

Carlow Soccer 16.09.07

Results

Sat 15

Diamond Woodcraft U-17.

Baltinglass off Nurney Villa
Burrin Celtic 1-2 Derry Rvs
Parkville Utd 6-1 St. Josephs

Diamond Woodcraft U-18.

Crettyard Utd p-p St. Fiacc's
South East 2-3 Dereen Hgts
Stretford Utd 1-4 St. Anne's

Sun 16

F.A.I. Umbra Junior Cup Rd 1

Bagenalstown 1-1 Wexford Bohs
(Bohs won 2-1 a.e.t)
St Peters 4-0 Burrin Celtic
Castle Rngs 2-2 Bridge Utd
(Bridge won 5-2 a.e.t)
New Oak 2-4 Duncannon

Carlow People Premier

Crettyard 8-0 Killeshin
Parkville p-p Hanover Hps
Stretford 0-0 St. Fiacc's

Nationalist Division

Ballymurphy 3-1 Wolfhill Ath
Hacketstown off Nurney Villa
Moone Celtic 1-6 Kilree Cel
Palatine Cel 0-1 Crettyard Utd

Whites Pharmacy Division

Ardattin Ath 2-1 Dereen Hgts
Parkville Utd 6-5 Derry Rvs
St. Joseph's 2-3 Ridge Rngs
Stretford 5-1 Old Road

Dolmen Flooring Division

Borris F.C. 1-0 Burrin Cel
Hanover Hps 3-2 Dereen Hgts
Nurney Villa 1-1 Carlow Rvs
Tullow Twn 2-1 Hacketstown

Over 35 Division

Nurney Villa 0-1 Wolfhill Ath
Stradbally off New Oak

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7 Byrne Dominic, Slaney Rvs

5 Fox Brendan, Crettyard Utd

5 Coakley Shane, Killeshin

4 Phelan Neale, Parkville Utd

Nationalist Division

3 Purcell Niall, Crettyard

3 Doyle Thomas, Ballymurphy

Whites Pharmacy Division

4 Haughney Paul, Stretford Utd

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3 Doyle Willie, Dereen Heights

Dolmen Flooring Division

5 Byrne Niall, Grange F.C..

3 Byrne Patrick, Grange F.C.

2 Corcoran Raymond, Tullow Town

League Tables

Carlow People Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crettyard United	6	4	2	0	19	6	14
Bagenalstown 5	3	1	1	9	6	10	
Stretford United	5	2	3	0	9	5	9
Parkville United	4	2	0	2	7	4	6
Burrin Celtic 4	1	2	1	8	8	5	
St. Fiacc's F.C.	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
New Oak Boys	3	1	1	1	8	6	4
Slaney Rovers 5	1	1	3	9	13	4	
Hanover Harps	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Killeshin F.C. 5	0	0	5	6	24	0	

Nationalist Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ballymurphy Celtic	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Crettyard United	4	2	1	1	7	9	7
Kilree Celtic. 3	2	0	1	10	3	6	
Wolfhill Athletic	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Hacketstown United	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Palatine Celtic 3	1	0	2	3	7	3	
Moone Celtic 3	0	2	1	2	7	2	
Castle Rangers	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.
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Stretford United.	4	3	0	1	11	6	9
Ridge Rangers	4	3	0	1	10	5	9
St. Joseph's	3	2	0	1	10	7	6
Baltinglass Twn Boys	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
New Oak Boys	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Dereen Heights	4	1	0	3	8	8	3
Ardattin Athletic	3	1	0	2	3	6	3
Old Road Villa	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Parkville United	4	1	0	3	7	11	3
Rathanna F.C.	3	1	0	2	5	9	3
Derry Rovers	3	0	0	3	6	9	0

Dolmen Flooring Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Hanover Harps	4	3	0	1	8	6	9
Grange F.C.	2	2	0	0	10	3	6
Carlow Rovers	4	1	3	0	7	5	6
Tullow Town	2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Dereen Heights	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Nurney Villa	3	1	1	1	6	7	4
Borris F.C.	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
Burrin Celtic	3	0	1	2	3	5	1
Hacketstown Utd	4	0	1	3	2	9	1

Noticeboard

Coach Education Courses:

Kick Start 1 Introduction to Coaching Part 1 Course:

Date: Saturday 6 October 2007

Venue: Hawkins Lane, Tullow (Parkville United)

Time: Registration @9.30am

Course 9.45am – 5.00pm. Fee: €45

Only a number of places are available so those interested are advised to fill in their application and return along with the course fee before Thursday 4th October 2007

Kick Start 1 Application forms are available from the Carlow and District Juveniles League on 0861561984 or FAI Development Officer Paul Sheridan On 0872843511
www.fai.ie/coacheducation

Kick Start 2 Introduction to Coaching Part 2 Course:

Date: Friday 5 October 2007, Saturday 6 October 2007, Sunday 7 October 2007

Venue: Hawkins Lane, Tullow (Parkville United)

Time: Registration 6.45pm Friday

Course: 7pm – 10pm Friday

9.30am – 4.30pm Saturday and Sunday. Fee: €75

Places are available to those coaches who have already attended a Kick Start 1 Coach education Course. Only a number of places are available so those interested are advised to fill in their application and return along with the course fee before Thursday 4th October 2007

Kick Start 2 Application forms are available from the Carlow and District Juveniles League on 0861561984 or FAI Development Officer Paul Sheridan On 0872843511
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There will be no Juvenile League Games in the Carlow and District Juveniles League on Saturday 6th October 2007 to facilitate the F.A.I. Coach Education Courses Weekend. This is to encourage those who have yet to attend a Kick Start Coaching Course the opportunity to do so.

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.

Fixtures

Sat 22 Sept

FAI Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup Rd 1 (e.t.p.)

South East v St. Joseph's 2.30 D. O'Connor

Diamond Woodcraft U/17 2.30pm

Bagenalstown v B'alt Boys G. Cosgrove
Nurney Villa v Burrin Cel T. Lawlor
Parkville Utd v Derry Rvs M. Murphy

Diamond Woodcraft U/18 2.30pm

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

Sun 23 Sept

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Celtic	v	Hanover Hps	11am	P. Kelly
Killeshin	v	St. Fiacc's	11am	M. O'Reilly
New Oak	v	Stretford Utd	11am	G. O'Sullivan
Slaney Rvs	v	Parkville Utd	11am	M. Doran

Nationalist Div

Castle Rngs	v	Hacketstown	2pm	P. Moran
Kilree Cel	v	Palatine Cel	2pm	G. Cosgrove
Nurney Villa	v	Wolfhill Ath	11am	D. O'Connor

Whites Pharmacy Div

Derry Rvs	v	Ardattin Ath	2pm	G. O'Sullivan
Old Rd Villa	v	St. Joseph's	2pm	D. O'Connor
Parkville Utd	v	Stretford Utd	2pm	T. Lawlor
Rathanna	v	B'alt Boys	11am	G. Cosgrove

Dolmen Flooring Div

Carlow Rvs	v	Borris F.C.	11am	M. Murphy
Dereen Hgts	v	Tullow Twn	2pm	P. Kelly
Grange F.C.	v	Burrin Cel	11am	C. O'Rourke
Hacketstown	v	Nurney Villa	2pm	C. O'Rourke

Match Reports

F.A.I. Umbro Junior Cup

Bagenalstown 1

Wexford Bohemians 2 a.e.t.

The cream of Wexford football came to Bagenalstown on Sunday and got the fright of their lives when David Devine raced onto a weighted pass from Patti O'Neill before firing a diagonal shot across the face of the Bohemians goal but narrowly wide on ten minutes.

The exchanges were often fast and furious and clever moves more often sprung out of the occasional misplaced pass and it was the Wexford lads who went closest to scoring when they rattled the Bagenalstown post on 33 minutes. Bagenalstown's response materialised when the raiding Trevor Nolan produced a quality speedy cross which was met by an in-flight Mick Nevin who agonised as his header flew marginally over the bar on 41 minutes.

