

# THE SEASON SUMMARISED KILBRIDE JUNIOR A CHAMPIONS 2007

The championship famine is NO more! This is the story of Kilbride's successful Championship venture of 2007. The clubs first championship title in 39 years, the last Championship title was won in 1968, when that great team brought the Miley Cup back to Kilbride. Things didn't look at all promising when in mid-season our trainer Tom Magee resigned as Manager. Tom felt he wasn't getting sufficient player commitment and along with heavy work commitments, Tom decided to pack the job in. So in stepped a former player of recent years Feargal Donoghue and the rest is now history. What a job Feargal did, first of all persuading players to commit, enticing some players out of retirement and then plotting a course that would bring a championship trophy back to the village.

We started our championship campaign against An Tochar, we had a tough but convincing win by four points in Laragh. We opened a good lead in the first half and held off a strong An Tochar fight back in the

second half to prevail on a score line of 0-11 to 0-7. Our second and third matches against Newcastle (0-12 to 2-7) and Coolboy (0-10 to 2-5) were utterly forgettable and we lost both games by a point with two poor team performances. The general feeling in the village was that we were out of the championship, so it seemed.

In the two idle months that preceded our fourth league championship match, results had miraculously gone our way and we were back in the competition with a realistic chance of taking one of the two semi final slots in our league group. We owe Coolboy a huge thank you! Coolboy beat Newcastle by four points and qualification was back in our hands. We knew what was required, two victories in our final league championship matches against Kiltegan and Blessington.

We played Kiltegan under lights in Roundwood and we were down by 4 points within four minutes of the start, from that moment on our season changed, we fought back and we were

leading by four points going in at half time. Our team character was starting to show signs of fight, determination and belief. In the second half we closed out the game with a final score line of 1-14 to 1-6, a resounding 8 point win. Ciaran Jones, Niall Toolis, Pat Donohoe and Cormac Haughian were outstanding in this match, however a major plus point was that the team were starting to believe and playing close to its potential. On to the Blessington match, a victory and we were in the Semi Final against Ballinacor. Blessington were already through at this stage of the competition, but they were never going to make it easy for their Parish neighbours. What a game it turned out to be, Paul Keogh was 'un-containable' and Ciaran Jones was 'inspirational', both led by example up front and helped put Blessington to the sword early, we were a staggering 'nine' points up at one stage in the first half, Jones getting two sweet goals. As expected Blessington fought gallantly in the second half, however Kilbride showed great character and held out for a 5 point victory, final score 1-10 to 2-12.

The semi final pitched us against one of the pre-season favourites Ballinacor in Aughrim. We got a few breaks in the first half, the full back Diarmuid Haughian and Noel Kinsella in goal held Ballinacor out for at least three clear cut goal opportunities, Cormac Haughian also showed well in this match. We should have been behind at half time, but we were blessed with a one point lead against the wind. We started to find our gear in the second half and we opened a 5 point lead with about ten minutes remaining. However, Ballinacor gave it one more push and were rewarded with a goal and two points to level the match with only minutes remaining, 'game on' heading into the final minutes. Then what a winning point to break Ballinacor hearts, Neil Donohoe let fly from 60 metres, the keeper let the ball bounce and it flew over the bar, Ballinacor hearts were broken, Kilbride tagged on two more points to finish off the match and qualify for the final. The final score was 1-10 to 1-7.

The final was filled with tension and coupled with the high expectation that this 2007 Kilbride team could finally bring a championship trophy back to Kilbride, it seemed to have a negative affect on the performance. The weight of 39 years was beginning to show. We got an excellent start with Neil Donohoe scoring a free flowing goal, flicked into the net, passing the onrushing Blessington Keeper, with great build up play from Mark Kelly and Jones down the left. However, we went in three points down at half time, Blessington sneaking a goal under Noel Kinsella in time added on, we were clearly up against it and not playing particularly well. We hit back immediately in the second half scoring two points to bring it back to within a point just after the break. We followed these two points with the equaliser with about twelve minutes to go. Blessington then threw the kitchen sink at Kilbride, they continued to dominate, however they couldn't score in a month of Sunday's. Amazingly Blessington failed to score at all in the second half, it was a combination of pressure defending and great fortune! Blessington even missed

a penalty which was saved by the in form Kinsella. The defence held out and with one rare Kilbride attack in the first minute of added on time, Austin Tisdall won a free on the right that Jones subsequently took and left 'short' just under the bar. A ruckus developed and the umpire called the referees attention, it was a pick up off the ground and for some reason Kilbride were awarded a free in front of the goal, the winning score was tapped over by Ciaran Jones (1-6 to 1-7). Blessington launched one more attack but Kilbride held out for a very famous victory. The Tutty Cup is back in Kilbride hands for only the second time in the clubs history (first won in 1958). The clubs only other championship victories came in 1962 and 1968 when they were the best team in the county. 2007 confirms this Kilbride team into history as the team that finally bridged a 39 year winless gap.

