

Carlow Soccer 09.09.07

Fixtures

Sat 15

Diamond Woodcraft U-17. 2.30pm

Baltinglass	v	Nurney Villa	G. Cosgrove
Burrin Celtic	v	Derry Rvs	M. Murphy
Parkville Utd	v	St. Josephs	T. Lawlor

Diamond Woodcraft U-18. 2.30pm

Crettyard Utd	v	St. Fiacc's	G. O'Sullivan
South East	v	Dereen Hgts	M. O'Reilly
Stretford Utd	v	St. Anne's	P. Kelly

Sun 16

F.A.I. Umbra Junior Cup Rd 1

Bagenalstown	v	Wexford Bohs	11am	M. Salter
St Peters	v	Burrin Celtic	Local	
Castle Rngs	v	Bridge Utd	11am	G. Cosgrove
New Oak	v	Duncannon	12pm	M. O'Reilly

Carlow People Premier

Crettyard	v	Killeshin	11am	M. Doran
Parkville	v	Hanover Hps	11am	J. Wynne
Stretford	v	St. Fiacc's	11am	P. Kelly

Nationalist Division

Ballymurphy	v	Wolfhill Ath	2pm	D. O'Connor
Hacketstown	v	Nurney Villa	11am	G. O'Sullivan
Moone Celtic	v	Kilree Cel	11am	P. Moran
Palatine Cel	v	Crettyard Utd	2pm	G. O'Sullivan

Whites Pharmacy Division

Ardattin Ath	v	Dereen Hgts	2pm	M. Doran
Parkville Utd	v	Derry Rvs	2pm	G. Cosgrove
St. Joseph's	v	Ridge Rngs	11am	T. Lawlor
Stretford	v	Old Road	2pm	M. Murphy

Dolmen Flooring Division

Borris F.C.	v	Burrin Cel	2pm	M. Salter
Hanover Hps	v	Dereen Hgts	11am	D. O'Connor
Nurney Villa	v	Carlow Rvs	2pm	C. O'Rourke
Tullow Twn	v	Hacketstown	2pm	P. Moran

Over 35 Division

Nurney Villa	v	Wolfhill Ath	11am	C. O'Rourke
Stradbally	v	New Oak	2pm	J. Wynne

League Tables

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

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

Whites Pharmacy Div.		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Joseph's	2	2	0	0	8	4	6	
Ridge Rangers	3	2	0	1	7	3	6	
Baltinglass Twn Boys	2	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
New Oak Boys	25	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Stretford United.	3	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Dereen Heights	3	3	1	0	2	7	6	3
Old Road Villa	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Rathanna F.C.	3	1	0	2	5	9	3	
Derry Rovers	2	0	0	2	1	3	0	
Ardattin Athletic	2	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Parkville United	3	3	0	0	3	1	6	0

Dolmen Flooring Div.		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Grange F.C.	2	2	0	0	10	3	6	
Hanover Harps	3	3	2	0	1	5	4	6
Carlow Rovers	3	3	1	2	0	6	4	5
Dereen Heights	3	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Nurney Villa	2	1	0	1	5	6	3	
Tullow Town	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	
Burrin Celtic	2	0	0	1	3	4	1	
Hacketstown Utd	3	3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Borris F.C.	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	

Golden Boot

W/end 2 Sept.**Carlow People Premier**

6 Byrne Dominic, Slaney Rvs
5 Fox Brendan, Crettyard Utd
5 Coakley Shane, Killeshin
4 Phelan Neale, Parkville Utd

Nationalist Division

3 Purcell Niall, Crettyard
1 Number of players 16 total

Whites Pharmacy Division

4 Haughney Paul, Stretford Utd
2 Dempsey Mark, St. Joseph's
2 Gately Anthony, Baltinglass Boys
2 Nolan Colin, Dereen Heights

Dolmen Flooring Division

5 Byrne Niall, Grange F.C..
3 Byrne Patrick, Grange F.C.
2 Corcoran Raymond, Tullow Town

Results**Sat 8 Sept.****Diamond Woodcraft U/17**

Nurney Villa	p-p	Baltinglass
Parkville Utd	5-2	Bagenalstown
South East	5-0	Derry Rvs
St. Josephs	1-1	Burrin Cel

