

Developing skills of Comprehension

**Longford defeated by Cabinteely on penalties**

Cabinteely have continued their fairy-tale promotion hunt with a dramatic penalty shootout win over Longford Town – with Stephen McGuinness' heroics sealing their passage to face Drogheda next week. Despite dominating the early stages of the game, Longford fell a goal behind thanks to some slack defending on their part. Keith Dalton ghosted in on the right flank and the ball fell to Paul Fox who made no mistake from close range in the windy, cold conditions.

However, the hosts soon drew level just before the break through Aaron Dobbs who headed home a superb Jack Doherty corner kick into the box. Dobbs, scoring his fifth of the season saw his glancing header sail into the back of the net to give Daire Doyle's side a deserved equaliser that their play merited. Half time score 1-1.

'Marty' Waters went mightily close from the breaking ball on a Keith Dalton free-kick – with only a last ditch block on the line from Conor Kenna saving the day for the hosts. Substitute Sam Verdon then saw his curling long-range effort clawed out of the top corner by the agile McGuinness. Cabinteely then had two great opportunities to seal it at the death through Rob Manley who was denied at the last ditch twice.

A penalty shootout was the only way either side could be separated in the end, with the heroics of McGuinness sealing Cabo's passage into the net round, where Drogheda United await. For Longford, their season is over despite a gallant effort, with its ending coming in the cruellest way possible via a penalty shootout.

**Longford Town:** Lee Steacy; Shane Elworthy (Joe Manley, 104), Conor Kenna, Michael McDonnell; Jack Doherty, Dylan Grimes (Peter Hopkins, 75), Paul O'Connor; Dean Byrne (Sam Verdon, 72), Aaron Dobbs, Adam Evans (Aodh Dervin, 95).

**Subs not used:** Sean Boyd, Karl Chambers, Luke Dennison.

**Booked:** Conor Kenna (49), Adam Evans (87).

**Cabinteely:** Stephen McGuinness; Jack Tuite, Eoin Massey, Conor Keeley, Keith Dalton (Yuta Sasaki, 87); Jack Hudson, Paul Fox, Kieran 'Marty' Waters (Luke Clucas, 112); Zak O'Neill (Shane Barnes, 110), Rob Manley, Karl Manahan (Daniel Blackbyrne, 62).

**Subs not used:** Peter Quinlan, Dean Casey, Jonny Carlin.

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**Booked:** Rob Manley (31), Zak O'Neill (90), Yuta Sasaki (120+2).

**Referee:** Alan Patchell. **Attendance:** 992.

**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

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**Cross Curricular Linkage- Geography**

Locate both teams' home grounds on a map and trace the route between them- look at all the counties on the route and note any towns or landmarks in each.

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