The Tutty Cup was presented by Dunlavin man and County Chairman 'Andrew O'Brien' to Captain Ciaran Jones and held aloft along with Vice-Captain Pat Donohoe.

It was difficult to pick a man of the match as Kilbride didn't play to their potential on the day. Diarmuid Haughian played well in the second half at full back, Noel Kinsella saved a penalty and Martin O'Donoghue was solid throughout, the backs played well in general keeping Blessington at bay in the second half and the man of the match accolade would have to go to one of the seven. It's a very tough call, Pat Donohoe at center half back had a good consistent match and along with Diarmuid Haughian at full back, they both deserve to share the man of the match award.

The celebrations were unimaginable and uncontrolled, it seemed as if a huge burden had been lifted from the club when Kiltegan man and referee 'Pat J. Keogh' blew his whistle for the last time on that faithful day the 28th of October. It was touching and extremely emotional. The Leinster Leader had this to say: 'It took a point from a Ciaran Jones free in the 1st minute of injury time to give Kilbride their first Championship title in 39 years and trigger the greatest display of emotion on the Aughrim pitch that has been witnessed in living memory'.

## The Championship Final Team and Management for 2007 were:

- 1 Noel Kinsella
- 2 Austin Tisdall
- 3 Diarmuid Haughian
- 4 Kevin Craul
- 5 Martin O'Donoghue
- 6 Pat Donohoe (Vice-Capt)
- 7 Cormac Haughian
- 8 Shane Kelly
- 9 Paul Duffy
- 10 Ciaran Jones (Capt)
- 11 Niall Toolis
- 12 Ciaran Clarke
- 13 Paul Keogh
- 14 Mark Kelly
- 15 Neil Donohoe

### Subs used:

- 16 Paul Tisdall for Cormac Haughian
- 50 mins

### Subs not used:

- 17 Shane Craul
- 18 Andrew O'Brien
- 19 Conor O'Toole
- 20 Ger Cruise
- 21 David Balfe
- 22 James Cahill
- 23 Sean Byrne
- 24 Paul Cruise
- 25 Finn Craul
- 26 David Keirns
- 27 Justin Donoghue
- 28 Jack Dempsey
- 29 David Craul
- 30 Tom Grace

