

Lodgewood Engineering Intermediate Football Championship

April 12, 2015

Ferns St Aidans 1-11, Taghmon/Camross 0-9

Ferns St Aidans got their Lodgewood Intermediate Football Championship campaign off to a winning start as they overcame the challenge of Taghmon/Camross by five points in Bree on Sunday afternoon.

The Ferns men were good value for their victory, as they led all the way after a Patrick Breen goal on nine minutes – although that could have been different if Taghmon/Camross had been more accurate with their shooting, in the third quarter in particular, as they had five wides in a row between the 36th and 42nd minutes.

Ferns, under the guidance of former county star Colm Morris, were just that bit sharper and quicker throughout the game, and indeed were off to a flyer as Benny Jordan had the opening point of the game after less than 30 seconds. Alan Nolan replied for Taghmon/Camross a minute later and Ryan Nolan then knocked over a free for Ferns, before he also started a move that culminated in Aaron Collier providing the assist to Patrick Breen for the ninth minute goal that was to give Ferns a cushion for the rest of the game, and prove just too much for Taghmon/Camross to claw back.

Ferns went on to lead by 1-6 to 0-6 at the break, but Taghmon/Camross had the first two scores of the second half – through Seamie McLoughlin, and a Darren Carty goalbound shot that was touched over the bar by Ferns goalkeeper Martin O'Connor. Benny Jordan then restored a two-point lead for the Ferns men, before Taghmon suffered that wasteful period of shooting, and they were then punished by Ryan Nolan then converting a free at the other end to make it 1-8 to 0-8 as the game entered the closing quarter.

Midfielder Ian Carty narrowed the gap again as he pointed for Taghmon/Camross on 49 minutes, but Ferns again had a goal to spare as defender Ciarán Roberts made his way up the field to score a rare point with six to go. Taghmon/Camross failed to score again in the closing stages, while Tommy Dwyer and Ryan Nolan (free) added insurance points for Ferns, seeing out a deserved victory.

Ferns St Aidans: Martin O'Connor; Declan Byrne, Pádraig Bolger, Pat Nolan; Robert Vickers, James Tonks, Ciarán Roberts (0-1); Jamie Whelan, Ian Byrne; Tommy Dwyer (0-1), Benny Jordan (0-2), Peter Nolan (0-1); Aaron Collier (0-1), Patrick Breen (1-0), Ryan Nolan (0-5, 4 frees). Subs: Jonny Dwyer for Peter Nolan; Brian O'Neill for Vickers; Ben Cowman for Collier; Patrick Codd for Breen.

Taghmon/Camross: Sean O'Gorman; Matthew Doyle, Robert Nolan, Darren Colfer; Mark O'Gorman, Alan Nolan (0-1), Darren Carty (0-1); Barry O'Gorman (0-2), Ian Carty (0-1); Eoin Doyle (0-1), Seamie McLoughlin (0-2, 1 free), Conor O'Keefe; Stephen O'Gorman, Pat Nolan, Pierce Doyle. Sub: Derek O'Hanlon for Pat Nolan (inj.)

Referee: Barry Redmond (Clonard)