

Carlow Soccer 23.09.07

Fixtures

Sat 29 Sept 2.30pm

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

Bagenalstown v	Derry Rvs	G. O'Sullivan
Parkville Utd v	Nurney Villa	M. Murphy
St Josephs v	Baltinglass	M. O'Reilly

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

Crettyard Utd v	St. Anne's	D. O'Connor
Dereen Hgts v	Stretford Utd	P. Kelly
Killeshin v	St. Fiacc's	G. Cosgrove
South East v	Moone Celtic	P. Moran

Sunday 30 Sept

O'Neill's L.F.A. Junior Cup Rd 1 (e.t.p)

Rialto F.C. v	B'alt Boys	11am	Local
Burrin Cel v	Bunclody	11am	D. O'Connor
Gorey Cel v	Crettyard Utd	2pm	Local
Ballymun Utd v	Hacketstown	2pm	Local
Hanover Hps v	St. Maelruans	11am	P. Moran
Killeshin v	St Peters Boys	11am	M. Doran
Kilree Cel v	Abbeyleix Ath	2pm	G. O'Sullivan
New Oak v	Blackforge	11am	G. Cosgrove
Palatine Cel v	Park Cel	11am	P. Kelly
Newbridge v	Rathanna	2pm	Local
Coill Dubh v	Stretford Utd	2pm	Local

(All clubs to contact opponents early in the week)

Carlow People Premier

St. Fiacc's v	Bagenalstown	11am	M. O'Reilly
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Nationalist Division

Nurney Villa v	Ballymurphy	11am	J. Wynne
Wolfhill Ath v	Moone Cel	11am	M. Murphy

White's Pharmacy

Ardattin Ath v	Old Rd Villa	2pm	G. Cosgrove
Dereen Hgts v	Derry Rvs	2pm	M. Doran
Ridge Rngs v	Stretford Utd	11am	G. O'Sullivan
St Josephs v	New Oak	2pm	C. O'Rourke

Dolmen Flooring

Borris F.C. v	Grange F.C.	11am	C. O'Rourke
Burrin Cel v	Carlow Rvs	2pm	D. O'Connor
Hanover Hps v	Hacketstown	2pm	P. Kelly
Tullow Twn v	Nurney Villa	2pm	M. O'Reilly

Over 35 Division

Killeshin v Thomastown 2pm P. Moran
New Oak v Nurney Villa 2pm J. Wynne
Wolfhill Ath v Stradbally 2pm M. Murphy

(35 minutes each half for O/35's)

REFEREES

Beginners Course

A 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, 059 9722428 or e-mail: chelseamick@eircom.net . In all e-mails include Mobile number, Landline home number, full address and date of birth.

Golden Boot

W/end 16 Sept.

Carlow People Premier

7 Byrne Dominic, Slaney Rvs

6 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

7 Haughney Paul, Stretford Utd

5 Dempsey Mark, St. Joseph's

3 O'Neill Alan, Parkville Utd

3 Doyle Willie, Dereen Heights

Dolmen Flooring Division

5 Byrne Niall, Grange F.C.

3 Byrne Patrick, Grange F.C.

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

4 Tobin Patrick, Parkville Utd

2 Connolly P.J., Parkville Utd

2 Byrne Adam, South East F.C.

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

3 Champion Colin, St. Ann's

Golf Classic

Hanover Harps are hosting a special golf classic fundraiser in Baltinglass golf club on Wednesday 26 September.

They would like to invite you to enter a team of four if possible into their tournament. It will be a well organised event with prizes awarded in Scragg's bar that night. It will be played under 'Texas Scramble' rules. For those unfamiliar with golf, basically team of four each drives off the tee and the team chooses which drive is the best and then everyone hits their 2nd shot from that drive, then choosing the best 2nd shot everyone hits their 3rd from that position etc until the ball is holed.

Cost of entry is €160 per team and they have tee times from 7am-4pm. Meal is included in this fee and a free taxi service to and from Carlow town and Baltinglass golf Club is available on the day (needs to be pre-booked)for those looking to make a day of it.

