

Developing skills of Comprehension**Drogheda advance at the expense of Avondale**

Avondale United exited the FAI Cup at the hands of Drogheda United following a brave display in a 2-1 defeat at United Park on a warm dry Friday night. Stephen Meaney produced a low cross which was tapped to the net by Mark Doyle standing on the edge of the six yard box. The young forward's twelfth goal of the season arriving in the 13th minute to rapturous applause from the home fans who now expected a rout. However, a couple of sharp stops from O'Leary to deny both Meaney and Doyle, followed by the lively Adeyemo heading over the bar when well placed in the box, saw the half end with just a single goal between the sides.

Ten minutes into the second half, the Carrigaline men snatched an equaliser. James Donovan made a nuisance of himself between a pair of Drogheda defenders in the box and his effort appeared to take a deflection off the unfortunate Luke McNally- an impressive performer on the night- and looped into the top corner. Tim Clancy's troops were not to be denied another goal for much longer as that man O'Shea profited from a slip in the Munstermen's defence to fire home at the far post following a cross from fellow replacement Ryan Brennan.

The final fifteen minutes saw the game open up a little more as the visitors sought to equalise but the Boynesiders held firm to qualify for the next round with a slender victory.

Drogheda Utd: Luca Gratzler; James Brown, Kevin Farragher, Luke McNally, Conor Kane; Jamie Hollywood, Cian Kavanagh (Seán Brennan 62), Jake Hyland; Mark Doyle, Jordan Adeyemo (Ryan O'Shea 55), Stephen Meaney.

Subs not used: Paul Skinner, Eoin McPhillips, Luke Heeney, James Clarke, Mick Cregan

Yellow Cards: O'Shea (72), Hollywood (82)

Avondale Utd: Daniel O'Leary; David Kiely, Declan Cahill, Elijah Kadi-Harrington (Darragh O'Brien 81); John Donovan, David O'Leary, Brian Murphy, Andrew Daunt, Danny O'Connell (Stephen Barrett 22); Richard Tobin; Killian Cooper

Subs not used: Damien Roddis, Aiden Webber-Hobbs, Vincent O'Brien, Seán Barron

Yellow Cards: None

Referee: Alan Patchell

Attendance: 350

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 by how many goals?

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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