

Carlow Soccer 28.10.07

Results

Sat 27 Oct

O'Neill's L.F.A. Yths Cup Rd 1

Stretford Utd 3-5 Callan

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

Derry Rvs 3-1 Burrin Cel

Nurney Villa 2-3 Baltinglass

St. Joseph's 2-2 Parkville Utd

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

Dereen Hgts 4-0 St. Anne's

St. Fiacc's 7-1 Crettyard Utd

Sun 28 Oct

FAI Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup

Tymon Bawn 0-8 South East

Carlow Shield Rd 1

Killeshin 1-4 New Oak

Ridge Rngs 0-0 Crettyard Utd a.e.t.

(Crettyard advance 4-2 on pens.)

St. Joseph's 5-1 Hanover Hps

Carlow People Premier

Bagenalstown 2-3 Burrin Cel

Stretford Utd 2-4 Parkville Utd

Nationalist Division

Ballymurphy 5-2 Castle Rngs

Hacketstown 3-1 Moone Cel

Nurney Villa 1-1 Kilree Cel

White's Pharmacy Division

Baltinglass abd Ardattin Ath

Derry Rvs 8-2 Rathanna

Parkville Utd 1-0 Old Rd Villa

Stretford Utd 2-3 New Oak

Dolmen Flooring Division

Borris F.C. 3-0 Nurney Villa

Burrin Cel 1-3 Hacketstown

Grange F.C. 7-2 Dereen Hgts

Hanover Hps p-p Tullow Twn

League Tables

Carlow People Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Burrin Celtic 8	5	2	1	23	14	17	

Parkville United	7	5	0	2	15	6	15
Crettyard United	7	4	2	1	21	11	14
Bagenalstown 8	4	2	2	16	11	14	
St. Fiacc's F.C.	8	3	2	3	13	16	11
Stretford United	7	2	3	2	12	13	9
New Oak Boys	5	2	2	1	13	8	8
Slaney Rovers 7	1	1	5	11	18	4	
Hanover Harps	4	0	2	2	4	7	2
Killeshin F.C. 7	0	0	7	6	30	0	

Nationalist Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Crettyard United	7	4	2	1	13	13	14
Ballymurphy Celtic	7	4	1	2	19	10	13
Kilree Celtic. 6	3	2	1	16	7	11	
Hacketstown United	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Wolfhill Athletic	7	2	2	3	8	9	8
Nurney Villa 6	1	4	1	7	7	7	
Moone Celtic 6	1	3	2	8	14	6	
Palatine Celtic 7	1	0	6	7	17	3	
Castle Rangers	4	0	1	3	7	14	1

Whites Pharmacy Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
New Oak Boys	6	5	1	0	19	8	16
Stretford United.	7	5	0	2	21	11	15
St. Joseph's 7	4	2	1	25	15	14	
Ardattin Athletic	6	4	0	2	12	8	12
Ridge Rangers 4	3	0	1	10	5	9	
Baltinglass Boys	4	3	0	1	10	7	9
Dereen Heights	7	3	0	4	13	14	9
Derry Rovers 8	2	0	6	22	28	6	
Parkville United	8	2	0	6	11	23	6
Old Road Villa	6	1	1	4	8	14	4
Rathanna F.C. 7	1	0	6	10	28	3	

Dolmen Flooring Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Grange F.C. 7	7	0	0	31	7	21	
Hanover Harps	7	5	0	2	20	11	15
Carlow Rovers	7	3	3	1	18	15	12
Borris F.C. 5	3	0	2	10	7	9	
Dereen Heights	7	2	2	3	14	18	8
Tullow Town 5	2	1	2	8	9	7	
Nurney Villa 8	2	1	4	14	22	7	
Hacketstown Utd	8	2	1	5	8	20	7
Burrin Celtic 8	0	2	6	9	23	2	

Over 35's Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Wolfhill Ath 3	3	0	0	9	2	9	
New Oak Boys	2	1	1	0	5	2	4
Stradbally Town	2	1	0	1	3	7	3
Killeshin F.C. 2	0	1	1	0	1	1	