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

Moone Cel	0-1	Crettyard Utd
St. Anne's	p-p	St. Fiacc's

Sun 9 Sept**Carlow People Premier**

Bagenalstown	1-0	Hanover Hps
Burrin Cel	1-1	Slaney Rvs
Crettyard	1-1	Stretford Utd
St. Fiacc's	1-0	Parkville Utd

Nationalist Division

Ballymurphy	5-1	Palatine Cel
Hacketstown	1-0	Wolfhill Ath
Kilree Cel	4-0	Crettyard Utd
Moone Celtic	0-0	Nurney Villa

Whites Pharmacy Division

Dereen Hgts	2-3	St. Joseph's
Derry Rvs	0-1	Stretford Utd

Old Road	p-p	Balt' Boys
New Oak	2-1	Parkville Utd
Rathanna	1-4	Ridge Rngs

Dolmen Flooring Division

Borris F.C.	p-p	Tullow Twn
Carlow Rvs	1-1	Hacketstown
Dereen Hgts	1-2	Nurney Villa
Hanover Hps	2-1	Burrin Cel

Noticeboard

Fundraising

Hanover Harps are organising a golf classic in Baltinglass Golf Club on Wednesday September 26 as a club fundraiser. Costs are EUR160 per team, sponsorship per hole is EUR100. Tee times and entry forms from Eddie Darcy 086-8152457 or Pat Dowling 086-1993771.

Want to play O/35

Any player in Carlow Town wishing to put his boots on again and play in the Over 35 Division on a fortnightly basis can do so by been part of a town team. Contact Sean Kennedy at New Oak Boys immediately at 086 6095824

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

Registrations

Players must be registered a clear two days before the day of the fixture. Tuesday for Friday fixtures, Wednesday for Saturday fixtures and Thursday for Sunday fixtures. For all Cup and Shield games including external, players must be registered a clear 14 days prior to fixture.

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 its 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.

Automatic Suspension

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. They cannot therefore play for their

club or otherwise until that suspension has been served. The League reserves the right to increase the suspension further at the next Disciplinary meeting following the suspension. As the season is completed players and clubs are reminded that any suspension for season 2006/2007 not served or part thereof must be served in the new season 2007/'08 and no player can be registered for the new season while under suspension.

REPORTS

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Celtic 1

Slaney Rovers 1

Some missed scoring chances particularly early in the game saw Burrin Celtic share the points at home to Slaney Rovers on Sunday morning.

Celtic had the better of the first half exchanges and in the first ten minutes should have lead by at least two goals. Ross Nolan went on two great runs on the right wing, outpaced the Rovers defence and should have slotted home at least one of them. They had numerous other chances through Michael O'Leary and Armour McFarland but Danny Keogh brought of a couple of super save for Slaney.

At the other end Dominick Byrne always looked dangerous for Rovers in and around the box, particularly when Slaney would put together some excellent passing movements through midfield with Stephen Lynch providing good crosses for Byrne. However the half ended scoreless.

In the second period Rovers came more into the game and on 65 minutes from a great pass from Lynch, Byrne slotted neatly home for Slaney to take the lead. The ideal playing conditions of the Ballon pitch allowed for good football and this became obvious as the half progressed with both sides putting together some excellent moves. Jimmy Nolan, Michael O'Leary and Ross Nolan were at this stage causing some problems for the Rovers defence who had an overall excellent game. On 75 minutes following a period of pressure, Slaney conceded a corner kick. Ross Nolan beautifully dropped the ball in for David Shanahan to finish with a header for the equaliser.

Both teams had chances of breaking the deadlock with Damien O'Brien and James Gahan hitting the woodwork for Slaney while Jimmy Nolan hit the upright for Celtic and Michael O'Leary had a great chance saved for Burrin by Rover's 'keeper again, Danny Keogh. On the final whistle it remained 1-1 and could be considered a fair result.

For Burrin Celtic David Shanahan, James Hickey and Armour McFarland put in great performances. The back four of Slaney Rovers, Stephen Darcy, Shane Byrne, Shane Dempsey and Graham Doyle had an excellent game.