It is open to golf members and non members alike. Information and entry forms etc. are available in Scragg's Front Bar or contact Eddie Darcy 086-8152457 or Pat Dowling 086-1993771.

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	
Parkville United	5	3	0	2	9	4	9
Stretford United	6	2	3	1	10	9	9
Burrin Celtic 5	2	2	1	11	9	8	
St. Fiacc's F.C.	5	2	2	1	8	6	8
New Oak Boys	4	2	1	1	12	7	7
Slaney Rovers 6	1	1	4	9	15	4	
Hanover Harps	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Killeshin F.C. 6	0	0	6	6	28	0	

Nationalist Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kilree Celtic. 4	3	0	1	13	4	9	
Ballymurphy Celtic	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Wolfhill Athletic	5	2	1	2	5	5	7
Crettyard United	4	2	1	1	7	9	7
Hacketstown United	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Palatine Celtic 4	1	0	3	4	10	3	
Nurney Villa 3	0	2	1	1	2	2	
Moone Celtic 3	0	2	1	2	7	2	
Castle Rangers	2	0	1	1	5	6	1

Whites Pharmacy Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stretford United.	5	4	0	1	14	8	12
Ridge Rangers 4	3	0	1	10	5	9	
Baltinglass Boys	3	3	0	0	8	4	9
St. Joseph's 4	2	1	1	13	10	7	
New Oak Boys	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Ardattin Athletic	4	2	0	2	6	7	6
Old Road Villa	3	1	1	1	6	9	4
Dereen Heights	4	1	0	3	8	8	3
Parkville United	5	1	0	4	9	14	3
Rathanna F.C. 4	1	0	3	7	13	3	

Derry Rovers	4	0	0	4	7	12	0
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Dolmen Flooring Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Grange F.C.	3	3	0	0	13	3	9
Carlow Rovers	5	2	3	0	11	8	9
Hanover Harps	4	3	0	1	8	6	9
Dereen Heights	5	2	1	2	9	8	7
Tullow Town	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Nurney Villa	4	1	1	2	7	10	4
Hacketstown Utd	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Borris F.C.	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Burrin Celtic	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

Diamond Woodcraft U/17	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Parkville Utd	3	2	0	1	13	6	6
Derry Rovers	3	2	0	1	5	8	6
South East	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Nurney Villa	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Bagenalstown	2	1	0	1	3	5	3
Burrin Celtic	3	0	1	2	2	5	1
St. Joseph's	2	0	1	1	2	7	1
Baltinglass	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Diamond Woodcraft U/18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
St. Anne's	2	2	0	0	9	2	6
Crettyard Utd	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
St. Fiacc's	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Dereen Hgts	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Killeshin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South East	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Stretford Utd	2	0	0	2	3	8	0
Moone Celtic	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

Noticeboard

Council Meeting

The September Council meeting will take place on Thursday next, 27 Sept at 8.30pm sharp in the Seven Oaks Hotel. All clubs must be represented otherwise they will be fined. Representatives are requested to be on time to avoid a late finish.

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 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.

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.

Results

Sat 22 Sept

FAI Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup Rd 1

South East 3-0 St. Joseph's

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

Bagenalstown 1-0 B'alt Boys

Nurney Villa 2-0 Burrin Cel

Parkville Utd 2-3 Derry Rvs

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

St. Anne's 5-1 Moone Cel

St. Fiacc's 2-0 Dereen Hgts

Crettyard Utd 4-2 Stretford Utd

Sun 23 Sept

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Celtic 3-1 Hanover Hps

Killeshin 0-4 St. Fiacc's

New Oak 4-1 Stretford Utd

Slaney Rvs 0-2 Parkville Utd

Nationalist Div

Castle Rngs 0-3 Hacketstown

Kilree Cel 3-1 Palatine Cel
Nurney Villa 0-0 Wolfhill Ath

Whites Pharmacy Div

Derry Rvs 1-3 Ardattin Ath
Old Rd Villa 3-3 St. Joseph's
Parkville Utd 2-3 Stretford Utd
Rathanna 2-4 B'alt Boys

Dolmen Flooring Div

Carlow Rvs 4-3 Borris F.C.
Dereen Hgts 3-1 Tullow Twn
Grange F.C. 3-0 Burrin Cel
Hacketstown 3-1 Nurney Villa

REPORTS

Burrin Celtic 3

Hanover Harps 1

The Ballon lads were rocked to fall behind to a well taken Hanover score on 26 minutes.