Thomastown Utd	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Nurney Villa	3	0	0	3	0	5	0

Diamond Woodcraft U/17	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Derry Rovers	6	5	0	1	18	12	15
Parkville Utd	5	3	1	1	16	8	10
Nurney Villa	4	2	0	2	9	5	6
St. Joseph's	4	1	2	1	16	10	5
Burrin Celtic	6	1	2	3	7	10	5
Baltinglass	5	1	1	3	7	21	4
South East	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Bagenalstown	5	1	0	4	6	18	3

Diamond Woodcraft U/18	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Dereen Hgts	6	4	1	1	20	11	13
St. Fiacc's	4	3	1	0	17	6	10
St. Anne's	4	3	0	1	14	8	9
Crettyard Utd	5	2	1	2	13	19	7
South East	2	1	0	1	7	3	3
Stretford Utd	4	0	1	3	7	17	1
Moone Celtic	5	0	0	5	4	18	0

Golden Boot

W/end 21 Oct.

Carlow People Premier

- 7 Byrne Dominic, Slaney Rvs
- 6 Fox Brendan, Crettyard Utd
- 5 Kelly Alan, Burrin Celtic
- 5 Coakley Shane, Killeshin
- 5 Phelan Neale, Parkville Utd
- 5 Nolan Ross, Burrin Celtic

Nationalist Division

- 5 Doyle Thomas, Ballymurphy
- 4 Doyle James, Kilree Celtic
- 4 Purcell Niall, Crettyard
- 4 Dwyer Blain, Kilree Celtic
- 4 Fleming Val, Nurney Villa

Whites Pharmacy Division

- 10 Dempsey Mark, St. Joseph's
- 10 Quinlan Denis, New Oak Boys
- 9 Haughney Paul, Stretford Utd
- 6 English Michael, Baltinglass Boys
- 5 Doran Colm, St. Joseph's

Dolmen Flooring Division

- 10 Byrne Niall, Grange F.C.
- 7 Byrne Kieve, Carlow Rvs
- 5 Byrne Patrick, Grange

5 Brennan Keith, Grange F.C.
5 Byrne Pádraigh, Burrin Celtic

Over 35

3 Enright Ger, Wolfhill Ath
2 Walker Brian, New Oak
2 Dunne Karl, Wolfhill Ath
2 McGrath Patrick, New Oak
2 Patterson Martin, Wolfhill Ath
2 Clancy Niall, Stradbally Twn.

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

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

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

10 Champion Colin, St. Anne's
4 Preston Stephen, Dereen Heights
4 Byrne Adrian, Crettyard United

Noticeboard

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Disciplinary

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

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Fixtures

Sat 3 Nov 2.30pm

FAI Umbro Youths Challenge Cup Rd 2 (e.t.p.)

Rhodes v St Anne's Local

Diamond Woodcraft U/17 2.30pm

Nurney Villa v St. Joseph's P. Kehoe
 Parkville Utd v Baltinglass M. O'Reilly

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

Stretford Utd v Moone Celtic M. Salter

Sun 4 Nov**FAI Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup Rd 3 (e.t.p)**

Oatfield Celtic v South East F.C. 12.45 Local

FAI Umbro Jnr Cup Rd 3 (e.t.p.)

Lions F.C. v Crettyard Utd TBA Local

Carlow People Premier

Burrin Cel v New Oak 11am M. Salter
 Parkville Utd v Bagenalstown 11am J. Wynne
 Hanover Hps v Slaney Rvs 11am D. O'Connor

Nationalist Division

Castle Rngs v Kilree Cel 2pm P. Moran
 Crettyard Utd v Ballymurphy 2pm P. Kelly
 Nurney Villa v Hacketstown 11am G. O'Sullivan
 Palatine Cel v Wolfhill Ath 2pm M. Murphy

Whites Pharmacy

Baltinglass v Dereen Hgts 11am G. Cosgrove
 Derry Rvs v Ridge Rngs 11am M. Doran
 Rathanna v Parkville Utd 2pm M. Salter
 Stretford Utd v Ardattin Ath 11am P. Kelly

Dolmen Flooring

Hacketstown v Grange F.C. 11am C. O'Rourke
 Tullow Twn v Borris F.C. 2pm P. Kehoe

Over 35 Division

Killeshin v New Oak 2pm M. Doran

REPORTS**Carlow Shield**

Ridge Rangers 0

Crettyard United 0 a.e.t.

