Dwyer finished a Mark Walsh free kick to the net on 39 minutes. Hacketstown pushed hard in the second half and Eugene Lawlor and Jamie Walsh forced fine saves out of the Celtic 'keeper before they levelled on 88 minutes when Willie Rooney for Barry O'Connor to score with a spectacular bicycle kick headed a Jamie Walsh corner back across goal. For the home side Eugene Lawlor, Barry O'Connor and Keith Pollard excelled.

Best for Kilree were Michael Fenlon, Martin Coady, Johnny Dowling and Craig Doyle

Burrin Celtic 1

Moone Celtic 2

Two first half goals from John Whelan gave Moone the points, in this evenly contested tie.

Whelan's strikes came on 16 and 25 minutes to put the Kildare side two up at half time. Palatine hit back strongly in the second period, but Moone defended their lead well and when the Palatine goal did come on 86 minutes, it was too late to alter the result.

Moone will be happy with the outcome, because they have had a few bad results of late and they will be hoping that this will be the start of a good run to bring them back up the league table.

Top performers for Moone on Sunday were Ken Darcy, Mark Kavanagh, Emmet Daly and John Whelan

White's Pharmacy Division

Ardattin Athletic 5

Parkville United 1

Aware that a win would keep them well in the title chase, ambitious Ardattin responded in style to the skills of Stephen Curry.

Curry's thoughtful midfield prompting kept his side ticking over and they rarely looked like losing the early lead earned by Brendan Butler's early piled river followed quickly by a well placed header which applied the scoring touch to an accurate throw from Joe Waters on 15 minutes. When Alan Curry made progress down the wing and delivered accurately for Seamus Grey to score it looked like early

curtains for the game Parkville second string who proved they were far from the wilderness when Chris Boyle scored in response on 27 minutes. The introduction of Anthony Curry for Stephen Curry only made matters worse for United and the busy Ardattin play maker scored shortly before half time to put his side into a commanding position.

The Tullow based outfit improved considerably during the second half but were unlucky to concede an early penalty which Brendan Butler converted to secure his hat trick on 55 minutes. Despite the best efforts of Parkville's Bobby and Ronan Byrne and Stephen Roche it was Ardattin who stamped their authority on the exchanges and ran out convincing winners thanks to the efforts of Michael Browne, Michael O'Brien and Brendan Butler.

Derry Rovers 3

St. Joseph's 6

As is their liking St. Joseph has off to a lightening quick start and Derry's lightweight defending was exposed on five minutes when Colm Doran's cleverly flighted corner flew directly to the Rovers net. Colm Doran later got on the end of a heft cross from Ian Scully to nudge a well paced header to the Derry net on 15 minutes and the same player was delighted to wrap up a superb hat trick on 30 minutes. With the end of the half in sight the hard working Derry lads, who celebrated the official opening of their quality facilities in Clonegal prior to the game, gained some encouragement when Jonathan Dunne immaculately stroked a shot to the St. Joes net.

The introduction of Ray Tobin stoked considerable fire into Derry's belly especially after he cleverly headed Darren Kenny's cross to the net on 47 minutes. Colm Doran struck once again with a magical weave of his foot to restore the differential in favour of St. Joes who were to be very relieved for this score when Kieran Gahan converted a penalty for Derry on 64 minutes. St. Joes added further scores late in the game through Mark Dempsey and Ian Scully to complement the earlier efforts of Colm Doran, Evan Doyle and Shane Delaney. Best for Derry included Ray Tobin, Garry Rooney and Kenneth Brennan.

New Oak Boys 3

Baltinglass Town Boys 2

The New Oak second string got off to the proverbial flyer when their Graham Kelly cracked down the wing and delivered perfectly for the improving Denis Quinlan to score on five minutes.

Town's Mikey English lashed a shot that deserved a goal but the west Wicklow lads appeared to have a soft centre and were exposed occasionally by the speed of New Oak's breaks from defence during the following exchanges with Denis Quinlan adding to the New Oak advantage on 25 minutes. Baltinglass were coming to life and Paul Redmond combined with Derek Nolan before setting up a cross which Mikey English directed at the keeper on 30 minutes. New Oak found themselves defending in numbers but shortly before half time ace opportunist Denis Quinlan swooped to score and put New Oak into a very commanding position.