However their relentless industry through the efforts of Graham Whelan and Paul Hickey spiced with some strokes of real artistry by Alan Kelly gradually eroded Hanover's superiority which was also undermined by Harps failure to convert a number of clear cut scoring chances before half time. Indeed as the half drew to a close Hanover's defence was caught napping by the improving John Brennan who might have bagged a brace before David Shanahan contrived to shoot over a gaping goal almost on the whistle.

Hanover seemed to restore their defensive authority convincingly during the third quarter but Celtic's Alan Kelly was merely weighing up the strengths and weaknesses of their efforts before advancing to clip a shot just inside the near post to equalise on 60 minutes. Another inventive player was Celtic's Ross Nolan who spurted through the heart of the Hanover soft centred defence only to have his angled effort pushed away but Alan Kelly reacted quickest to flash an accurate shot to the Harps net on 70 minutes. A neat finish by Ross Nolan ensured that the points were destined for Ballon whose best players included Graham Whelan, Paul Hickey, David Shanahan and Alan Kelly.

Killeshin 0

St. Fiacc's 4

Killeshin's recurring theme of depleted squads continued against a full strength Saints and in a sparky local derby this was always likely to prove the most trying of circumstances.

The lively Simon Kinsella was a real handful and his close control and ability exposed the frailties of the Saints defence and a couple of his quality crosses required the merest of touches for Killeshin to have secured an early lead. Killeshin's Mick McCartney and Gully Walsh were enjoying themselves in midfield and they exchanged accurate passes at speed before releasing to Killian Whelan who angled a shot narrowly wide on 14 minutes. While Killeshin were getting on with the job of building a lead the Saints proved they had good fortune on their side when a deflected shot gave them a surprise lead on 27 minutes. Killeshin remained hungrier for the ball

and sharper in almost every department but still found themselves with a second half mountain to climb when a Saints free inexplicably found the net shortly before half time.

Killeshin shrugged off these disappointments in style during the third quarter and pressed the Saints defence with Mick McCartney, Paddy McDonald, Gully Walsh and Killian Whelan each failing to score when well positioned to do so before the end of the third quarter. St. Fiacc's chose their moments well and with devastating efficiency and effect to add a couple of scores before Killeshin's Killian Whelan forced the Saints keeper into the save of the game. Best for Killeshin included John O'Neill, Killian Walsh, Anthony Walsh and Michael McCartney.

New Oak Boys 4

Stretford United 1

Caution was the dominant theme during the early exchanges with Stretford.

They forced New Oak's sprightly keeper Dale Kearney into fire brigade action when he raced to the edge of his box to smother a killer pass from the inventive Kieran Mc Laughlin.

But it was Dale Lacey's touch and accuracy which peeled open the United defence when he delivered a free beyond the last line of United defenders for Pa Kavanagh to score on 17 minutes. Impressively Stretford went to work on restoring parity but found that they needed to deploy significant resources to control Pa Kavanagh who was having one of his best games in quiet a while for New Oak and his advance on the United goal had alarm bells ringing before he trashed a shot against the United post on 25 minutes. Sensing Stretford's vulnerability Dale Lacy delivered another weighted gem of a pass which allowed Pa Kavanagh to drill a shot unerringly to the United net on 30 minutes. Understandably, Stretford were frustrated at New Oak's efficiency and effectiveness and concentrated their efforts on defensive duties for the remainder of the half.