### Manager:

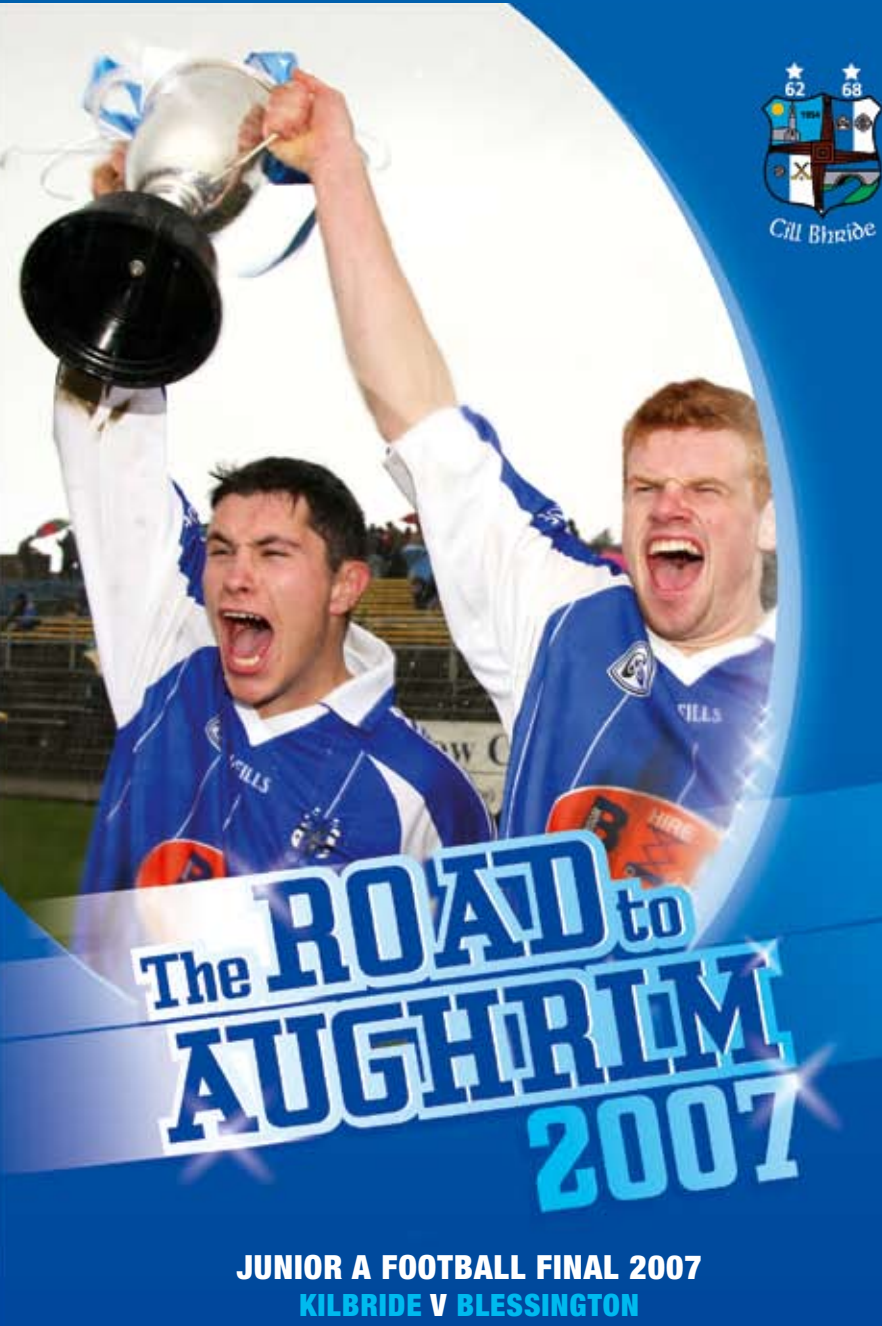
Feargal Donoghue

### Selectors:

Sean Duffy  
Pat Donohoe

Oh hello to the popteen in Andy's, for the final we have won, Now we're headin up to Mooney's, cause there's drinkin to be done, Oh as I sat lookin up at the replay I could never figure out, Finally a championship back in Kilbride after 39 years and be jaysus that was that!!!!!! Well, Jonesy hit it sweet and it sailed straight over the lat, Jonesy took it from about 14 yards out, Good man fer you b\*\*\*\*x, McKeeon he let a shout, Key, Martin, Padge, Cormac, Kelly, Duff, Mark, Tooley, Ciaran, or Keogh who took it, it wasn't even me, And in the end we won the game we won it from that free, and it wasn't Noel, Austin, Diarmuid, but then Feiged picked the ball straight off the floor, This time it wasn't goin to be Bill Bhride that nearly won the winnin score, We were level in the final minute and couldn't get the winnin score, Oh when the match it started we all clicked into place, and one wing back was Hotsy and the other it was Martin, Paul Keogh was number 13, full forward he was starlin, How your man scored the winner from 14 yards out, Oh as I sat lookin up at the replay I could never figure out, Now we're headin up to Mooney's, cause there's drinkin to be done, Oh hello to the popteen in Andy's, for the final we have won, for the final we d need a new star man, but the Cavan man was all we could find, Well after we won the semi final we hit the West and dined we knew and it didn't look good at half time cause we were getting bet, Duffy and Shane were center field, and Noel was mindin the net, he was as solid as a rock, With Padge at center back, sure he always got in the block, and Diarmuid was full back, Niall Toolis was center forward and Mark Kelly was on the wing, Well Kilbride were still in the championship and they were goin full swing, How your man scored the winner from 14 yards out, Oh as I sat lookin up at the replay I could never figure out, Now we're headin up to Mooney's, cause there's drinkin to be done, Oh hello to the popteen in Andy's, for the final we have won, Padge and pad are finished with the hay, Well suddenly it dawned on me they wanted me to play, I said jaysus lads I'd love to when meeself, Kevin O'Brien, and Philip McGillicuddy and the three of them were starlin me in the face, Well up in Mooney's pub, up at the fireplace, there wasn't Mick O'Dwyer, But sure when all the young lads saw him comin didn't they all go on the run, There were tyre marks on the football pitch, and Billy Craul was out with the gun, Jimmy Clarke was tryin to count the sheep, and the team were off the drink, Oh I dreamt a dream the other night, I couldn't sleep a wink, How your man scored the winner from 14 yards out, Oh as I sat lookin up at the replay I could never figure out, Now we're headin up to Mooney's, cause there's drinkin to be done, Hello to the popteen in Andy's, for the final we have won,