(Crettyard advanced 4-2 on pens.)

On a tight pitch Crettyard found it difficult to create open play against Ridge Rangers in the Carlow Shield in Crossneen.

Rangers in the first half defended in depth with Crettyard confined to mostly midfield play not used to the narrowness of the pitch. Any chances that would have come from the Champions was defended by Ridge. The home side was mainly relying on the break as play concentrated for the most part in the Rangers half. John Sheehan had a

half chance for Ridge and Jim Dunne from a quick free kick saw his shot scrape over. Ray Buggy, one of Rangers strikers forced a save towards the end of the half from United's 'keeper, John Graham who had it easily covered.

For Crettyard the second half was no different with them again having most of their play in midfield and Rangers again defending and creating a few chances on the break. Adrian Brennan forced a good save from United's John Graham and their best chance came through Barry Amond who scuffed his attempt to make it an easy save in the end. Jimmy Dunne had a long range shot that did not create any problems for Crettyard.

The game progressed into extra time and the fitness and quality of the Champions began to show, forcing Rangers right back to almost their goal line with Paddy Dunne heavily in action. In the first period Anthony Holohan went close after Ricardo Tavolieri set him up. Christóir Maher for United created a half chance in the second period as did Damien Sheehan for Rangers, but with the deadlock unbroken the game was decided on penalties. John Graham saved one for Crettyard before United's Ray Buggy scored the winner to advance 4-2 to next round.

Terence Haughney, Ray Buggy and Michael Jordan put in top performances for Crettyard United. From and all around good Ridge Rangers team performance, 'keeper Adrian Brennan, Bobby Doyle, Liam Dunne and Conor McNally stood out.

Killeshin 1 **New Oak Boys 4**

Both sides were very cautious during the early exchanges and no real scoring chances were created until Willard Kinsella made progress down the right wing before lashing over a cross which was angled towards goal but the Killeshin keeper deflected the ball which looped perfectly for Pa Kavanagh to head New Oak ahead on 20 minutes.

Killeshin's recent improvement was in evidence as they succeeded in preventing New Oak from building on this advantage and gradually got themselves back into the game with a deserved equaliser on 35 minutes. The exchanges which followed to half time were evenly balanced. Willard Kinsella remained an out-wide hot shot and he fed an accurate low pass towards the near post where Seamie Doran arrived on queue to restore the New Oak advantage on 50 minutes. Killeshin had to take action and quickly before the game slipped entirely from their grasp but a wayward pass was intercepted by Brian Quigley who raced forward before planting an accurate cross onto the head of Pa Kavanagh who put New Oak into a commanding position on 55 minutes. A period of Killeshin pressure threatened to drag the New Oak defence out of shape and a rash challenge by James Coakley handed Killeshin a penalty award on 70 minutes. Dale Kearney's excellent reaction save put the tin hat on Killeshin's efforts with James Coakley later redeeming himself by setting up Pa Kavanagh to clinch a rare hat trick of headed scores. Best for New Oak included Pa Kavanagh, Killian Bolger and Seamie Doran.

St. Joseph's 5 **Hanover Harps 1**

Having performed at a sublime level against Dublin based Pioneers the Carlow town based Hanover performed at the other end of the scale against a boisterous and well organised St. Josephs who failed to record their customary very early score.