Bagenalstown F.C. 1

Hanover Harps 0

Clearly one of the teams with realistic ambitions of capturing serious silverware this season Bagenalstown enjoyed the early exchanges without being able to translate their authority into clear cut scoring chances against a Hanover outfit that refused to wilt defensively.

Certainly Bagenalstown had the possession but none of the scores as the second quarter exchanges continued to be scrappy. Then the deadlock was broken in bizarre fashion when the Hanover keeper and Shane Hickey raced for a through ball from Philip O'Brien resulting in a ferocious collision with an entanglement of arms and

legs flailing as the ball bounced on the edge of the six yard box. Somehow the Bagenalstown lad managed to recover quickest to head the ball to the net on 33 minutes. During the course of the following exchanges Hanover continued to defend effectively ensuring that Bagenalstown's cutting edge simply wasn't sharp enough to record another score before half time.

Patti O'Neill has a habit of blowing in most menacingly from the deep and his well timed runs occasionally troubled Hanover but it was David Devine who created an opening for Mick Nevin to lash a shot that was plucked out of the air by the Hanover keeper before David himself rifled a shot that flew narrowly over the bar on 68 minutes. Hanover began to threaten an equaliser from set pieces and when Bagenalstown were reduced in numbers the chances of an equaliser increased. However the composed Sean Mc Cormack and Kevin Cummins proved to be the rocks on which Hanover's surges foundered. Also impressive for Bagenalstown included Martin Mara and Patti O'Neill.

Crettyard United 1

Stretford United 1

A fixture which always has a whiff of gunpowder and black magic had Crettyard's Willy Kavanagh show alarming acceleration as he collected Anthony Hooligan angled pass but United's Paul Gibbons made a breathtaking sliding tackle to dispossess and defuse the threat of a score on four minutes.

Quick to respond Stretford were advancing strongly on the Crettyard defensive zone when inexplicably, the move went into reverse resulting in Garry Powell back passing to a surprised keeper Robbie Moore. Crettyard's recently signed speedster from neighbours Old Road Anthony Houlihan appeared almost out of nowhere to intercept and move forward before finding the net from a tight angle on 6 minutes. Stretford dusted themselves down and got on with their constructive game play with Garry Powell a central figure in their attacks in which Aidan Power's trickery occasionally tested Crettyard keeper Éamon Geoghegan. The remainder of the half was evenly balanced with Willy Kavanagh bringing the best out of Robert Moore shortly before Stretford enjoyed a bout of sustained pressure on the Crettyard defence during which they forced a number of corners but were unable to trouble Éamon Geoghegan who used his frame to good effect until half time.

For the second half Crettyard drafted Keith Nolan into the fray whilst Stretford made a number of changes. Crettyard were in danger of seeing all their good work go to waste as they conceded a free on the edge of their box on 46 minutes. Their defensive wall was reduced to being mere spectators as John Griffen planted the ball into the top corner at considerable velocity to equalise. During the course of the following exchanges Cormac Mullins became increasingly influential responding to the midfield promptings of Charlie Keegan and John Griffen but Crettyard's seasoned campaigners held out with a bit of spare to hand thanks to the efforts of Anthony Houlihan, John Amond and David Maher. Best for John Griffen, Charlie Keegan and Cormac Mullins.

St. Fiacc's F.C. 1

Parkville United 0

Playing their first home game on a new pitch newly promoted St. Fiacc's found themselves under the cosh from a hard working Parkville.

United impressively carved out a couple of quality scoring chances which Ray Shannon and Jamie Farrell might count themselves unlucky not to have registered a

score with before twelve minutes. The following exchanges were evenly balanced with St. Fiacc's improving gradually before Barry Murphy had a snap shot unluckily deflected for a corner on 27 minutes and despite the Parkville defence taking up all the correct positions to defend they were rendered helpless as Pat Scully bent his effort into the far top corner to give Saints the lead. A couple of injuries unbalanced the Parkville unit before Wayne Donohue took matters into his own hands and demonstrating leadership began to influence the midfield balance of power while undertaking raids into the Saints defensive zone. Wayne was unlucky not to beat impressive Saints keeper Denis Nolan who made the save of the game to prevent a ferociously struck shot finding the net before half time.