## THE ROAD TO AUGHRIM '07 (NEIL DONOHOE)



## Kilbride GAA Club Championship Winning Teams 1958-2007



1958



1962



1968



2007



Roadstone Junior 'A' football championship

# Jones points the way

Mark KENNEDY

**Kilbride 0-11, An Tochar 0-7:** Corner-forward Clárán Jones was the inspirational player for Kilbride on Friday last as he pointed them to this victory over An Tochar in the Junior 'A' football championship at Laragh.

But there were a lot more good performances to savour in this Kilbride display as their five-points team was fashioned out of a solid foundation laid in the first-half, allied to stout resistance to An Tochar's fight-back in the second period.

Kevin Belton and John Carr twice gave the Roundwood men the lead in the first six minutes, but from there to half-time Kilbride largely ran the show



Swan Cup Final				
3-Nov	Kilbride	0-15	2-4	Enniskerry
JAFC Final				
28-Oct	Kilbride	1-7	1-6	Blessington
JAFC Semi Finals				
23-Sep	Kilbride	1-10	1-7	Ballinacor
30-Sep	Blessington	1-15	2-9	Lacken

5-Jun	An Tochar	0-7	0-11	Kilbride
15-Jun	Kiltegan	1-7	0-6	Coolboy
15-Jun	Newcastle	1-7	0-13	Blessington
23-Jun	Coolboy	1-6	0-10	An Tochar
24-Jun	Kilbride	0-12	2-7	Newcastle
1-Jul	Blessington	1-7	0-6	Kiltegan
8-Jul	An Tochar	0-7	0-11	Blessington
8-Jul	Kiltegan	1-8	2-5	Newcastle
14-Jul	Coolboy	2-5	0-10	Kilbride
3-Aug	Blessington	1-13	0-14	Coolboy
10-Aug	Newcastle	1-13	0-8	An Tochar
19-Aug	Coolboy	1-11	0-10	Newcastle
28-Aug	Kilbride	1-14	1-6	Kiltegan
1-Sep	Blessington	1-10	2-12	Kilbride
4-Sep	An Tochar	0-6	0-14	Kiltegan

Cullen was involved in most of An Tochar's attacking moves in the second-half, and the quality of his performance lifted the morale of his team-mates.

Inside five minutes An Tochar had cut the margin to 0-9 to 0-4 as William Halligan and Shay Cullen landed points, and the battle was on in earnest.

Before the end of the third quarter, midfielder Donal Byrne narrowed the gap further with a point, and even when Paul Keogh and Claran Jones responded for Kilbride, lively An Tochar centre-forward Eddie Kavanagh kept up the challenge with another point.

An Tochar badly needed a goal to put the game into the melting pot and they went ever so close with Peter O'Toole cracking a sizzling shot against

the post from the edge of the square.

Shay Cullen had a point on 60 minutes to cut the margin to four (0-11 to 0-7), but they were unable to make further inroads in injury-time.

**Kilbride:** Noel Kinsella; Billy Donoghue, Diarmuid Haughean, Cormac Haughean; Martin Donoghue, Paddy Donoghue, Niall Donoghue; Austin Tisdall, Shane Kelly; Niall Thewlis (0-1), Mark Kelly (0-2), Paul Duffy, Paul Keogh (0-2), Paul Tisdall, Claran Jones (0-6, 1 free).

**An Tochar:** Joe Coleman; Eoin Muiraine, Liam Kennel, Noel Power; Kevin Belton (0-1), George Power, Paul Kenna; Killian O'Connell, Donal Kavanagh (0-1), William Halligan (0-1); Simon Carroll, Joe Price, John Carr (0-1), Subs. - Peter O'Toole for Price, Shay Cullen (0-2) for Carroll, Oscar Long for Halligan.