But Hanover will be examining some lamentable defending which allowed Mark Dempsey to make progress from midfield before delivering a pass which Ian Scully

smacked to their net on 22 minutes. Mark Dempsey's willingness to drive forward at every opportunity unsettled the Harps midfield and his astute pass allowed Ian Scully to score again on 24 minutes. This unexpected turn of events gradually eked a response from Premier division Hanover but they lacked the creativity to penetrate the Saints defence before half time.

The outcome of the game was far from settled and Hanover mustered a reply when a well timed Phil Neenan release allowed Arran Wynne to advance and score on 55 minutes. The Saints introduced Cian Moore and he made an immediate impact when he scored on 60 minutes. Hanover effectively gave up the ghost after St. Joe's custodian Glen Doyle made a number of telling saves followed quickly by Ian Scully snapping a shot to the Hanover net on 72 minutes and Mark Roche added to their woes on 88 minutes. Most impressive for St. Joseph's included Ian Scully, Mark Dempsey and Glen Doyle. Best for Hanover were Aaron Wynne, Sean Kavanagh and Colm Whelan

Carlow People Premier

Bagenalstown 2

Burrin Celtic 3

It's been a long time since the Ballon outfit sat prettily at the top of the Premier division but they have been quietly adding a number of serious scalps in recent weeks. Their Marcin Bieniasz launched a throw which seemed to surprise the massed Bagenalstown defence allowing Alan Kelly to gain possession on the edge of the area before drilling a shot along the ground beating the despairing dive of Pat Coady on nine minutes. Typically, Bagenalstown responded stylishly and Patti O'Neill guided a pass into the path of Mick Nevin who powered through a couple of tackles before unleashing a shot that rattled the Celtic post. The pressure continued to mount with Celtic defending in numbers and Bagenalstown's David Devine had a volley smothered by the Celtic keeper on 30 minutes. Bagenalstown continued to press and it cost them dearly when Alan Kelly led a break and his perfectly timed pass allowed Michael O'Leary to pick his spot before firing in a precision guided missile to double the Celtic advantage on 35 minutes. There was always quality coherence in Town's play and they were rewarded when Brian Murphy advanced to set up Patti O'Neil to score with a well placed shot on 44 minutes.

The next score was always likely to have a telling impact on the outcome of the game so both teams adopted a defensively cautious approach to the third quarter minimising risk taking. During this period Patti O'Neill and David Barcoe might have equalised but these misses were put into perspective when Burrin's David Shanahan carefully shoes his moment to rumble forward and his release allowed Alan Kelly to score on 58 minutes. The excitement and intensity grew with Patti O'Neill's weighted header allowing David Devine to plant a volley to the Celtic net on 70 minutes. During the course of the following exchanges Celtic's Ross Nolan might have added a couple of scores but was denied by the excellence of Pat Coady in the Bagenalstown goal.

These set up Bagenalstown for one last throw of the dice with Phi O'Brien's cross confusing the Celtic defence allowing the ever dangerous Patti O'Neill to gain possession in a good position but his effort flew very narrowly wide allowing Burrin to collect the points. Best for Burrin included Graham Whelan, Marcin Bieniasz, Armour McFarland and James Nolan. Best for Bagenalstown included Pat Coady, Phil O'Brien and Trevor Nolan.

Parkville United 4

Wayne Donohue's ability to precisely guide a free into the space where Ray Shannon knows he is going to arrive into was the factor which carved out the game's first score on seven minutes.

The United defence was flatfooted once again when another Wayne Donohue invention allowed James O'Connor to score on ten minutes. Jonathan Quiney was having a significant influence on the midfield exchanges and his efforts continued to give the Tullow outfit a decided advantage which improved further still when Ray Shannon swooped to capitalise on confusion at the heart of the Stretford defence and score to put Parkville into a commanding position on 30 minutes. Having made life difficult for themselves Stretford gradually began to put their heads above the parapet with Paul Broderick latching onto a Mark Doyle pass before beating the advancing Ebby Quigley to score on 38 minutes. During the following exchanges the Parkville keeper made a number of brave saves and telling interventions which prevented Stretford from capitalising on some excellent approach play which sliced through the Parkville defence.