On the resumption United were much the livelier outfit with Cormac Mullins and Kevin Mc Laughlin combining to wrong foot the New Oak defence almost every time they won or were presented with quality possession during the third quarter but their creative approach lacked a scoring focus. New Oak certainly didn't suffer from this with their Dale Lacy expertly choosing his time to race forward but flipped his lob over the advancing United keeper and the bar on 70 minutes. The introduction of Darren McGuill added more pep to New Oak's step with Willard Kinsella scoring before Darren McGuill added to a tiring Stretford woes on 80 minutes. Kevin Mc Laughlin's score on 84 minutes was scant reward for the hard work of United's best payers including Ken Lacy, Kevin Mc Laughlin and Paul Gibbons. Best for New Oak now providing convincing evidence of being on the cusp of something big were Alan Curran, Tom Collins, Willard Kinsella and Sean Kelly.

Slaney Rovers 0

Parkville United 2

Tullow based Parkville were champing at the bit to score during the early exchanges with John Kirwan proving a real handful for the Rathvilly defence and his accurate crosses carved out opening's for Ray Shannon who forced the Slaney keeper into a number of smart saves and interventions during the first quarter.

The predatory instincts of Slaney's Dominic Byrne proceeded to trouble the United defence and Graham Doyle might also have scored for Rovers before another accurate delivery from John Kirwan made Pdraig Murphy's job of giving Parkville the lead

on 27 minutes the merest of formalities. Having made the breakthrough the Tullow lads sought to put the game away but the Slaney defence excelled to the half time whistle.

The third quarter failed to produce clear cut scoring chances for either side but the better quality half chances fell to Emmet Phelan who might have added to United's advantage before John Kenny's accurate cross allowed Neale Phelan to head the clincher on 77 minutes. Best for Slaney included Graham Doyle, Brian Leonard and Stephen Lynch while most impressive for United included Jonathan Quiney, John Kirwan and James O'Connor.

Nationalist Division

Kilree Celtic 3

Palatine Celtic 1

Kilree went top of Division 1 after they proved too strong for Palatine on Sunday. The home side got off to a sluggish start and it was against the run of play that they took the lead on 11 minutes, when James Doyle got on the end of an Eddie Monaghan cross to shoot home. Palatine However continued to hold the upper hand and they got a well deserved equaliser from Shane Fitzharris midway through the first period. James Doyle however, regained the lead for the Bagenalstown side when he scored in a goalmouth melter on 36 minutes to leave Kilree 2-1 up at half time. Somewhat fortunate to be ahead at the break Kilree pushed on in the early stages of the second half and after Craig Doyle missed a good chance. Celtic went further ahead when Doyle crossed for Christy Coady in the Kilree goal, Darcy making three excellent saves which in no small way helped his side clinch a fine win. Excellent for Kilree were Michael Fenlon, David Cormack, Craig Doyle and Christy Coady, for Palatine, Mark Nolan, Liam Cullen and Shane Fitzharris excelled.

Nurney Villa 0

Wolfhill Athletic 0

Despite being scoreless, this was an excellent tie, played in a fine sporting manner. The home side dominated possession early on but came up against a strong Wolfhill defence, who offered stubborn resistance. When they did break through, Villa found Kevin Kelly in fine form and he made a fine save when he pushed a Dinny Byrne shot onto a post and out for a corner on 18 minutes. Wolfhill settled down in the second quarter and they asked some searching questions of the Nurney rearguard before the sides retired scoreless at half time.

Brian Fleming shot wide when well placed by Mark Fox for Wolfhill early in the second half, but Nurney had the better chances to snatch victory but Willie Kearney and Dinny Byrne were out of luck in front of goal, as the sides had to settle for a point each. John Miley, Val Fleming, Trevor Corcoran and Dinny Byrne excelled for Villa while, Wolfhill were well served by P.J. Rowan, Kevin Kealy, Alan Walsh and Brian Fleming.

Castle Rangers 0

Hacketstown Utd 3

Hacketstown had a very comfortable win at the Youth Centre, over an off colour Rangers side.