Another Denis Nolan save pretty much ensured that the day was going to be St. Fiacc's while Charlie Hurley somehow contrived to miss an open goal later in the game but this would have put a flattering reflection on the final scoreline. Best for St. Fiacc's included Jamie Parr, Denis Nolan and Christopher Haughney. Best for Parkville included Wayne Donohue, David James and Emmet Phelan.

Nationalist Division

Moone Celtic 0

Nurney Villa 0

Goals were the only thing missing in this fast free flowing tie in Moone on Sunday. Celtic dominated possession but made little impression on Nurney's defence superbly marshalled by John Miley and Val Fleming. The home side had the best chance of going ahead in the first period but Villa 'keeper Colm Fleming was equal to Ken Darcy's well struck slot. The second half was end to end with both sides playing fine football but chances were at a premium however Anthony Hegarty should have done better, having being found at the far post after a fine run and cross from Emmet Daly. Willie Kearney had a chance to win the points for Nurney near the end, but put his shot too near Celtic 'keeper David Doyle having been put clear by Dinny Byrne. However in the end a draw was a fair result to a very good tie. For Moone Vinny Dowling, Emmet Daly and Ken Darcy stood out. Nurney's best were Miley and Fleming, Eddie Dermody and Dinny Byrne.

Hacketstown Utd 1

Wolfhill Athletic 0

A lone second half goal, gave Hacketstown all three points from this tie. An under strength Wolfhill had the better of the first half but were denied by the United 'keeper Colin McGrath who made a couple of good saves from Mark Fox and Alan Walsh. Fox also put a good chance wide after being put through by Walsh. Hacketstown improved on the changeover and Eoin Coleman and Alan Kelly both came close before they made the breakthrough when Barry O'Connor put a ball out to Jamie Walsh on the left wing and when Walsh's cross came over it was rifled home by Alan Kelly on 61 minutes. Stung into action, Wolfhill hit back and Mark Fox was just wide with a 25 yard free kick. Hacketstown defended well and contained the Wolfhill rally, although, the Co. Laois side were always dangerous from set pieces and Mark Kelly almost equalised from a free kick, but his shot was inches over, as the Wicklow border side held on for victory.

Excellent for Hacketstown were, Willie Rooney, Barry O'Connor and Alan Kelly. For Wolfhill, Kevin Kealy, Tommy Knowles and Alan Walsh shone.

Kilree Celtic 4

Crettyard Utd 0

Kilree were too good for a game Crettyard side in Bagenalstown on Sunday. The home side took an early lead, when Damien Clarke headed an Eddie Monaghan corner home on five minutes. Kilree had their 'keeper Liam Walsh to thank for staying ahead as he made a couple of fine saves, as the visitors sought an equaliser. At the other end, James Doyle put a good chance wide for Kilree. Doyle again spurned a couple of good chances for Kilree, early in the second half. Walsh again came to Kilree's rescue with a couple of good saves as play swung from end to end. The vital score of the game came on 76 minutes when Pa Dwyer crossed for Christy Coady to smash to the Crettyard net. Now in the driving seat, Celtic went on to add two more goals from the Dwyer brothers Pa and Blain, to run out victors. For Kilree, Liam Walsh, John Monaghan, Blain Dwyer and Christy Coady were outstanding.

Ballymurphy Celtic 5 Palatine Celtic 1

Ballymurphy had a big home win over Palatine. The home side were always in control of proceedings after taking an early lead when Eoin Murphy headed home a Chris Kavanagh corner on seven minutes. Although they held the upper hand, the home side did not add to their tally in the first half, as the sides retired at half time with Ballymurphy 1-0 up. However, early in the second half, Rory Doyle headed home a Kevin Foley cross. Four minutes later, Doyle added his second, this time from the penalty spot, after young Paul Coady was upended in the area. Chris Kavanagh made it 4-0 to Ballymurphy on 67 minutes before Pal pulled a goal back, but the home side had the last say when, Walter Coady completed the scoring on 82 minutes, as the home side wrapped up a comfortable win. Tops for Ballymurphy were Eoin Murphy, Chris Kavanagh and Thomas Doyle.