Town's approach to the second half was to come out with all guns blazing and their pressure finally told when Mikey English deservedly converted a penalty on 57 minutes. The New Oak defence was at six's and sevens when Paddy Farrell and Mikey English combined to set up Mark Barrett to score and reduce New oak's lead to the minimum on 76 minutes. New Oak defended in depth for the rest of the game and held out to secure the points thanks to the efforts of Denis Quinlan, Trevor Power

and Sean Gannon. Best for Baltinglass included Mikey English, Mark Barrett and Paddy Farrell.

Old Road Villa 2

Dereen Heights 3

Conscious that a couple of wins would transform their current positions in the league table both sides adopted a safety first approach to the first quarter exchanges. This remained the case throughout the half with Dereen's Gavin Walker and Stephen Hennessy trading scoring narrow escapes with Villa's Ronan Walsh and Shane Deegan who might have added some gloss to Old Road's marginal advantage during the first half.

Gavin Walker is a tricky customer operating between the opposition penalty area and half way line and his close control created the space and opportunity for Paul Core to opening the scoring in favour of Dereen on 50 minutes. The Villa defence was in trouble again when Stephen Hennessy delivered for Gavin Walker to score on 60 minutes. Old Road never capitulates and their spirit was in evidence when Michael Fitzgerald set up Shane Deegan to score on 65 minutes. Within minutes a Paul Core free was angled to the Vila net by Stephen Hennessy on 70 minutes with Old Road's Ronan Walsh setting up Tony Brennan to score but Dereen effectively shut up shop to secure the points and reward the earlier efforts of Gavin Walker, Paul Core and Christopher Power. Most impressive for Old Road included Paul Donnelly, Karl O'Donnell and Shane Deegan.

Rathanna 0

Stretford United 5

Rathanna were playing in fits and starts during the first half and succeeded in preventing United's Mick Long, Barry McDaniels and P.J. Connolly from scoring. With something to spare Rathanna might have plundered the lead in unexpected fashion when Ian Stanley had a goal bound effort tipped onto the bar on 28 minutes. This event made United adopt a more cautious approach until half time.

Whatever happened during the half time break Stretford were a very different outfit during the third quarter with Paul Dermody and P.J. Connolly combining to set up Paul Doyle to opening the scoring on 48 minutes. Within minutes John Ryan had combined with the lively Connolly to present Paul Doyle for another score. On 60 minutes a Paul Devoy corner was deflected for Connolly to volley United further ahead and during the later exchanges Paul Doyle secured his hat trick while the introduced Eugene Keating made a scoring impact to compliment the earlier efforts of Stuart Connolly, Barry McDaniels, Sean Maher and Billy Nolan. Best for Rathanna included Declan Doran, Taidhg Brennan and Brian Walsh.

Dolmen Flooring Division

Nurney Villa 2

Hanover Harps 5

Table toppers Hanover continue to string successes together following their convincing victory over Nurney Villa in the Dolmen Flooring Division.

Harps however got off to a poor start and were rather poor in the first twenty minutes of the game. This gave Villa the opportunity to push forward and after a succession of raids the opened the scoring on 14 minutes with a fine individual goal by Richard Burke from the edge of the box. This was the visitors alarm call and from a speculative 35 yard shot, Tony O'Reilly caught the Villa 'keeper napping to score the

equaliser. Hanover were now in full flow, more like what they have displayed in previous games and three minutes later they took the lead. From a long Harps kick-out by David Dowling, Patrick Dowling headed the ball ahead for O'Reilly to run through and on the first attempt sent it beautifully to the back of the Villa net from 20 yards. Villa never gave up the chase at this stage and on 44 minutes Pa Dowling was unlucky not to have equalised when his shot hit off the cross bar. However almost right on the stroke of half time O'Reilly for Harps broke the Villa off side trap, squared the ball for Patrick Dowling to tap home for a halftime lead of 3-1.

In the second half the normal strong comeback spirit if Nurney Villa seemed broken and the game went rather dull despite the best efforts of Nurney's Rory McGrath and Mark Brennan who had shots just inches wide. Hanover continued to remind their opponents who had the upper hand and on 65 minutes from an O'Reilly corner kick Eric Robinson made it 4-1 with a fine header. Five minutes remaining Harps went ahead 5-1, Patrick O'Neill with a through ball found David Dunne who scored from 15 yards. Villa managed to get a consolation goal in injury time, Patrick Fleming scoring an individual one.