The visitors were always in command and almost went ahead on 10 minutes when, Owen Coleman smacked a terrific shot off the Rangers crossbar. However, soon after a defensive error, let in Jamie Walsh to open the scoring. Leading by a single goal at

half time, United opened the second half, determined to push hoe their superiority and they went two ahead, when Alan Kelly was brought down in the penalty area, and Owen Coleman converted the spot kick. Their third goal came near the end when Barry O'Connor found Jamie Walsh free on the wing and Walsh crossed low for Keith Pollard to shoot home, to complete a good win.

Tops for United were, Colm McGrath, Paul Byrne, Barry O'Connor and Owen Coleman.

For Rangers, Caillin Canning, Ian Fleming, Noel O'Reilly and Roy Pearson.

Whites Pharmacy Division

Derry Rovers 1

Ardattin Athletic 3

Improving Ardattin got off to the perfect start when Brendan Butler combined with Seamus Grey to create an avenue through a somewhat sleepy Rovers defence before Michael Browne applied the scoring touch to the well timed pass on two minutes.

It was intense during the following exchanges with both defences been tested to the limit with Derry getting close to equalising on a couple of occasions. But Ardattin were far more efficient and economical with their chances with Brendan Butler plotting the downfall of the Rovers defence when he threaded a great ball through to Seamus Grey who made no mistake from close range on 17 minutes. So effective were Derry's defensive efforts during the following exchanges that the flow of chances presenting themselves to Burrin's dangerous forwards dried up. It took a special pass from Athletics' Stephen Curry to set up Seamus Grey to score Ardattin's third on 38 minutes.

Derry's somewhat battered confidence levels were given the perfect boost when after a period of sustained pressure the Ardattin defence finally cracked and Derry celebrated a well taken goal on 55 minutes. Having made the breakthrough the Clonegal based Rovers might have added to their tally during the following exchanges but Ardattin consolidated their defensive arrangements to secure an important win earned by the efforts of Brendan Butler, Alan Curry and Mark Earle.

Old Road Villa 3

St. Josephs 3

Last season Old Road resembled an almost impenetrable fortress to most visitors but the Joseph's outfit were unconcerned and their attractive attacking play engineered openings which had Villa defending in numbers from early on.

The Saints took the lead on seven minutes when Colm Doran flew to the Old Road net and during the following exchanges Villa failed to clear their defensive zone effectively allowing St. Joes John Doyle to lash a volley to the net on 15 minutes.

Villa's position deteriorated further when Ian Scully was allowed the time and space to pick his spot before angling a ground shot to the Villa net on 20 minutes. Perhaps it was all too easy for the Tinryland based outfit but the first signs of defensive rot materialised when Villa's hard working Charles Quinn made a well timed interception before advancing on the St. Joes defence and having evaded a number of tackles provided the pass for Joe Dowd to score on 28 minutes. The following exchanges to half time were well balanced but an increasingly confident Old Road were occasionally punching holes in the St. Joes defence and Paul Donnelly fed a pass through to a well attended Charles Quinn who still managed to turn his defender before angling a shot inside the far post shortly before half time.

The scene was indeed set for a grand stand second half with the games initiative firmly with Villa who were forcing St. Joes to defend in numbers throughout the third quarter. A Michael Delaney and Ronan Walsh combination made the space for Shane Dempsey to shoot the equaliser on 55 minutes. Gradually the Old Road pressure relented allowing Joseph's defence a breather and from this the Tinryland lads almost snatched a dramatic lead when Coin Doran clipped a shot against a Villa post on 77 minutes. This close shave extracted the required response from Old Road whose Paul Donnelly was denied a certain score by the St. Joes keeper making the save of the game shortly before the final whistle. Best for Old Road included Michael Fitzgerald, Shane Deegan, Tom Brennan and Ronan Walsh. Best for St. Joes included Colin Doran, Shane Delaney and Alan Barrett.

Parkville United 2

Stretford United 3

Excellent approach play by the Parkville's second string midfielder, Kieran Smithers, scattered the Stretford defence allowing Kieran to accurately deliver a well timed pass to Alan O'Neill who lost his marker before scoring on nine minutes.