Whites Pharmacy Division

Dereen Heights 2 St. Josephs 3

Having made the advance into a higher division, Dereen are finding life a little more difficult and fell behind to a well executed free taken by Saints marksman Mark Dempsey on four minutes.

Dominating possession in earlier games with scant reward Dereen have impressively learned not to be rattled by such early trauma and Stephen Hennessy intercepted a wayward pass before picking out Colin Nolan with a clearance from the edge of his area and the cleverly weighted flick on into space behind the Saints defence saw the speedy Willy Doyle win the race to equalise stylishly on 15 minutes. Graham Kelly was becoming an increasingly influential midfield operator and when St. Joes once again failed to close him down he advanced to the edge of their box before unleashing a rising shot which rebounded to safety off their post on 22 minutes. The Tinryland based Saints were fully stretched during the following exchanges but seemed to have weathered the tempest through the hard working efforts of John Paul Moore and Evan Doyle when Willy Doyle's finely judged lob found the net to give Dereen the lead on 30 minutes. Shortly before half time Graham Kelly angled a shot narrowly wide of the far post when put through.

This let off provided St. Joes with a much needed boost but Dereen continued to enjoy the better quality chances as the game progressed well into the third quarter during which Colin Nolan and Stephen Hennessy might have put Dereen into the games

driving seat. These errors were compounded when veteran keeper Anthony Core misjudged a speculative John Paul Moore effort and agonised as the Saints celebrated an unlikely equaliser on 64 minutes. The game was a long way from been over and Dereen appeared all set to restore their lead when Paul Core advanced through a static St. Joes defence before surprisingly laying off to Mark Davis whose shot was smartly saved by the Saints keeper. The ball was quickly cleared and the Dereen defence was caught napping having advanced too far forward allowing John Doyle to gain possession and beat the advancing Anthony Core to ensure that St. Joes secured the points to ensure a top table spot and reward the earlier efforts of John Paul Moore. Evan Doyle and Shane Delaney. Best for Dereen included Trevor Power, Jack McGrath and Jamie Hennessy.

Derry Rovers 0

Stretford United 1

A young Derry unit were slow to start against a Stretford second string bristling with a number of players with considerable experience at a higher level.

Mick Long was alive to the possibilities when Paul Haughney delivered a cross which required just a hint of a touch to score but the ball flew wide. A well positioned Paul Haughney might have opened United's account but his header drifted over an inviting Rovers target on 20 minutes. The Clonegal based Rovers appeared to have got over their stage fright when Richard O'Leary rashly conceded a penalty which Paul Haughney converted to give United the lead and record his fifth score in three games. Stretford were surprised to find themselves under the cosh during the following exchanges to half time with Edward O'Leary and Jonathan Dunne shots being well saved by the impressive United custodian Gavin Deering.

The Carlow based outfit sought to put the game away as early as possible during the second half but having beat the Derry keeper Mick Long allowed the custodian to recover and make a good save on 50 minutes. Within minutes an unattended Barry Mc Daniels having taken up a position close to the penalty spot blew a shot well over the bar. Derry remained a threat on the break and always seemed capable of conjuring an equaliser as the game progressed. However United ran out the stronger with their debutant John Ryan going closest to adding to their slimmest margin of victory. Best for Derry included Edward O'Leary, Damien Kenny and Jonathan Dunne. Best for Stretford were Stuart Connolly, Billy Nolan and Barry Mc Daniels.

New Oak Boys 2

Parkville United 1

Always an interesting encounter this game saw the balance of midfield power shared between two well organised teams.

With quality scoring chances at a premium as tight defences refused to allow any forward or midfield tourist the time or space to profit. Gradually though, the New Oak outfit began to exercise their creativity, especially in midfield where a deep playing Denis Quinlan and Sean Kelly combined to set up Jamie Cooney who hasty shot flew off target before Denis Quinlan fluffed a presentable chance to break the deadlock on 26 minutes. Within minutes a New Oak move was sabotaged by an inaccurate pass allowing Parkville to gain possession and engineer a well taken score on 32 minutes. New Oak were immediately more aware and cautious of the Tullow based outfits potential going forward and seemed content to close down the game until half time.

