

Developing skills of Comprehension**St Patrick's Athletic Under 17s beat Dundalk with fine second half display**

St Patrick's Athletic came back from two goals down to beat Dundalk 3-2 at a wet and windy Blanchardstown IT on Sunday thanks to goals from Aaron McGrath, Alex Aspil and Jake Walker. Luke Gorham and Kevin Kelly scored in the first half to send the Lilywhites in at half-time with a commanding lead but the home side surged back in the second half with the aid of a strong breeze.

The opener was scored thanks to persistence from Jamie Wynne, whose dangerous cross was blocked and Luke Gorham hammered in the rebound. Dundalk were unlucky not to further increase their lead shortly afterwards when they were awarded a free kick right on the edge of the box. However, the second goal for the visitors did arrive from a set piece on the stroke of half time as Kevin Kelly netted from a free kick into the top corner.

The second half saw the home side rewarded for their pressure with a strike of the highest quality from Aaron Mc Grath who found the top corner of Odumsu's net from 30 yards to halve the deficit. The Saints gained the upper hand in proceedings following the goal and penned Dundalk back for a period. This afforded Alex Aspil the room to tee himself up 35 yards out from goal and, once more, the ball arrowed into the top corner to tie up the game. And it was the home side who took the win, when Jake Walker found space for himself inside the box to fire beyond the goalkeeper and give his side the lead for the first time in the game.

**St Patrick's Athletic:** Brian Maher; Pdraig Finnerty, Aaron McGrath, Richie O'Farrell, Kevin O'Reilly (Conor Cowley 46); Cian Lee, Seanie Mahon, Adam Nugent (Alex Aspil 46), Anthony Purdy, Mark Kelly (Keith Carter 46); Jake Walker.

**Subs not used:** Donagh McNamara.

**Booked:** Brian Maher (13), Conor Cowley (64), Pdraig Finnerty (83).

**Dundalk FC:** David Odumsu; Neill Kerr, Mark Traynor, James Prendergast, Christian Jones; Luke Doherty (Adam Kirwan 80), Kevin Kelly; Jamie Wynne, Chris McFadden (Mark Kilgallon 72), Luke Byrne (Scott Prendergast 61); Luke Gorham.

**Subs not used:** Uli Keller, Ciaran Daly.

**Booked:** Mark Traynor (76).

**Referee:** David Dunne. **Attendance:** 322

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 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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