Stretford's seemingly sanguine reaction to this score suggested they had their own ideas about replying and it materialised effectively when Conor Dooley advanced from midfield before setting up the free scoring Paul Haughney to equalise on 20 minutes. A period of considerable prosperity followed for Stretford whose Paul Haughney was denied a certain score by a marvellous save by Parkville custodian Paddy Tobin on 30 minutes. But the pressure had to tell and it did when Stretford's Mick Long set up Paul Haughney to score on 32 minutes. Parkville's response was almost immediate with Owen O'Toole angling an excellent pass to Kieran Smithers who made no mistake from close range on 35 minutes. During the exchanges Stretford's Mick Long and Paul Haughney missed presentable chances before the half time whistle.

The third quarter exchanges were evenly balanced with Parkville's reduction in numbers the most significant event. Stretford proceeded to grow in confidence and their attempts to exploit their numerical advantage were foiled by a busy Paddy Tobin in the Parkville goal. However, PJ Connolly's speculative yet accurate shot from the edge of the box was to prove the difference between the teams and gave the Carlow based outfit the points which rewarded the earlier efforts of Conor Dooley, Barry Mc Daniels, Mick Long and Paul Haughney prior to his departure on a year long sabbatical to Australia. Best for Parkville included Alan O'Neill, Philip and Jonathan Smithers and Paddy Tobin.

Rathanna 2

Baltinglass Boys 4

Perhaps it was a loss of sleep which interfered with Rathanna's defensive radar but the hard working Baltinglass lads quickly identified the marshmallow like qualities which allowed Michael English the freedom of the park and Michael recorded 4 scores between 15 and 28 minutes.

Indeed Baltinglass might have added more before Rathanna's Declan Doran swooped to score on 37 minutes. The Rathanna lads effectively owned the ball for the remainder of the half without being able to reduce the arrears further before half time. Rathanna's failure to add to their tally during the third quarter made for an exciting final spell especially after Michael Doran smacked a great shot to the Boys net on 75 minutes. Rathanna huffed and puffed around the Boys box but the closest they came

to scoring reward was through Dermot O'Leary who agonised when the Boys keeper easily saved his shot. Best for Rathanna included Tom Brennan, Killian Griffith and Michael Doran. Best for Baltinglass included Paddy Sinnott, David Nolan and Christopher Redmond.

Dolmen Flooring Division

In a seven goal thriller, Kieve "Bones" Byrne scored a hat-trick for Rovers to take the points.

Despite Borris dominating the first twenty minutes with Shem Dwyer going close to scoring the opener, it was Rover's Bones Byrne from a Gary Canavan through ball who was first to put his name on the score sheet on ten minutes. Then on 20 minutes a ball over the top by Rovers Mark Ayers saw Bones run behind the defence and go one on one with the Borris to double his side's advantage. Apart from a few half chances at either end during the remainder of the half the scoreline remained 2-0 at the break. Directly after the break Bones secured his hat-trick and a 3-0 lead for Rovers, the ball was well controlled by Damien Sheehan for Bones to volley home from outside the box. Borris were reduced to ten players and this for a while gave the advantage to Rovers who went on to make it 4-0, Gary Canavan weaved through the Borris midfield to volley from 35 yards.

The visitors re-grouped particularly in midfield and on 62 minutes Darren Foley put Anthony Jordan through to reduce the arrears with a fine volley to the bottom corner. Between Chris Coleman and Shem Dwyer they set up David Dwyer to score a Borris second goal on 74 minutes and six minutes later Jordan secured his second goal for Borris from a Leonard Cummins cross to leave Rovers leading by the slimmest of margins, 4-3.

The following good defensive work by Rover's Dermot Ingram 'keeper and Jonathan Kenny in the backline they prevented a very determined and dominant Borris from scoring the equaliser with Dwyer and Darren Foley going close for the visitors in the final minutes of the game.

For Carlow Rovers, Kieve "Bones" Byrne, Dermot Ingram and Mark Ayers had top drawer performances. Best players for Borris were Leonard Cummins, Shem Dwyer, Chris Coleman and Anthony Jordan.

Grange F.C. 3

Burrin Celtic 0

The determination of Grange this season to concentrate only on the domestic competitions, is obvious with full points to date.