It was a restructured Stretford which adopted an adventurous approach to the second half but a number of scoring chances went begging with Paul Broderick, Cathal Keegan, John Griffen and Garry Powell all going close to scoring without reward. Parkville were economy itself and when the one quality chance was created it was James O'Connor who set up the outstanding Wayne Donohue to score on 60 minutes. Stretford scored later when Garry Powell set up Brian Coogan to score but the game was over as a contest at that stage. Best for Parkville included John Kirwan, James O'Connor, Wayne Donohue and Jonathan Quiney. Best for Stretford included Ken Lacy, Paul Broderick and Brian Coogan.

Nationalist Division

Hacketstown Utd 3

Moone Celtic 1

Hacketstown moved closer to the leaders of Division 1 after this emphatic win at home on Sunday.

The home side went ahead after 12 minutes when Jamie Walsh released Keith Pollard who planted the ball in the Moone net. Pollard doubled the lead on 30 minutes heading home an Eoin Coleman cross as the Moone defence appealed for off side. 2-0 up at the break went further ahead early in the second half when Eoin Coleman who beat Ken Darcy from close range pounced on a weak back pass. Fair play to Moone they battled away and were rewarded with a consolation goal from which Emmet Daly directed a corner kick on 70 minutes, but Hacketstown went on to complete a good victory. Best for the winners in a fine team performance were, Jamie Walsh, Eoin Coleman, and Keith Pollard.

For Moone, goalie Ken Darcy, Vinny Dowling, Mark Kavanagh and Emmet Daly tried hard.

Nurney Villa 1

Kilree Celtic 1

This parish derby match ended all square in Nurney on Sunday.

The visitors had the better of the early exchanges and Craig Doyle and Christy Coady were close, before Villa settled in to the game and Dinny Byrne brought a fine save out of Celtic 'keeper Liam Walsh. Just before half time, the Bagenalstown side took the lead when Jimmy Cullen Nurney's left back and 'keeper Pakie Fleming got their

communications crossed as Cullen's back header ended up in the net. Six minutes into the second half Villa got back on level terms when Jimmy Cullen put through a ball to Brendan Flynn who ran on to slip the ball past Liam Walsh. Both sides had chances to win the game Craig Doyle and John Dowling just off target while at the other end Dinny Byrne brought another great save out of Liam Walsh, but in the end, the sides had to settle for a point each. For Villa Trevor Corcoran, Jimmy Cullen and Dinny Byrne impressed.

Celtic was well saved by Martin Coady, Damien Clarke and Craig Doyle.

Ballymurphy Celtic 5

Castle Rangers 2

Ballymurphy collected maximum points at home on Sunday.

The game was scoreless for 35 minutes, but the home side hit a purple patch late in the half hitting three goals to lead 3-0 at the break.

Kevin Foley opened the scoring when he converted an Eoin Doyle cross. Then Thomas Doyle scored with a couple of good headers to put Celtic into a comfortable lead. Rangers however were to make them nervous in the second half when they reduced the lead to the minimum midway through the half. Eoin Doyle however, settled the Celtic nerves with a goal on 75 minutes. To make sure of victory Eoin Doyle again got on the score sheet on 86 minutes. Best for the winners were Kevin Foley, Eoin and Thomas Doyle.

White's Pharmacy Division

Derry Rovers 8

Rathanna 2

The Rathanna defence was tested early on and Peter Brennan's skilful ball control extracted a rash tackle that earned a penalty which Kieran Gahan converted on four minutes.

The Clonegal lads defence had a few question marks hanging over it after Rathanna equalised on 12 minutes. Openings came and went for both sides until Derry's Eddie O'Leary clipped a well judged free high into the Rathanna net on 30 minutes and this was followed quickly by a well taken Peter Brennan score. Rathanna were defending in numbers and fell further behind to a Kieran Gahan score on 44 minutes but proved that there was some fire left in their belly's when they reduced the arrears with a well taken free just before the half time whistle.

