

Developing skills of Comprehension

Shamrock Rovers and Galway share the points on a winter's day

The game began in awful conditions with wind and rain howling around the stadium by the end of the 90 minutes as both Shamrock Rovers II and Galway Utd played out a draw.

Sean Callan made an important slide tackle to deny Dean O'Halloran from giving the Tribesmen the lead in the only real chance of the game inside the first twenty minutes. From the resulting counter-attack, Hoops forward Thomas Oluwa's shot crashed off the post.

The ball soon found its way back to Adam Wells, and with the goal at his mercy – he skied his effort over the bar as both sides went in level at the break. In the dying stages of the opening half – Stephen Christopher went close for the visitors, but his effort with the outside of his boot just went over. Half time 0-0.

.Minutes into the second half, Brandon Kavanagh gave the hosts through a free kick. The goal naturally sprung Galway into life – as captain Shane Duggan went close on a number of occasions – but he could not find the target. The pressure continued as Leon Pohls was forced into a smart save from Christopher from close range – as the Hoops appeared increasingly likely to take all three points.

And it soon told as Conor Barry tapped home after being fed in by Melody's pass across the six-yard box, leaving the Tribesmen deservedly level. There was further drama to come, but Kavanagh's effort at the death just went over the bar – leaving both sides unable to be separated at the full-time whistle.

Shamrock Rovers II: Leon Pohls ; Alex Dunne , Sean Callan , Peter Adigun , Cole Omorehiomnan , Adam Wells ; Darragh Nugent , Brandon Kavanagh , Sean Brennan ; Thomas Oluwa (Sinclair Armstrong 49) , Dean Williams (Jordan Tallon 77)
.Subs not used: Conan Noonan, Aidomo Emakhu, Kian Clarke, Sinclair Darren Prendergast.

Galway United: Kevin Horgan ; Josh Smith (Kevin Farragher 43) , Jack Lynch , Stephen Christopher , Killian Brouder (Maurice Nugent 45) ; Timmy Molloy , Shane Duggan , Conor Barry ; Dean O'Halloran , Enda Curran (Conor Melody 65) , Carlton Ubaezuonu .

Subs not used: Mícheál Schlingermann, Donal Higgins, Joe Collins, Alberto Cabanyes.

Referee: Kevin O'Sullivan **Attendance:** 312

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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