## Ciaran Jones star of show

Roadstone JAFC Kilbride 1-14  
Kiltegan 1-6

A five star display by Claran Jones was enough to carry Kilbride to a good win over Kiltegan at Roundwood on Tuesday. The corner forward tested and tormented the Kiltegan defence throughout and finished up scoring 1-11 out of 1-14.

Kiltegan got off to a flying start to this match with Stephen Farrell pointing up James Whelan for a great goal, all inside of five minutes.

In Kilbride's first attack Claran Jones was brought down in the box, converted the penalty himself and then pointed two frees to tie the game by the 10th minute.

Kilbride got on top in the second quarter with Jones continuing to torment the defence and the half forward Claran Clarke also adding points to make it 1-8 to 1-4 at half-time - Keith Farrell and Stephen Farrell getting the other Kiltegan points.

The pattern changed little in the second half; Claran Jones added 6 more points for Kiltegan.

This win lifts Kilbride into a challenging position in the table but still leaves Kiltegan in with a chance of qualifying should they beat An Tochar in their last match.

**Scorers - Kilbride -** Claran Jones 1-11; Niall Tools, Niall Donoghue and Claran Clarke 0-1 each.

**Scorers -** James Whelan 1-0; Stephen Farrell and Keith Farrell 0-3 each.

**Kilbride -** Noel Kinsella; Shane Craul, Martin Donoghue, Vincent Donoghue; Haughean, Paul Duffy, Patrick Donoghue; Niall Donoghue, Niall Tools; Claran Jones; Subs. - David Kearns for Craul; Gerry Boland, Nigel Nolan; Denis Hayes, Blaine Harmon; James Whelan, Loran Byrne; Brian Byrne; Keith Farrell, Benny Doyle, Stephen Farrell. Subs. - Jason Hobson for B.Byrne; John Whelan for Harmon; Harmon for Furlong; Ray Nolan for Farrell; Paul Nolan for Hayes.

**Kiltegan 1-10**  
Blessington 1-10

Kiltegan completed a good week's work with another impressive display and a win over parish neighbours Blessington at Ballyglass on Saturday. To earn their place in the Semi-final.

Again Claran Jones was the shooting star; the corner forward whistled Blessington with two early goals and an impressive tally of 2-7 out of 2-12.

A goal by Sub Patrick Murphy led for Kilbride and saw them go in leading by 2-6 to 0-3 at half time.

A goal by Sub Patrick Murphy led for Blessington in the second half but this was a game they never looked like winning. However they still put the group and go direct into the semi-finals.

The other scorers for Kilbride were - Claran Clarke and Niall Donoghue 0-2 each; Niall Tools 0-1.

## Kilbride through to final

**Kilbride 1-10, Ballinacor 1-7:** Kilbride have set up a local derby meeting with either Blessington or Lacken in the final of the Roadstone Junior A football championship following their three points win over Ballinacor in their semi-final game at Aughrim on Sunday.

**JAFC SEMI-FINAL**

Claran Jones was in sparkling scoring form for Kilbride at corner forward and he repeatedly broke Ballinacor hearts with his eight smashing points which underpinned his team's victory.

Against the wind Kilbride got off to a perfect start with a goal in the first minute when Paul Keogh finished to the net from a cross from Jones, who added a point two minutes later to put the winners ahead by 1-1 with Ballinacor yet to score.

We had to wait until the end of the first quarter for Ballinacor to make a deposit in their account, a point from Ger Byrne, and three minutes later Liam Byrne took a pass from Ronan Phelan and slotted over the bar for number two.

Ballinacor did draw level with their opponents after 20 minutes after Davy Carter and Tony Byrne had pointed to make it 1-1 to 0-4.

Claran Jones, at the other end, landed another point to put Kilbride

in the lead at half-time 1-2 to 0-4. Kilbride kept up the momentum after the restart with Jones tacking on five more points from frees and play to increase their lead to 1-7 to 0-5 after fifty minutes. Ballinacor didn't throw in the towel by any means and within six minutes they had cut the deficit to a single point (1-7 to 1-6) after Ger Byrne had landed a point, and Davy Carter sent Noel Kinsella the wrong way as he slotted his spot-kick into the left corner of the Kilbride net. Liam Byrne pointed Ballinacor level moments later and it was all to play for.