This proved to be the final relief for Rathanna as Derry proceeded to dominate the second half proceedings with scores coming at regular intervals through Eddie O'Leary, Peter Brennan, Liam McMullan and Kevin Moran and who were the most impressive players for Derry.

Parkville United 1

Old Road Villa 0

The Tullow outfit found themselves defending in numbers as Villa sought an early score.

Indeed but for the agile saves of Damien Bolger United might have found themselves substantially in arrears towards the end of the first half. But Parkville improved and Old Road's stout defending kept the increasingly busy Parkville forward line at bay until a well timed Kevin Smithers pass sprung their hair triggered offside trap and Chris Boyle raced through to score on 40 minutes.

Old Road were denied on a couple of occasions by the woodwork before United settled into the second half with the defensive efforts of Kevin and Jonathan Smithers and 'Cobs' Coady finally closing down the Villa attack. Parkville held out thanks to the efforts of Kevin and Jonathan Smithers, Stephen Roche and Bobby Byrne.

Stretford United 2
New Oak Boys 3

New Oak keeper James Ruth was required to be at his alert best during the early exchanges as he made a number of important interceptions to prevent the dangerous Stretford forward line from capitalising on the good work of Paul Devoy and Barry Mc Daniels

But United's Brian Coss broke through to score on seven minutes. From the kick-off New Oak attacked and earned a free on the edge of the United box. James Coakley drilled the ball goalwards but United keeper Gavin Deering struggled to retain possession allowing Jason O'Neill to sweep the loose ball to the net to equalise on eleven minutes. During the course of the following exchanges both Mick Long and Sean Maher might have done better with a couple of quality scoring chances and these misses were to prove costly as New Oak secured the lead when a Trevor Power shot too a wicked deflection off Paul Doyle before beating Gavin Deering on 43 minutes. Stretford's much improved showing during the second half was due to the combined efforts of Mick Long and Barry Mc Daniels and United deservedly equalised on 60 minutes when Barry Mc Daniels capitalised on a defensive lapse to score. The game appeared to be heading for a share of the spoils when James Coakley and Tom Collins combined to set up a great cross for an in flight Graham Kelly to head to the net to secure New Oak's winner on 82 minutes. Best for New Oak included Jason O'Neill, Trevor Power and Keelan Doyle. Best for Stretford included Stuart and PJ Connolly, Barry Mc Daniels and Conor Dooley

Dolmen Flooring

Grange F.C. 7
Dereen Heights 2

Niall Byrne reached the one hundred goal mark after three seasons, with five goals for Grange on Sunday.

On five minutes Byrne's shot rebounded off the Dereen 'keeper and Johnny Kavanagh were on hand to finish. That goal came at a bad time for Dereen as they had a player injured just before. Grange went on to double their advantage on ten minutes from a Paddy Byrne throw in Niall Byrne scored the first of his five goals. Dereen came back and on 18 minutes, they reduced the arrears with a goal by Darren Reid. The half settled down after the hectic opening to end at 2-1. Dereen's 'keeper under pressure on 60 minutes made a clearance that went straight to Niall Byrne, who scored to make it 3-1.

Again Dereen came back and with an excellent Darren Coakley header they narrowed the gap. The table toppers then took complete control with Byrne getting his hat trick from a Joseph Arguetta cross on 70 minutes. Five minutes later Paddy Byrne set up Niall, for his fourth goal. Niall Byrne made it 6-2 and one hundred goals scored in cell competitions when he lobbed the defence to run through and slot home on 78 minutes. Grange's final goal came on 82 minutes, a pass from the hero Byrne to set up David Cleere to score.

Keith Hayden, Gavin Lawlor and Niall Byrne put in top drawer performances.

Best for Dereen Heights were, David Nolan, Darren Reid and Darren Coakley.

Borris F.C. 3

Nurney Villa 1

A very much improved Borris saw Nurney playing second best on the day.

