

Junior Hurling Championship - August 30, 2014

Ferns St Aidans 4-9, Faythe Harriers 0-13

Four second half goals paved the way for a big victory for 14-man Ferns St. Aidans, leaving them top of Group B heading into the knockout stages after this Junior Hurling Championship clash at Hollymount on Saturday last.

The game was lacking any major bite as both sides had already qualified before the throw-in and were merely playing for places. Only three scores from play in the entire first-half tells its own story, with Ben Cowman and Ben Bernie pointing for the winners and Mikey Hanrahan replying for the Harriers.

However, the Harriers led by four at the break as the accurate Dean Walsh pointed seven frees, punishing any lapses in discipline by Ferns, and a point by Jamie McDonnell right after half-time looked to have the town team in the driving seat.

Ferns responded in the best possible fashion though as first Andy Cash's ground stroke found the net and then a ball across the square was batted to the net by the very impressive Ben Cowman to give his side the lead.

From here Ferns began to push on and edged further ahead, but they very nearly found themselves in hot water as Mikey Hanrahan brought it back to a goal between the sides and Ferns corner-forward Paddy O'Leary received his marching orders for dissent.

The winners to their credit would not lie down though, and upped their performance despite losing a man as Cowman added another point before Andy Cash found the net for a second time with eight minutes to go to seal the victory.

Ben Bernie added a fourth for Ferns minutes later to put the icing on the cake as Walsh and Jamie McDonnell added consolation scores for the Harriers who will now play St. James'. Ferns meanwhile will face Bannow-Ballymitty.

Ferns St. Aidans: Anthony Dwyer; Theo Leacy, Aaron Collier, Brian O'Neill; Pádraig Walsh, Seán Walsh, John O'Leary; Tomás Hawkins, Keith Rynhart; Andy Cash (2-1), Ben Bernie (1-2), Donnacha Kinsella (0-4 frees); Paddy O'Leary, Jamie Dunbar, Ben Cowman (1-2). **Subs:** Peter Nolan for Leacy, Oisín MacPartlin for Dunbar.

Faythe Harriers: Ken Walsh; Ross Lynch, Ben O'Brien, Cillian Lawlor; Tomás Campbell, Fran Cleary, Conor Halligan; Jamie McDonnell (0-2), Damien Roche; Shane Wilde, Mikey Hanrahan (0-2), Brian Denton; Dean Walsh (0-9 frees), Seán Pailing, Stephen Kearney. **Sub:** Jason O'Dowd for Halligan.

Referee: Francis Neville (Shelmaliere).