Parkville's determination continued to upset New Oak's rhythm during the third quarter but New Oak's Jimmy White was proving an increasingly tricky customer for the Parkville defence and his cross to the far post allowed Denis Quinlan to produce a header that gave the United keeper no chance on 62 minutes. The equaliser seemed to free New Oak from their self imposed shackles and Tom Collins danced his way through a number of challenges before finding Denis Quinlan with a cross and the New Oak man produced another quality header to put his side ahead on 67 minutes. Parkville would have thrown in the towel if Sean Kelly's shot on 74 minutes had not rebounded to safety off their bar but for the remainder of the game Parkville concentrated on defensive duties allied to the occasional break away in an attempt to plunder an equaliser. New Oak held out thanks to the efforts of Sean Kelly, Denis Quinlan, Alan Bolger and Jimmy White.

Rathanna F.C. 1

Ridge Rangers 4

Ridge's early season prosperity is gathering momentum and they encountered a depleted but not a discouraged Rathanna whose stout defensive work effectively frustrated the busy Ridge forward line until an adventurous run by John Sheehan came to an abrupt halt at the expense of a penalty which Jim Dunne converted on 20 minutes.

Rathanna went in optimistic search of an equaliser but left themselves exposed at the rear with Ridge's Willy Ryan and Jimmy Brennan fluffing excellent chances as the game progressed towards half time. This wastefulness appeared to be punished when in a rare attack Rathanna's Dermot O'Leary launched a cross which completely bewildered Rangers custodian Adrian Brennan and the ball found the net to equalise on 43 minutes.

Clearly responding to some well chosen half time words of advice Rangers buzzed around the edge of the Rathanna defence and restored their lead when an Enda Dunne prompt fed the ball into John Sheehan who beat Rathanna custodian Liam Kehoe at the second time of asking on 47 minutes. Not at all content to have merely edged in front Rangers sought to build on their advantage and Conor McNally set up the impressive Enda Dunne to score on 55 minutes. Ridge never relaxed from this position of authority and might have added further scores but for the excellence of Rathanna keeper Liam Kehoe who was ably assisted by Declan Doran, Andrew O'Leary and Brian Walsh. Best for Ridge included Jimmy Dunne, William Ryan and Enda Dunne

Dolmen Flooring Division

Hanover Harps 2

Burrin Celtic 1

Harps started this game in a winning mode with Patrick Dowling the main play maker.

In the first ten minutes Dowling put his namesake through, David Dowling, however David smacked his attempt off the upright. Paddy Byrne was creating some good chances at the other end for Celtic before Hanover had another super attempt stopped by the upright, Tony O' Reilly put Gavin Glover through but his shot rebounded off the bottom of the upright. From that rebound Celtic broke out very quickly, catching the Harps defence off guard and forcing them to concede a penalty, when Paddy Byrne was fouled. Diarmuid Nolan took the resulting spot kick to put Burrin 1-0

ahead on 35 minutes Harps were then a deflated side but managed to contain an up beat Celtic for the final ten minutes.

Hanover re-grouped for the second half and went in search of the equalised. On 70 minutes Patrick Dowling put Patrick O'Neill through with a well weighted pass, O'Neill in turn, squared the ball for David Dowling to slot home for the equaliser. The home side were now in full flight and only two minutes later, Tony O'Neill, from a 30 yard kick sent the ball to the top corner of the Celtic net for the lead. A number of injuries on the Harps side, including their 'keeper forced them to defend for the final quarter. Paddy Byrne and Dinny O' Tooled were heavily involved up front for Burrin forcing a number of corners and saves from Hanover, however the home side held firm to secure the three points, John Watters, Brendan O'Hara, Finn O'Rourke and Gavin Glover gave of their best for Hanover Harps. Burrin Celtic's best players were, James Foley, Billy Fanning and Thomas Murphy.

Carlow Rovers 1 Hacketstown United 1

Hacketstown secured their first point of the season in an evenly contested game in the Youth Centre.

The visitors had the better of the exchanges in the first period with Stephen Timmons and Richard Hobson going close to scoring early in the game. Then on 35 minutes Mark Joyce with a super individual shot put united in front from 30 yards.