Michael Ryan in mid-field, John Waters and substitute Gavin Glover put in fine performances for Hanover Harps. Nurney Villa's best players were Thomas Murphy, Eric Brennan and Richard Burke.

Grange F.C. 6

Carlow Rovers 1

Grange showed their intentions early, scoring five goals, with no response in the first half.

The home side with an unbeaten record and conceding only four goals so far this season opened the scoring on two minutes. From a Gavin Lawlor free kick Paul Smithers followed through to score. They doubled their advantage on ten minutes, and a run by Keith Brennan on the wing saw him put in a powerful cross which went in off a Rovers defender. Ten minutes later their top scorer Niall Byrne back heeled a Lawlor cross to the back of the net for a 3-0 lead. Byrne doubled his tally on 40 minutes, and with a minute of the half remaining, Keith Brennan slotted home for a 5-0 lead.

In the second half Grange eased the pressure on Rovers but on 70 minutes Brennan took on two Carlow defenders, flicked the ball over to run through and make it 6-0 for a super goal. Then from a Rovers free kick they reduced the arrears to 0-1, however Grange, not happy with a five goal advantage had two further good chances of advancing the scoreline further with Joseph Arguetta setting up Paddy Edwards and John Kavanagh.

Keith Brennan, Gavin Lawler and Daniel Arguetta put in great performances for Grange F.C.

Burrin Celtic 3

Dereen Heights 3

Bottom of the table, Burrin Celtic put in one of the better performances for a share of the points in Ballon on Sunday afternoon.

Celtic took the lead on seven minutes, Paddy Byrne heading home a Diarmuid Nolan cross. Back came Dereen and on 15 minutes David Nolan chipped the Celtic 'keeper and Darren Coakley followed through to equalise. The visitors had good chances of taking the lead before Celtic's Byrne broke through three defenders to make it 2-1 for Burrin. It was obvious at this stage that this fixture was going to be evenly

contested with little to divide them. On 35 minutes from a James Williamson through ball Kevin Doyle equalised for Dereen.

All square at 2-2 at the break the second half turned into a scrappy game. On 60 minutes Dereen were awarded a penalty John Barcoe went one on one with the Celtic 'keeper only to be fouled and Kevin Doyle made it 3-2. Brennan went on the attack and Dessie Nolan had a shot rebound off the cross bar and did Paddy Byrne off the upright. With five minutes remaining, Joe Nolan was fouled in the area and from the resulting penalty, Diarmuid Nolan equalised for Celtic.

Best players for Burrin Celtic were Diarmuid Nolan, John Kennedy in defence and Paddy Byrne.

For Dereen Heights, Kevin Doyle, Kevin Coakley and David Nolan were players of note.

Over 35 Division

Nurney Villa 0

New Oak Boys 3

The Boys opened their campaign with a three goal victory in Nurney on Sunday. For the first time sine this division was formed, a team from Carlow town made up of some very well known past players have put their boot back on again and in their opening game put in a very good display of football.

Nurney Villa started well, creating two very good chances with in the first ten minutes with John Walsh setting himself up for one however he pushed the ball too far, allowing the New Oak 'keeper Sean Kennedy the chance to smother it. Frank Dowling was well placed for the seconds to score, but instead laid it off to Walsh who was off side.

Then on 17 minutes the Boys got into the action, a cross by Brian Walsh found Paddy McGrath at the back post to head home past the Villa 'keeper Derry O'Toole for the opening goal. Seven minutes later good inter play between Aidan 'mighty' Cooney and Walker saw the latter make it 2-0.

Early in the second half, Villa again attacked strongly with Kennedy bringing off some good saves for the Boys. Nurney's John Delaney missed an excellent opportunity only to miss kick right in front of goal. Then on 46 minutes from a Terry Keane clearance 'mighty' beautifully curled the ball to the back of the Villa net from a good 30 yards for a 3-0 lead. Ken Archbold went one on one with the Nurney 'keeper only to send the ball wide minutes later. At the other end Sean Farrell had a shot just over the cross bar before the official blew for full time.