In the first half Villa failed to create any chances of note, while Borris got off to an excellent start. On five minutes, John McKeever floated a ball over the defence for Shem Dwyer to lob the out-coming Villa 'keeper for an excellent executed first goal. Darren Foley, Anthony Jordan and Dwyer went on to create chances for Borris while David Dowling created Villa's best before the end of the half.

Borris started strongly in the second half with Leonard Cummins going close and Chris Kearney the Nurney 'keeper, taking one off the line to deny Borris substitute, Christopher Kealty a goal. Then on 60 minutes from a Dwyer corner kick, Anthony Jordan jumped the highest to double the Borris advantage.

In the meantime, Villa battled away never dropping their heads but before they were rewarded for their efforts Chris Coleman set up Jason Gaffrey for a tap in on 70 minutes. Then on 78 minutes Richard Kearney reduced the arrears to 3-1 for Nurney Villa. This gave Villa hope and in a hectic ending David Dowling forced an excellent save from the Borris 'keeper. Borris also had chances through Dwyer, Gaffrey and David Johnston.

In a very much improved Borris team who all stepped up to the mark, Darren Foley, Christopher Coleman, John Francis Coleman and Shem Dwyer, were players of note. For Nurney Villa, Thomas Murphy, Brian Kavanagh, Richard Burke and David Dowling put in a one hundred per cent performance.

Burrin Celtic 0

Hacketstown United 3

A mixture of inexperienced players along with experienced players such as Damien Lyons, Gary Halpin and James Tallon, gave Hacketstown the edge over Celtic on Sunday.

Burrin controlled a lot of the play in the first quarter with Tom Murphy and David Wilson creating good scoring opportunities. Then United took over. Following good work by Mark Joyce and James Doyle, Joyce was released to cross into the six yard box but Damien Lyons failed to connect. Ten minutes later a hopeful ball from Joyce saw Halpin head on to Doyle and Halpin followed through to head home for the opening goal. On 38 minutes Tallon put through Joyce who in turn put a low ball through the middle for Richard Hopson to side foot home for a 2-0 lead.

Celtic had a few chances before the end, but United's 'keeper Alan Byrne kept the scoreline at 2-0 for the break.

In the second half United had the wind on their backs and on 60 minutes from a mid field scrap, Halpin had a shot from the edge of the area which the Celtic 'keeper cleared to United's Joyce who kicked back into an empty goal for a 3-0 lead.

The half continued to be a mid field battle with Jimmy Nolan the only Celtic player to create a chance. At the other end Joyce and Halpin missed chances to add further goals for United.

Mark Joyce, Gary Halpin, and James Tallon were players of note from a very good Hacketstown team performance. Best players for Burrin Celtic were, Owen Ray, James Foley and David Wilson.

FAI Umbro U/17 Challenge Cup

Tymon Bawn 0
South East 8

South East proved much too strong for their Tallaght opposition, in fact so much in control of the tie were they that with a bit more luck in front of goal the South East side could have doubled their goal tally.

The visitors got off to a flying start and Aaron Kenny and Dean Ryan came close, while the luckless David O'Shea hit the Tymon woodwork on no less than three times in the first 20 minutes. However the pressure had to tell and South East went ahead when Shane Clarke squared for Dean Ryan to shoot home. Aaron Kenny doubled the lead before man of the match Shane Clarke hit the rigging twice to give South East a four goal lead at half time. Clarke completed his hat trick early in the second half, following an excellent move involving four players. A couple of fine solo goals from Aaron Kenny and Dean Ryan put South East seven up before Clarke completed the scoring with his fourth goal after an excellent ball from Conor Byrne. Along with Clarke South East had top class performances from Paddy Mulligan, Philip Smithers, Paul Prendergast and Thomas Brennan.