Bohemians were much the busier during the opening third quarter exchanges and managed to prise open the Bagenalstown defence before scoring on 50 minutes. This event stirred Bagenalstown into more effective action and Peter Doyle's lengthy clearance fell into space between Mick Nevin and the Wexford keeper with the Bagenalstown man winning the race to deflect the ball beyond the Wexford man to

equalise on 69 minutes. Defences dominated the exchanges to full time and during the first half of extra time. The cagey approach adopted to the game was cast aside during the last period with Wexford edging ahead when a speculative shot from the edge of the area skidding beyond impressive Bagenalstown keeper Pat Coady on 102 minutes and the game was almost brought to penalties when Town's Anthony Elliott gathered possession before advancing to the edge of the Bohemians box but his goal bound shot was deflected to safety by a last ditch tackle by a Wexford defender who ensured that his side advanced to the next round despite the best efforts of Bagenalstown's best players including Peter Doyle, Sean Mc Cormack and Trevor Nolan.

New Oak Boys 2

Duncannon F.C. 4

New Oak's selection possibilities were shrank by Saturday nuptials but the drafting in of a number of edge of senior squad youth players had the desired effect with Darren McGuill breezing from deep onto an inspired pass from James Coakley before calmly angling the ball beyond the advancing Duncannon keeper.

There was consternation when the score was unexpectedly ruled out due to an 'offside' decision on nine minutes. The brakes were put on New Oak's flying start as the Wexford coastal outfit began to play well and began to occasionally pick holes in the New Oak defensive cover but had to rely on a free from the edge of the area to break the deadlock on 15 minutes. The score failed to rattle New Oak's resolve and Denis Quinlan's brisk assured use of the ball allowed him to mercurially drift beyond a couple of defenders before lashing a rising shot to the Duncannon net to deservedly equalise on 27 minutes. There was nothing haphazard about New Oak's resistance during the exchanges which followed but few clear cut scoring chances materialised at either end before half time.

The second half opened with Duncannon appearing eager to swamp New Oak's defensive ramparts and Dale Kearney made a number on brave interceptions and saves as errors began to creep into New Oaks defensive efforts. A series of corners tested New Oaks defiance and a relieved Duncannon were delighted to celebrate restoring their lead on 55 minutes. Certainly at this stage New Oak never looked cornered and they took another swipe at their opponents defence when David Mc Evoy swept a ball from midfield for Darren Mc Guill to race forward before gaining possession and delightfully beat the Duncannon keeper with an accurate chip to equalise on 62 minutes. It was all New Oak pressure during the following exchanges and their authority was almost translated into a couple of Denis Quinlan scores but their offside trap was ruled out of order before a Duncannon smash and grab raid restored their lead on 89 minutes. Despite the best efforts of Colm Griffen, David Mc Evoy and Denis Quinlan New Oak conceded another goal on the break in injury time to give Duncannon a flattering margin of victory.

Burrin Celtic 0

St. Peters F.C. 5

The loyal Ballon players encountered a well organised and fit looking Bray based St. Peters who raced into the lead on ten minutes.

Despite the hard working defensive efforts of Matty Dowling, Armour McFarland, John Brennan and Paul Hickey the Wicklow outfit just had too many big guns and options up front and were for ahead at half time.

The second half was little more than a training run for the Saints who added another score to their impressive tally and look like a team capable of going some distance in this competition.

Carlow People Premier

Stretford United 0

St. Fiacc's 0

The wind across the pitch added to the problems of preventing some constructive movements in what was in general a rather dull game.

The home team opened brightly and within five minutes Ken Lacey was unlucky not to have put them into the lead. Then the Saints began to dominate the midfield sector. This reduce United's chances while allowing their own forwards more freedom to create many more scoring opportunities. The first half continued in this fashion and on 40 minutes Fiacc's Colm Murphy put a ball over the United defence to put Mark Haughney who instead of chipping the United 'keeper, Robert Moore, he went one-on-one with him and Moore denied Haughney a certain goal.

In the second half Stretford came more into the game but the Saints defence held solid and their 'keeper also brought off a John Griffin penalty save when United were awarded a penalty for a hand ball. Fiacc's were also in action up front with Paul Cullen and Patrick Scully going close. Anthony Keating crossed for Scully but the United 'keeper saved his header. Then following a goal mouth scramble Cullen's attempt was again saved by the United 'keeper.

However United were the dominant team for most of the half and despite these two late Fiacc's attempts the home side created a number of opportunities only to find the Fiacc's defence wall almost impenetrable. At the end of the day Stretford were probably disappointed not to have taken full points at home to keep the pressure on the Champions, Crettyard, who now have taken a four point lead.