Exchanges in the first twenty to twenty five minutes were evenly matched with both sides having a few chances. John Kavanagh went very close for Grange with his attempt just over the cross bar, while Thomas Murphy and Owen Ray created their own chances at the other end. Then on 30 minutes Gordon Broderick set up top scorer, Niall Byrne, to head home for the opening Grange goal. Five minutes later the home side doubled their advantage when Joseph Arguetta put through a lovely weighted pass for Paddy Byrne to run through and score.

In the second half Grange continued to exert the pressure with Niall Byrne having a shot saved and John Kavanagh putting his shot just inches wide. Murphy and Ray tried their hardest for Celtic but to no avail. Then on 73 minutes, Niall Byrne passed for Kavanagh to make it 3-0.

Niall Byrne, Paddy Byrne and Gordon Broderick had a super game for Grange.

For Burrin Celtic, Stephen Rooney, Darren Foley and Joe Nolan gave one hundred percent.

Hacketstown Utd 3

Nurney Villa 1

United recorded their first victory of the season with questions to be answered by the Villa defence.

Nurney dominated the early exchanges preventing United from creating any real scoring chances. For Villa, Thomas Murphy had a good chance go wide, while Michael Dowling from close range sent his shot over the cross bar. Eventually the Nurney lads were punished for missed opportunities, when Gary Halpin, on 35 minutes, sent a free kick to the back of the Villa goal, for the opening score.

Then in the second half Villa were guilty of bad defending early in the half, with Richard Hobson making it 2-0 from a goalmouth scramble. On 60 minutes United made it 3-0, again from poor defending Stephen Timmons scored with a free header, from a Mark Joyce corner kick.

However true to form Nurney did not drop the heads and kept plugging at the United defence. On 72 minutes Richard Kearney was fouled in the area by a push and from the resulting Penalty, Kearney reduced the arrears to 3-1. Jason Hobson at the back post for United missed a golden opportunity of scoring another goal. Villa kept up the pressure, but time ran out and Hacketstown collected their first three points.

Alan Byrne 'keeper, Denis Quigley and James Doyle played well for Hacketstown. Best players for Nurney Villa were Philip Murphy, David Dowling and Richard Kearney.

Dereen Heights 3

Tullow Town 1

Dereen's second string remain very much in touch at this early stage, just two points adrift of the top three.

The home side pretty well dominated the game, on 24 minutes Patrick McGrath crossed in, and the Tullow defence under pressure, scored an o.g. The home side kept up the pressure and on 38 minutes they doubled their advantage through Kevin Doyle when Stephen McGrath put him through, leading 2-0 at the break, Dereen started the stronger in the second half. James Williamson set up Gavin Walker to score and make it 3-0 on 59 minutes. Tullow began to come into the game after that and late in the half they reduced the arrears from the penalty spot for a final scoreline of 3-1

For Dereen Heights, Patrick Hutton, Kevin Coakley and John Barcoe played extremely well.

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St. Anne's 5

Moone Celtic 1

Despite going a goal down, Anne's recovered to record an easy win over Moone. Michael Clowry put Moone ahead from the penalty spot on 15 minutes. However A minute later a Moone defender conceded a penalty and was shown a red card while Colin Champion converted the penalty to equalise. The Moone side despite being down to 10 players, held out until half time, but the home side took over in the second period and Colin Champion went on to have a field day, netting four more times to bring his tally to five for the game as Anne's clinched an easy win.

Andrew Kelly, Eric Kenna, Eamonn Brennan and Alan Kehoe, along with Campion, played well for Anne's.

For Moone, Tom Hickey, David Doyle, Vinny Cosgrove and Michael Clowry tried hard.

Crettyard Utd 4

Stretford Utd 2

Four second half goals gave Crettyard victory in Sweeney Park on Saturday.

The town side had a good first half and led 2-0 at half time good play from Corey Murphy set up Eanna Lawlor to put Stretford ahead early on, and Jamie Byrne set up Martin Doyle to double Stretford's lead on 32 minutes. However with a strong wind at their back in the second half, Crettyard set about reducing arrears and Ricky O'Shea and Adrian Byrne levelled after twenty minutes of the half. Sean Meaney put the visitors ahead before Martin Doyle wasted a good chance to level shooting over and Alan Lyons with a great header clinched victory for Crettyard.

