

### Developing skills of Comprehension

## **Dundalk hit the right notes to beat Finn Harps**

Dundalk took a deserved three points following a comprehensive two goal victory over Finn Harps at a damp Oriel Park on Monday night.

Dundalk bossed the first half and took an early lead through former Derry City attacker Patrick Mc Eleney who ghosted along the edge of the penalty area before firing a shot low into the bottom right hand corner of Ciaran Gallagher's net on six minutes. That appeared to set the tone for a goal laden evening however this failed to materialise in the opening forty five minutes as the home side had the monopoly on possession but failed to increase their lead due to a well organised Finn Harps defence.

Gallagher, who had missed the side's first league meeting due to work commitments, was a busy man in the first half as he saved well from both John Mountney and Daryl Horgan in quick succession before referee Neil Doyle was forced to intervene and ask the net minder to speed up his set pieces.

Just on the stroke of half time Dundalk almost increased their lead but Paddy Barrett's close range header from an inswinging free kick thumped the crossbar and Harps escaped further punishment.

The second half began in a subdued manner as Ruairí Keating departed the field on a stretcher in the 52<sup>nd</sup> minute and his replacement David Scully was one of five Harps players booked in the second half. Manager Ollie Horgan was sent to the stand for protesting following the booking of Gallagher for timewasting in the 68<sup>th</sup> minute and his name sake Daryl put the game to bed less than ten minutes later as he rifled the ball home from ten yards following Dundalk pressure down the right.

Game set and match to the home side as the game wound down to a close with a succession of substitutions and bookings in front of a crowd of 2053.

Dundalk FC-Gary Rogers; Sean Gannon, Paddy Barrett, Andy Boyle, Dane Massey; Chris Shields, Robbie Benson; John Mountney (Ronan Finn 68), Patrick Mc Eleney (Dean Shiels 77), Daryl Horgan; David Mc Millan (Ciaran Kilduff 82)

Finn Harps- Ciaran Gallagher; Ciaran Coll, Keith Cowan, Packie Mailey, Tommy Mc Monagle, Josh Mailey; Mickey Funston (BJ Banda 85), Gareth Harkin, Tony Mc Namee (Mark Coyle 76), Ryan Curran; Ruari Keating (David Scully 82)

Referee- Neil Doyle



Focusing on skills of: (a) Scanning (b) Determining Importance (c) Summarising

**Recall Questions** (Scanning- looking for key words)

1. Name the two teams who played.

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2. Who won and by how many goals?

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3. How many people watched the game?

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4. Who was the referee?

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**Determining Importance** (The main ideas of the text)

5. Underline or highlight the five most important pieces of information in the text.

**Inference** (reading between the lines-there is no wrong answer)

6. In which month of the year was this game played? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Why do you think this? \_\_\_\_\_

**Summarising** (Retelling the most important parts of the text in your own words)

8. Write a short summary of the article on another page. (Use the answers from number 5 to help you)

**Extension/Additional Activities**

**Written-** Suggest an alternative title for the piece- Why did you choose this title?

**Oral Work (Incorporating Drama)-** Work in pairs to 'interview' the winning and losing managers after the game. The questions may also be written down in an extra writing activity



**Cross Curricular Linkage- Geography**

Locate Finn Harps home ground on a map and trace their route- look at all the counties on the route and note any towns or landmarks in each.

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