Robert Moore 'keeper who had an outstanding game along with Niall Kenny and Ken Lacey put in top drawer performances for Stretford United. Denis Nolan, Patrick Scully and Damien Hackett also put in super performances for St. Fiacc's.

Crettyard United 8

Killeshin F.C.0

So often the architect of Crettyard's midfield and forward prosperity Chrístóir Maher was quickly in the games driving seat when he picked out Brendan Fox who had managed to evade the defensive radar of a young Killeshin defence before scoring on six minutes. A David Maher penalty conversion took some of the fire out of Crettyard's attacking play but the Killeshin defence began to get a grip on the exchanges as the half progressed with Anthony Houlihan taking a well worked score shortly before half time.

As a contest the game was decided when John Amond swooped on a defensive error to put Crettyard further ahead on 54 minutes with further scores coming through the industrious Ricardo Tavolieri (2) and a relieved Willy Kavanagh struck scoring gold once again with a brace of well taken goals before the final whistle. Best for Crettyard included Chrístóir Maher, Willy Kavanagh and John Buggy.

Nationalist Division

Ballymurphy Celtic 3

Wolfhill Athletic 1

Ballymurphy completed a fine win over league leaders Wolfhill.

Centre forward Rocky Doyle gave Celtic the lead on 28 minutes, but Wolfhill struck back for a goal to level matters, before half time. The third quarter belonged to the Co. Laois side, as they put a lot of pressure on the Celtic defence, but they failed to put their dominance on the scoreboard and were punished on 67 minutes when Wally Coady put Ballymurphy ahead. Smelling victory, Celtic went further ahead five minutes later, when Kevin Foley's cross found Eoin Doyle in space and he slotted home to insure a good win for Ballymurphy. Man of the match for Celtic was Chris Kavanagh who had an excellent game, also showing up well were, Kevin Foley and Eoin Doyle.

Palatine Celtic 0
Crettyard Utd 1

A lone first half goal was enough to give Crettyard a win in Palatine on Sunday. The goal on 12 minutes, When Crettyard cleared a corner to Pa O'Shea on the half way line and he advanced on goal and sent a fine shot to the Palatine net from 30 yards. Billy McDonald had a good chance to equalise midway through the first period but the visitors 'keeper was equal to his shot. Defences dominated the remainder of the game, so Crettyard went on to pick up the points. Impressive for the winners were Craig Comerfort, Keith Purcell and Pa O'Shea.

For Palatine, Alan Hosey, John Purcell and Billy McDonald impressed.

Moone Celtic 1
Kilree Celtic 6

After a bright start from Moone, Kilree took over to notch up an impressive win. Moone were on top in the first quarter and they forced a couple of fine saves out of Kilree 'keeper Liam Walsh from Barry Anderson and Vinny Dowling, but against the run of play. Eddie Monaghan put Kilree ahead on 25 minutes. With their tails up, Kilree scored three more times before the break, the goals coming from James Doyle, Christy Coady and on the stroke of half time, Blain Dwyer. Moone fought hard to get back into the game early in the second half, but Kilree weathered the storm and struck for goal number five on the hour. James Doyle netting his second of the game. Mark Kavanagh scored what was a consolation goal for the Co. Kildare side before Craig Doyle closed the scoring on 88 minutes to complete an impressive win.

For Kilree, Mark Walsh, Mick Salter, Christy Coady and Pa Dwyer shone, Moone's best on the day were Paul Holden and Paul Dowling.

Whites Pharmacy Division

Ardattin Athletic 2
Dereen Heights 1

A very business like Dereen midfield unit took a surgeons approach to the Ardattin defensive set up during the early exchanges.

