

Lodgewood Engineering Intermediate Football Championship

April 19, 2015

Ballyhogue 3-11, Ferns St Aidans 0-9

Ferns proved no match for Ballyhogue on Sunday at St Patrick's Park as the blues easily got the better of the red and white men in the second round of the Lodgewood Engineering Intermediate Football Championship Group A.

From the off, Ballyhogue seemed much more comfortable with their passes and passages of play. Their midfielder, Syl Byrne, wasn't slow off the mark in claiming the first point as his solo run brushed by the Ferns full back line in the opening minute.

The focussed Ballyhogue squad managed to set the bar high, following soon after with two powerful goals from Denis Leacy and Conor Byrne.

Ferns struggled to pick their heads up but eventually replied, with Jonathon Dwyer supplying two points before Tommy Dwyer and Patrick Breen followed suit.

The quick Ballyhogue forward, Noel Roche, posed a serious threat throughout, and he guided the next two balls over the bar after fouls on his team-mates. Eddie Galavan also joined the scoring spree, adding two points for Ballyhogue before the half-time whistle blew.

With quite a significant lead at the break, Ballyhogue managed to progress this further after the throw-in ball. Roche once again popped up, this time firing two balls over the bar from play.

Syl Byrne claimed a fantastic point before playing a key role in setting up Denis Leacy for his second goal, which beautifully found the roof of the Ferns net. Shane Roche also secured his name on the Ballyhogue score-sheet with a good point.

Roche continued his work with a fine point from play before Shane Byrne's talent for catching the high ball helped him do likewise. Ryan Nolan and Ian Byrne ended matters with two points for Ferns, but overall they were no match for Ballyhogue.

Ferns St Aidans: Martin O'Connor; Declan Byrne, Pdraig Bolger, Pat Nolan; Brian O'Neill, James Tonks, Ciaran Roberts; Jamie Whelan, Ian Byrne (0-1); Tommy Dwyer (0-1), Aaron Collier, Jonny Dwyer (0-4); Ryan Nolan (0-2, 1 free), Patrick Breen (0-1), Ben Cowman. **Subs:** Patrick Codd for O'Connor, Colm Whelan for Collier.

Ballyhogue: Myles Roche; John Roche, Sean Rochford, Graham Parker; James Parle, Shane Doyle, Tomas Moriarty; Syl Byrne (0-2), Shane Byrne (0-2); Noel Roche (0-5, 2 frees), Eddie Galavan (0-2, 1 free), John Kehoe; Liam Kelly, Denis Leacy (2-0), Conor Byrne (1-0). **Sub:** Hugh O'Neill for Galavan.

Referee: Noel Stafford (Clongeen)