For the winners New Oak Boys, Terry Keane, Brian Walker, and 'Mighty' Cooney stood out.

Best performers for Nurney Villa were, Mark Lowry, Paul and Vincent Murphy and Sean Farrell.

F.A.I. Umbro U/18 Youths Cup

South East 1

St Anne's 2

Anne's qualified for Round 2 of the F.A.I. Umbro Youths Cup when they defeated the academy side in Tullow.

South East opened the game brightly, but as the game progressed their play became ragged and in the end the Saints were worthy winners of the tie.

After half an hours play, the South East went ahead when Adam Byrne delivered a free kick to the fore post and Shane Clarke nipped in to head home. Following this

score however the home side lost their grip on proceedings, and before half time, Anne's worked an equaliser from Colin Campion.

In the second half the Ballylinan side had the edge on the South East eleven and ace sharpshooter Colin Campion put them in Round 2 with a goal on 77 minutes.

Outstanding for the winners were Eric Kenna, John Fennell and Colin Campion.

Diamond Woodcraft U/17 Youths

Baltinglass Boys 2

Derry Rovers 5

A fine second half display from Rovers won them the points in Baltinglass on Saturday.

Sean Horan put the Wicklow side ahead early in the game, before Rovers struck back from the penalty spot through Paul Nolan.

As Rovers sought the lead goal, they met stern resistance from Tom Keane and Paddy Barry, and it was the home side that went ahead again with a goal from Donal Foley to lead 2-1 at half time. Conor Keogh and Sean Horan failed with chances to extend Baltinglass lead early in the second half and they were to rue those misses as Rovers took control and three goals from Paul Nolan which brought his tally to four for the game and Ronan Brennan saw the Clonegal side take the spoils. For Rovers Damien Farrell, Donal Hickey and Paul Nolan stood out, Boys best were Paddy Barry, Tom Keane, Garrett Doyle and Sean Horan.

Bagenalstown 1

Burrin Celtic 3

Celtic got the better of the Town in McGrath Park, to collect the points on Saturday.

The sides were scoreless after an uneventful first 45 minutes, but the ice was broken ten minutes into the second half when the home side went ahead through Ciaran Lee. Stung by this reversal, Celtic sprung into action and a free strike from David Wilson had the side's level on 63 minutes. Jamie Pullin set up John Murphy to put the Ballon side ahead eight minutes later and, when Murphy scored direct from a free kick on 85 minutes, the points were destined for Celtic.

Top performers for Celtic were, Niall Gladney, Sean Foley, Jamie Pullen and David Wilson, for the Town, John O' Rourke, Jonathan Doyle and Ciaran Lee showed up well.

Diamond Woodcraft U/18 Youths

Crettyard Utd 5

Dereen Heights 5

A high scoring tie in Crettyard ended all square, on Saturday.

The visitors will be the happiest with the result, as they played most of the game with ten players, having just eleven players available for the game; they lost a player with injury early in proceedings. Despite their numerical disadvantage, Dereen led 2-4 at the break with a hat trick from Stephen Preston and one from Anthony Core, the Crettyard goals came from Adrian Byrne and Craig Comerfort. When poor defending Preston in for his fourth goal of the game. It looked like Dereen were in for an unlikely victory. But as the visitors tired, Crettyard hit back with three goals from Adrian Byrne (2) and Eddie Lawler to force a draw for the home side. Darren Hackett and Eddie Lawlor impressed. Dereen were well served by Patrick Hutton, Anthony Core and Stephen Preston.

St Fiacc's 5
Moone Celtic 2

Fiacc's proved too strong for a game Moone side in Oak Park in this youths tie. The saints got off to a flying start and were 2-0 up after ten minutes. The Moone side however settled down well after this early setback and when a Fiacc's defender put through his own goal on 36 minutes, they were right back in the contest. 2-1 at half time, Michael Clowry levelled the game in the 54 Minute. Clowry then failed to convert a penalty kick, and this seemed to encourage the Saints to lift their game as they proceeded to knock in three goals against a flattering Celtic side, this late rally was enough to win the points for Fiacc's. For Moone, Willie Clynch, Kevin Anthony and William Kelly shone brightly.