Willie Doyle was busily sliding precision passes to the galloping forward raiders Stephen Hennessy and Denis Nangle proving that their shooting boots required recalibration as they missed chances let Ardattin relieved and off the hook. But the pressure had to tell and finally Dereen made the breakthrough when Willy Doyle threaded a ball through to Stephen Hennessy who made no mistake from close range on 30 minutes. However, this score seemed to leak the pep out of Dereen's step and Ardattin capitalised when Alan Curry managed to evade the attentions of the Dereen defence before delivering an accurate cross which Stephen Curry met perfectly at the back post to equalise on 38 minutes. A continuing lack of clarity in Dereen's

defensive sector decision making allowed Ardattin's Brendan Butler to gain possession before dispatching a shot to the Dereen net on 42 minutes. This unexpected defensive fragility seemed to hem in the Dereen liking for attacking play and the third quarter exchanges were locked in midfield stalemate but Seamus Grey timed a run forward to perfection but scuffed a shot wide when facing the advancing Dereen keeper Kevin Power. At the other end Denis Nangle only needed to apply the scoring touch to a Jamie Hennessy pass but excitedly angled his effort wide. Ardattin might have put the game out of reach if Brendan Butler had remained calm on 77 minutes and this miss was about to look expensive when Graham Kelly was about to pull the trigger for a certain equaliser on 85 minutes but a super intervention by Ardattin's Adrian Keogh prevented the score and ensured that the earlier efforts of Brendan Butler and Alan Curry were rewarded. Most impressive for a well organised Dereen included Jamie Hennessy, Kevin Power and Christy Bermingham.

Parkville United 6

Derry Rovers 5

After Alan O'Neill had capitalised on Derry's threadbare defensive work to give the Parkville second string the lead on four minutes, it looked like the confident Tullow lads would proceed to comfortably add to their advantage. But Derry's Peter Brennan and Ray Tobin knew better and their inspired midfield work allied to accurate passing split the United defence allowing Tom Redmond to stroke home the equaliser on six minutes. The exchanges swung from end to end with Rovers going into the lead through a well taken Liam McMullen score on 12 minutes and their position was consolidated by a superbly angled header from Richard O'Leary on 20 minutes. At this stage Parkville were in dire need of inspiration and their Premek Charanouski stepped up to the mark in scoring style to reduce the deficit on 30 minutes. Derry's defence was working hard and were required to work harder still by United's busy midfield sector where Phil Smithers engineered a pass into the path of Brian Kenny who smacked a shot beyond the impressive Kieran Gahan in Derry's goal to equalise on 36 minutes. The Tullow based lads were cock-a-hoop when Alan O'Neill netted an opportunist's half chance to give them a lead on the stroke of half time.

Derry were temporarily in the intensive care unit after John Kirwan's high velocity effort flew beyond a startled Kieran Gahan on 46 minutes but Peter Brennan quickly gave the Derry lads a fighting chance with a well taken score on 52 minutes. Parkville's Alan O'Neill proved he was the marksman of the day when he netted his sides sixth score and secured his hat-trick on 70 minutes and at this stage the Tullow based outfit should have been in the games driving seat but their grip on proceedings was less than convincing with Derry's Liam Mc Mullen reducing the arrears to the narrowest of margins with a well taken score on 75 minutes. Defences dominated the remaining proceedings with Parkville's Stephen Roche, Phil Smithers, Brian Kenny and John Kirwan impressing. Best for Derry included Peter Brennan, Liam Mc Mullen and Ray Tobin.

St. Josephs 2

Ridge Rangers 3

Following an impressive display against a talented Dereen outfit the previous week the Tinryland based Saints looked capable of picking up another heavy weight scalp when they rocked ambitious Ridge with not one but two early scores.

Rangers found themselves defending furiously throughout the first half with their only relief materialising when William Ryan had a snap shot deflected for a corner which was taken by John Sheehan but Paddy Dunne's meaty header flew narrowly wide on the half hour. Rangers knew that radical measures were required but their defence remained on max alert before their Bobby Daly was introduced into the fray and quickly fired a shot narrowly over the St. Joes bar before half time.

Ridge's introduction of Damien Sheehan appeared to inject energy into Rangers efforts and this had the effect of upsetting St. Joe's once calm expectations with James Brennan having a shot deflected into the path of Barry Amond who made no mistake from close in to score on 50 minutes. Rangers became even more urgent and constructive in their midfield play with Damien Sheehan sprinting into the edge of St. Joe's box before earning a free. The Saints defensive wall counted for little as Jim Dunne powerfully arrowed his effort high inside the far post to equalise on 57 minutes. The following exchanges proved that that it was now a very different game with neither defences taking unnecessary risks yet Bobby Daly and Conor McNally might have burgled the lead for Rangers towards the end of the third quarter. A share of the points appeared the most likely outcome until a St. Joes defensive header went astray catching their keeper in no mans land as Jim Dunne latched onto the ball on the edge of the area and Jim's astute lob had enough power and accuracy to beat the retreating run of the keeper to secure the winner for Ridge whose best players included Patrick Dunne, Conor McNally and Barry Amond.