Hacketstown continued to hold the upper hand during the remainder of the half but despite Hobson's and Timmons good play they failed to increase the scoreline.

In the second half, the exchanges were more evenly matched with Hobson and James Joyce going close to adding another goal for United. However, Rovers equalised and United were forced to share the points.

James Tallon, Michael Joyce, Gavin Kelly and 'keeper Alan Byrne put in great performances in an improved Hacketstown team.

Dereen Heights 1 Nurney Villa 2

Following their defeat in their opening game, Nurney Villa came good when they took on Dereen in John Sweeney Park.

Villa may have been lucky to have taken full points, however that's all part of the beautiful game. The first half was evenly contested but Brian Kavanagh put Villa ahead on 25 minutes with a good shot from 25 yards. However, following a mix up in the Villa defence, Dereen equalised on 25 minutes.

Dereen dominated the second half as unusually Villa seemed to be out of the game.

Chris Kearney, the Nurney 'keeper came to the rescue of the visitors on a number of occasions forcing either saves or corners. Then as luck might have it from a long free kick on 82 minutes by Aidan Murphy, Patrick Fleming scored the winner, very much against the run of play.

Dereen re-applied the pressure and on another day would have at least got a share of the points, however Villa held firm for their first victory.

Chris Kearney 'keeper, Thomas Murphy, Éamon and Mick Dowling were Nurney Villa's best performers

Diamond Woodcraft U/17 South East 5 Derry Rovers 0

The South East side got their season off with a comfortable win over Clonegal side Derry Rovers. Despite going a goal down early in the game, Rovers were still well in the game at half time as they were still just 1-0 down, but the South East side took control in the second half to run in four more goals, the first half goal came on five minutes, when Adam Byrne headed in a corner. Their second goal also came early in the second half, again a corner led to this goal, as the ball was handled when the ball was delivered in from the corner kick. From the resultant spot kick, Aidan Byrne converted and it was all uphill for Rovers. Good play from Conor Byrne and Paddy Mulligan set up Dean Ryan to head in number 3 and Aaron Kenny added a fourth furnishing good play from Thomas Brennan and Ian O'Shea. Shane Clarke completed scoring on 80 minutes, after a good movement involving Stevie Purcell and Dean Ryan. Impressive for the winners Damien Byrne, Philip Smithers and Paul Prendergast.

St. Joseph's 1
Burrin Celtic 1

A late goal gave a game Joseph's side, which played for 70 minutes with 10 players and share of the spoils. In a game of few chances, Joseph's were reduced to 10 on 22 minutes and when Burrin went ahead with a John Murphy goal, eight minutes later, the points seemed destined for the Ballon side but the Saints stuck to their task and were rewarded with a Jamie Brophy goal on 80 minutes which earned a point for his side. For the home side Conor Carthy, Conor Doyle and Kevin Barrett played well, for Burrin Alan McDonagh, Shane Brennan and John Murphy showed up well.

Parkville Utd 5
Bagenalstown 2

3-0 up at half time, Parkville ran out comfortable winners in Tullow. The home side always held the upper hand in this tie, and always looked like winners. Their first half goals came from J.J. Connolly with two and Ben Byrne. When Bagenalstown got a goal back in the second half, Parkville struck back again and Connolly completed his hat trick and Jack Kennedy added number 5 before Bagenalstown closed the scoring. Outstanding for the winners were Craig Mulhall, Ronan Byrne and Shane Murphy

Diamond Woodcraft U/18
Moone Celtic 0

Crettyard Utd 1

A lone first half goal decided a very tight contest in Moone on Saturday. With very little between the sides the first goal was always going to be very important and it fell to the Co. Laois lads on 32 minutes, when Paul Delaney availed of resistance in to Celtic defence to net. Crettyard were good value for their lead having the better of the exchanges up to their score in fact just before the goal, Moone 'keeper David Boyle had kept his side on level terms with an excellent stop. The second half saw Moone improve their performance and they held the upper hand but were guilty of bad finishing as Crettyard held on to win the points. Impressive for Crettyard were, Eddie Lawlor, Darren Hackett and Paul Delaney. For Moone, William Kelly, Cian Reynolds and Kevin Anthony were best.