

## Pettitt's SHC - August 12, 2014

### Ferns St Aidans 0-15, Glynn/Barntown 1-12

IT TOOK a late Tommy Dwyer point to save Ferns St. Aidan's from a surprise defeat in St. Patrick's Park on Tuesday last as Cloughbawn kept in contention for a place in the Pettitt's Senior hurling championship quarter-finals with a battling Group B draw.

A win over Buffers Alley will now earn that place in last eight, and this share of the spoils was no more than they deserved as Ferns failed to fire on full cylinders for the second game running.

Last year's runners-up were too intent on seeking early goals and lost handy points in the process, although they still led by 0-6 to 0-3 early in the third quarter. Harry Kehoe hit back with a brace, and the margin remained at one by half-time (0-9 to 0-8) after Paul Morris was unfortunate to see an attempt for goal come back off the woodwork.

The tight nature of proceedings continued on the re-start as Tommy Dwyer converted two Ferns frees while Barry Kehoe and Harry Kehoe (free) replied for Cloughbawn.

Another placed ball from the latter levelled matters, but they looked to be heading for a narrow defeat they didn't deserve when Dwyer (free) and Benny Jordan from distance edged Ferns in front by 0-14 to 0-12 with four minutes to go.

However, all was not lost for Cloughbawn as Joey Lawlor set up Harry Kehoe for the lead-taking goal before Ferns lost Ryan Nolan to a straight red card for an off-the-ball offence.

It needed a late Tommy Dwyer free to earn the pre-match favourites their second successive draw, and even after that Cloughbawn had a couple of chances to snatch victory which came to nothing.

**Ferns St. Aidans:** Michael Walsh; Niall Maguire, Pádraig Ryan, Colm Whelan; Gavin Bailey, James Tonks, Colin Leacy; Benny Jordan (0-1), Declan Byrne (0-1); Tommy Dwyer (capt., 0-6 frees), Ian Byrne (0-2), John Breen (0-2); Paul Morris (0-2), Jamie Whelan, Christopher O'Connor (0-1). **Subs:** Ryan Nolan for J. Whelan, Derek Thorpe for Leacy.

**Cloughbawn:** Noel Carton; Cathal Spratt, Tomás Furlong, Corey Bolger; Gavin Murphy, Barry Kehoe (0-1), M.J. Furlong; Davin Murphy (0-1), Páidí Cullen (0-1); Robert Whitty, Alan Carton, Barry Carton; Paul Foley (0-2), Joey Lawlor (capt., 0-2, 1 free), Harry Kehoe (1-5, 0-3 frees).

**Subs:** David Doyle-Murphy for Spratt, Leslie Monahan for Bolger.

**Referee:** David O'Leary (Rathnure).