Stretford United **5**
Old Road Villa **1**

Buccaneering Paul Doyle was a hugely influential figure for United in this encounter and his combination with the age-less veteran Mick Long carved out an avenue through the Villa defence for Paul Haughney to score on ten minutes. The nimble footwork of Paul Devoy allied to a precisely delivered pass from Paul Doyle made Mick Long's scoring of the second a mere and easy formality on 20 minutes.

However, Stretford's second string are susceptible to strange lapses in concentration and when hard working defender Stuart Connolly rose high to incept a Villa cross he was unbalanced by a challenge and his header flew over a stranded Gavin Deering to put Villa back into the game with a shout shortly before half time.

Perhaps the key moment for Villa was on 50 minutes when they lost a key midfielder and United's Paul Doyle demonstrated the irresistible combination of persistence, swift passing before Paul Haughney demonstrated a devastating finish to put United into a commanding position on 55 minutes. Commanding positions have been squandered before but this United selection were not in the mood on this occasion with Paul Haughney securing his hat trick before Mick Long added to Villa's woes on 80 minutes.

Best for Stretford included Brian Coss, Conor Dooley, Barry Mc Daniels and John Ryan.

Dolmen Flooring Division

Hanover Harps **3**
Dereen Heights **2**

Clinical finishing by Harps was the difference between the two teams in an evenly contested match.

Dereen started the better but were naïve at the back and were punished for it by Hanover. On 25 minutes a perfect cross field ball from Tony O'Reilly found Gavin

Glover, who finished to the top corner of the Dereen net for the opening goal from 15 yards. Dereen kept pushing with James Williamson and Darren Coakley creating chances up from however, their backline were caught out again. On 35 minutes from a speculative cross by Gavin Glover, he found John Watters who superbly dispatched to the back of the net from 25 yards.

In the second half Dereen kept pushing forward, and on 70 minutes were rewarded for their efforts, Mark Davis reducing the arrears with a fine volley. This sprung Hanover back into action and on 76 minutes a lovely through ball from Patrick O'Neill found O'Reilly and he finished expertly from close range. Harps conceded a penalty in injury time when James Williams was fouled in the area which he duly slotted home for a 3-2 finish.

Brendan O'Hara, Michael Ryan, Davy Dowling and Mick Brennan also played well for Hanover Harps.

Dereen Heights best players were, Paul Prick, Colin Nolan and Darren Coakley.

Nurney Villa 1

Carlow Rovers 1

An evenly contested first quarter saw both 'keeper, called into action.

Then came two goals in the space of two minutes, one at either end. Villa's off side trap went wrong, allowing Rovers to take the lead, on 25 minutes.

In true Villa fashion, they were quick to rebound from its effects and on 27 minutes from a free kick, Eddie Byrne floated the ball beautifully past the distracted Rovers 'keeper.

Level at the break, Rovers were well on top in the second half, but failed to capitalise on their superiority. Willie Murphy went close with his attempt just creeping over the cross bar. Then on 88 minutes Rovers had a great chance of taking the points in full, when they were rewarded a penalty, however, the Villa 'keeper, Chris Kearney denied them with a superb save, for a share of the points.

Chris Kearney, Philip Murphy, Richard Kearney and Brian Kenny were Nurney Villa's top players on the day.

Best players for Carlow Rovers were, Jim McGuill, James Jones Kevin O'Neill and Damien Byrne.

Tullow Town 2

Hacketstown United 1

Tullow have found their level of game and are beginning to show results for their efforts.

The Town side pretty well dominated the first half creating quite a lot of chances through Paul Clancy, Mick Stynes, Ray Corcoran and Jones Osaro.

Despite the chances they failed to put scores on the board. At the other end, United were restricted to half chances through Richard Hobson.