Outstanding for the winners were Eddie Lawlor, Craig Comerfort and Adrian Byrne. For Stretford Corey Murphy, Niall Prendergast, Jamie Byrne and Eanna Lawlor were best.

St. Fiacc's 2

Dereen Heights 0

Fiacc's with a goal in each half won the points in this tie.

Dereen had a good start to the game and it was against the run of play when Jamie Parr put the home side ahead after a fine run from midfield.

The home side had the better of the second half and it was Parr again, who scored goal number 2, with a fine shot from the edge of the area, which insured his side's victory. Tops for the winners were Donie Hurley, Trevor Marfleet and Dale Byrne. For Dereen, Michael Corr, Anthony Core and Daren Reid stood out.

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Parkville Utd 2

Derry Rvs 3

Two late goals snatched victory for the Clonegal side at Tullow on Saturday.

Rovers settled well and took an 18 minute lead through Kevin Mullins. The home side however settled to their task and were full value for an equaliser from J.J. Connelly before the break. When the home side went ahead midway through the second half, with a Paddy Tobin goal it looked as if they would go on to victory, but Rovers had other ideas and Adam Kenny and Killian McCabe with two late strikes, earned victory for their side.

Best for the winners were, Enda Brennan, Adam Kenny and Killian McCabe.

For Parkville, Steve Farrell, Anthony Kavanagh and Shane Murphy shone.

Nurney Villa 2

Burrin Celtic 0

Nurney well deserved victors of this tie, which they dominated from start, to finish.

The home side opened well but found Celtic 'keeper Darren Fitzgerald in fine form as he saved well from John Moriarty and Andrew Beaton. Celtic was confined to rapid breakaways in this half but the Nurney defence dealt capably with their attacks. The tie was scoreless at half time again in the second half. Nurney were on top and came close to opening the scoring on several occasions through Alan Beaton, Daniel

Brennan and Tom Moriarty before John Hughes was fouled in the area, and Alan Beaton converted the spot kick on 78 minutes. Stephen Fowler insured victory with a second goal on 84 minutes, to complete a well deserved win. Tops for Nurney Were Gary Dillon, Eamonn Dowling, Leon Power and John Ryan. For Celtic, Darren Fitzgerald, Niall Gladney, Eddie Nolan, and Shane Brennan stood out.

Bagenalstown 1

Baltinglass Boys 0

A single first half goal, gave the Town a win over an unlucky Baltinglass side. Michael Handbridge came close to opening the scoring on a couple of occasions for the Co. Wicklow side before the Town scored to go 1-0 up. Good defending from Michael Dowling and L.T. McSweeney prevented Baltinglass falling further behind before half time.

Baltinglass were on top in the second half, with Michael Handbridge again coming close on a couple of occasions, but the home side held on to all three points. For Baltinglass Mark Moore, Tom Kane, Michael Dowling and Michael Handbridge played well.

F.A.I Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup

South East 3

St. Joseph's 0

South East was much too good for the Tinryland Saints, and advanced to round 2 of the U/17 F.A.I. Cup.

All three goals came in the first half as South East stamped their authority on proceedings. The first goal came on 17 minutes when Jamie Kavanagh found Shane Clarke who squared to Dean Ryan to slam home from close range. Good one touch football from David O'Shea and Dean Ryan released Shane Clarke to net goal number 2 on 30 minutes.

Two minutes later, Jamie Kavanagh scored a fine individual goal when he advanced from left back to smash home from 25 yards.

The second half saw South East again on top but they did not add to their goal tally although the impressive Ian O'Shea came close on a couple of occasions.

Excellent for the South East were Thomas Brennan, Steve Purcell, Paddy Mulligan and Aaron Kenny.

For the Saints, Conor Doyle, Cormac Walsh, Emmet Casey and James Dempsey tried hard.