

# Junior Hurling Championship - June 16, 2013

## Ferns St. Aidans 1-10, Shelmaliers 1-6

FERNS St Aidans got the better of Shelmaliers in a tight Junior Hurling Championship match played in sloppy conditions at Monamolin.

Very little separated these two evenly-matched sides until Anthony Dwyer flew a 65 all the way into the Shelmaliers net in the final minute of normal time to gift his side victory - their second of the campaign.

After Dwyer pointed for Ferns in the second minute, Shelmaliers hit the front when Shane Birney forced home from close range after Denis Kelly saw his penalty brilliantly saved by vigilant netminder Conor Swaine.

Ferns pulled themselves level by the tenth minute with points from John O'Leary and Dwyer, but the Gorey District side would eventually go in behind at the interval (1-3 to 0-5) after Birney nailed two frees and Chris Gordon pointed.

A Willie O'Shaughnessy minor drove the Hollymount side two clear early in the second half, but three in a row - including a second from the impressive Ben Bernie - gave Ferns the lead closing out the third quarter (0-8 to 1-4).

Shane Birney hit back to level for Shels but with his near-namesake Ben on target again for Ferns, along with Anthony Dwyer, the pendulum again swang their way with five minutes remaining.

Birney pointed once more for Shelmaliers as they looked to grab at least a draw, to double their points tally for the championship so far, but Dwyer popped up to cement victory with his slightly-fortuitous goal, his last touch of the ball before being taken off with a leg injury.

Shelmaliers must now keep their hopes of progression alive by getting a result in their next clash against Gusserane, while Ferns will book their last eight place should they beat Davidstown-Courtnacuddy in round four.

**Ferns St Aidans:** Thomas Dwyer; Teo Leacy, Pdraig Bolger, John Murphy; Pdraig Walsh, Patrick Breen, John O'Leary (0-1); James Breen, Peter Codd; Anthony Dwyer (1-4, 0-3 frees, 1-0 '65'), Tomas Hawkins (0-1 '65'), Keith Rynhart; Jamie Dunbar (0-1), Ben Bernie (0-3), Derek Thorpe. **Subs:** Pat Nolan for Walsh; David Murphy for A Dwyer (inj.)

**Shelmaliers:** Willie Redmond; Stephen Whelan, Darren Malone, Eoghan Fitzgerald; Cathal Gaul, Denis Kinsella, Barry O'Connor; Emmet O'Leary, Ciaran Walsh; Chris Gordon (0-1), Willie O'Shaughnessy (0-1), Shane Griffith; Shane Birney (1-4, 0-4 frees), Mick Kelly, Johnny Campbell. **Sub:** Conor Tobin for O'Leary (inj.)

**Referee:** Jack Ffrench (Davidstown-Courtnacuddy)