In the second half, Hacketstown started the better and Richard Hobson shot them into a 1-0 lead on 55 minutes. Back came Tullow and when Osaro was fouled on 62 minutes, Ray Corcoran equalised from the resulting penalty. Town went on the offensive, but Alan Byrne the United 'keeper, like the first half was to deny them the lead. Hobson was still creating half chances at the other end.

The Tullow breakthrough came from hard work up front eventually with Osaro scoring a great individual goal for the winner and three points.

For Tullow Town, Paul Corcoran was man of the match and along with Michael O'Brien and Michael Stynes, put in top performances.

Best players for Hacketstown Utd were' keeper Alan Byrne, Craig Byrne and Michael Joyce.

Over 35 Division

Nurney Villa 0

Wolfhill Athletic 1

Champions Wolfhill, were made to work hard to earn a win in their opening game of their defence of the table.

While the visitors were not fully extended Nurney defended well in the first half with Brendan Farrell playing well as their 'keeper. Des Cooney, Ricky Patterson and Frank Fleming kept the Villa 'keeper busy until injuries took their toll in the Wolfhill side. The introduction of Charlie Dunne during the break, somewhat restored the shape to Wolfhill. On 75 minutes, Patterson was brought down; he dusted himself down and put the Co. Laois lads into the lead from the resulting penalty. Paul Murphy went close to equalising for Villa but the Athletic 'keeper saved his shot.

Charlie Dunne, Ricky Patterson and Liam Dunne played well for Wolfhill Athletic, while 'keeper Brendan Farrell, Tom Delaney Derry O' Toole and Vincent Murphy, were Nurney Villa's best.

Diamond Woodcraft Youths U/17

Parkville Utd 6

St. Joseph's 1

Parkville overpowered a young Joseph's side, to run out comfortable victors in Tullow.

The home side were in control of the game from the kick off and let 4-0 at half time, with a brace of goals each from Paddy Tobin and J.J. Connelly. After this fine show from the Tullow side, the second half was little more than a formality, but fair play to the visitors they stuck to their guns until the final whistle, giving a good account of themselves in the second period. However, the home side were never in any trouble and Paddy Tobin added two more goals to bring his tally to four on the day, while Joseph's could only muster a single reply which was no more than a consolation goal. Best for the winners were, Ben and Ronan Byrne and Craig Tumelty.

Burrin Celtic 1

Derry Rovers 2

Despite taking a first half time lead, Celtic went down to a home defeat to the Clonegal visitors.

Celtic went ahead when the Rovers made an error of judgement on 25 minutes and they retained the lead up until half time. Early in the second half equalised for the visitors and now with a spring in their step, they went in search of a winner. When the winner came it was certainly worth waiting for as Adam Kenny picked up a ball in midfield and went on a crazy run beating four defenders before slotting past the Burrin 'keeper for an excellent goal. With their noses ahead, Rovers were in no mood to concede anything to Celtic as they held on to collect the points.

Impressive for Rovers were Killian McCabe, Ronan Brennan and Adam Kenny.

Diamond Woodcraft Youths U/18

South East 2

Dereen Heights 3

Dereen caused a huge upset when they defeated the South East side, in Tullow on Saturday. Dereen laid the foundations for their win in a fine first half display, which saw them go in at the break 1-3 ahead. They went ahead on 19 minutes, when Daniel Pereina put the Carlow town ahead. South East came back from this shock to equalise six minutes later. However Dereen were flying at this stage and Darren Reid and an o.g. put the two goals up at the interval. The South East side came out determined to get something from the tie, in the second half, but Dereen defended well and despite conceding a goal midway through the second period, they held on to collect the points.

Excellent for the winners were, Michael Corr, Jamie Hennessy and Darren Reid.

Stretford Utd 1

St. Anne's 4

The saints were too strong for a game Stretford in John Sweeney Park on Saturday. The Ballylinan side led by two goals at half time having dominated for long spells of the first period. They went three up on 58 minutes before Jordan Lowry pulled a goal back from a free kick for the Town side, but the Saints soon quashed any hopes of a Stretford revival when they notched their fourth goal, five minutes later and they went on to collect the points .

Best for Stretford were, Niall Prendergast, Ciaran Moran and Cian Cooney.