O'Neill's L.F.A. Youth's Cup

Stretford Utd 3

Callan Utd 5

Stretford exited the L.F.A. Youths Cup on Saturday. Utd started well and went ahead on 11 minutes Enna Lawlor found David Kehoe in space with a good ball and Kehoe found the net. Four minutes later, Callan was level when they scored from a free on the edge of the area. Stretford regained the lead on 35 minutes when Niall Prendergast's shot was parried and Craig Lawlor reacted first to put away the rebound. It was 2-1 to Stretford at the break, but three minutes into the second half, Callan equalised from a penalty. United's defence was then undone twice by long balls over the top as the Kilkenny side went 2-4 up by the hour. A good move involving Paul McElligot and Niall Prendergast opened up the Callan defence for Enna Lawlor to score and put Stretford back in the contest. However five minutes from the end, Callan scored again to insure victory.

Best for Stretford was Colvin Kehoe in goal, Martin Doyle, Paul McElligot and Craig Lawlor.

Diamond Woodcraft U/17

Derry Rovers 3

Burrin Celtic 1

Rovers came from a goal down at half time, to take all three points from this tie. The Ballon side took an 18 minute lead with a good finish from John Murphy. Celtic held this single goal until half time but twelve minutes into the new half, Rovers equalised through Paul Nolan. The momentum was now with the home side as they pushed for the lead goal, and on 76 minutes they went ahead when the Celtic 'keeper dropped a shot and Adam Kenny pounced to score. A brilliant free kick from all of 30 yards from Paul Nolan on 85 minutes made certain of victory for Derry. Playing well for Rovers were Donal and Pauric Hickey and Adam Kenny, for Celtic, Niall Gladney, Shane Brennan, Dean Kelly and Sean Foley impressed.

Nurney Villa 2

Baltinglass Boys 3

Baltinglass had their first win of the season defeating a disjointed Nurney side. Nurney opened well but never troubled the Boys 'keeper, and as Baltinglass settled they looked more dangerous and on 20 minutes, they were awarded a penalty after Sam Fogarty was fouled in the area, but Brian Murphy superbly saved Niall Douglas spot kick. Four minutes later Murphy again denied Douglas with a fine save. Against the run of play, Villa went ahead on 43 minutes through Ciaran Cunningham to take a half time lead.

Early in the second half, Boys levelled from a Garrett Doyle free. Niall Douglas then broke through from halfway to put Baltinglass ahead. As Nurney pushed for an equaliser, they left gaps as the back and Sean Horan took advantage to put them 1-3 up. With time almost up Ciaran Cunningham got a goal back for Nurney but it was too late to alter the result.

For Baltinglass, David Faulkner, Garrett Doyle, Sam Fogarty and Niall Douglas impressed. Nurney's best were, Brian Murphy, Leon Power and Alan Beaton.

St Joseph's 2

Parkville Utd 2

Parkville had to come from a two goal half time deficit to earn a point from this tie at Mc Ardle's Cross. The Tinryland side had a good first half and were 2-0 up at the half time break. The Tullow side kept plugging away and they got back into the game with the help of a bit of luck when a Joseph's defender put through his own goal. With their tails up Parkville now pushed for an equaliser, and an over robust tackle saw Joseph's concede a penalty which was converted by Paul Earle to tie the sides.

Despite the best efforts of both sides, there was to be no further scoring, so the sides had to settle for a point each. Impressive for Parkville were, Shane Murphy, Ben Byrne and Lee Hennessy.

Diamond Woodcraft U/18

Dereen Heights 4

St. Anne's 0

Dereen had a fine win over an under strength Ballylinan side.

The home side were always in control of the tie, and went ahead early on through Daniel Pereira; they doubled their lead just on half time when Darren Reid netted to see them hold a comfortable 2-0 lead at the break. Despite being reduced to 10 players during the second half, Dereen went on to add two more goals from Darren Reid and Anthony Core to clinch a comfortable victory. The winners were well saved by Jamie Hennessy, Michael Corr, Patrick Hutton and Darren Reid, for St. Anne's, Damien Brennan, Eric Kenna and Alan Kehoe showed up well.