

Developing skills of Comprehension**Derry City Under 19s down Dundalk**

On a wet and windy Saturday at Oriel Park, visitors Derry City took all three points to keep up their league title chances as the season draws to a close. After a quiet opening few minutes, the game suddenly burst into life as Stephen Duffy cut in from the left and Ben Kelly was forced to make a super reaction save from Cathal Farren's close range strike. The rain and wind didn't help the players and the half drifted to a close as Duffy shot a similar effort over Ben Kelly's crossbar.

The second half took a while to ignite and Dundalk saw a penalty saved by Dylan Doherty low to his right. Derry punished this miss a minute later as the impressive Holden had a shot blocked and it fell at the feet of Cathal Farren who coolly clipped the ball past Ben Kelly to make it 1-0 after an hour. Dundalk had a few half efforts which drifted wide before Rory Holden curled the free kick beyond the reach of the keeper to make it two nil.

The Lilywhites were undeterred and Dylan Doherty had to make an excellent save straight away. His legs denied O'Keefe before he excelled himself in the last minute of the game by making a fantastic close range double save from the same player. And with that, any chance of even a consolation goal disappeared. For the managers, it's Derry's who will be thankful for the display of his goalkeeper while Dundalk will feel they had the chances to win the game.

Dundalk: Ben Kelly, James Rice, Emmet Hughes, Eric Whelan, Dylan Hand, Dean Watters, Anton Reilly (c), Vinny Smith, Keith Dalton, Carlton Ubazuono, Jake O'Connor.

Subs Used: Oisín Finn, Jack O' Keefe, Cormac Boyle

Derry City: Dylan Doherty, Adrian Delap, Lee Mc Colgan, Jack Blake, Conor Gormley, Dean Power, Rory Holden, Ben Doherty, Stephen Duffy, Sean Toland, Cathal Farren

Subs Used: Rhys Mc Dermott, Seán Mc Bride, Matty Doherty

Referee: David Dunne

Attendance: 200 (estimate)

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.

2. Who won and how many goals were scored in total?

3. How many people watched the game?

4. Who was the referee?

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 the home grounds of both teams 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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