However as the game moved towards injury time full-forward Niall Donohoe kicked a mighty point for Kilbride from nearly 80 yards. Kilbride then finished with a flourish and further points from Jones and Claran Clarke for their three points win.

**Kilbride:** Noel Kinsella, Austin Tisdall, Dermot Haughian, Vinny Donoghue, Martin Donoghue, Paul Tisdall, Cathal Haughian, Paul Duffy, Patrick Donoghue, Shane Kelly, Niall Tools, Claran Clarke (0-1), Paul Keogh (1-0), Niall Donohoe (0-1), Claran Jones (0-8), Subs: Mark Kelly for S. Kelly Kennedy, Claran O'Neill, Christy Murphy, Paddy Byrne, Michael Dowling, Paul Cullen, Danny Dowling, Ronan Phelan, Liam Byrne (0-2), Davy Greene, Davy Carter (1-1), Tony Byrne (0-2), Ger Byrne (0-2), Subs: Peter Byrne for C. O'Neill.

## Kilbride advance to Junior 'A' decider

Junior 'A' Football Championship semi-final  
Kilbride 1-10 Ballinacor 1-7

KILBRIDE turned in as gutsy a display of football as has been witnessed in Aughrim this year to shock favourites Ballinacor in the semi-final of the JAFC.

The result turns the A Championship as a battle for bragging rights in the Lake district of West Wicklow. Lacken and Blessington meet in the second semi-final.

Blessington turned 40% of the play into 60% of the scores in this match. Paul Keogh had the ball in the Ballinacor net inside 30 seconds and that gave them a cushion to take them through the first half against the wind.

The game was in the last minute before Ballinacor at last got level but Niall Donoghue got the most remarkable point scored in Aughrim in a long time when his kick from over 70m hopped on the 13m line and went over the bar. Claran Jones and Claran Clarke 0-1 each.

Ballinacor - Dave Carter 1-1; Ger Byrne, Liam Byrne and Tony Byrne 0-2 each



with Peter Keogh

**JIMMY CLARKE**

The sad story on Kilbride's great win in the JAFC concerns one of their greatest players and supporter, Jimmy Clarke was involved on a car accident on his way to the match and ended up in hospital instead of Aughrim.

Thirty nine years ago Jimmy was a key figure when Kilbride beat Ballyglass in the SFC final of 1968. He will always be remembered as the little man with the white head-band who bent every blade of grass on the Aughrim pitch in a display of non-stop aggression.

In a way it was the spirit of Jimmy Clarke that carried Kilbride to victory on Sunday.

The good news is that Jimmy is okay and was home in time to join a great night in the Liffey side village on Sunday as they celebrated bridging that 39 year gap.



with Peter Keogh

# Jones hits late point to win it for Kilbride

**Kilbride 1-7, Blessington 1-6:** Fergus Daly, one of Wicklow's standing midfielders, cut out a while longer to wait a while longer to win his first championship medal.

Blessington were hoping to fill that gap in his long and distinguished career at Aughrim on Sunday last but they pulled up short in the Junior A football final against Kilbride when the emerged winners by a narrow margin of 1-7 to 1-6 after a tightly contested match.

But as so often happens with Blessington and Fergus Daly, they pulled up short in vital matches and on Sunday last they followed an excellent opening to the game with a scoreless second half that enabled Kilbride to pile them at the post with a Claran Jones point from a free in injury-time.

Claran Jones opened for Kilbride with a point from a free after two minutes and Neil Donoghue followed shortly afterwards with a goal, punched to the net after a good move involving Mark Kelly and Claran Mark Kelly and Claran Mark Kelly who ran into position to the perfect pass to the goal scorer.

Fergus Daly was on fire for Blessington in the opening half, however, and he kicked four smashing points - some of them real beauties which suggested that he would have been an invaluable asset to the seniors and they lost out to Ballyglass because of their poor shooting, particularly from frees.

And it was because of Fergus Daly's accurate boot that Blessington took the lead after 29 minutes, forging ahead by 0-6 to 1-2.

Claran Jones, invariably the danger man in the Kilbride attack, brought the sides level with another of his pointed specials from a free.

Just before the shot whilst and deep in injury time, Trevor O'Donnell applied the perfect finish when he raised the green flag for Blessington, sending the blues in at the break with a 1-6 to 1-3 cushion.

Even though wearing the number four jersey, Mark Richardson lined out in attack for Blessington and he also impressed greatly, scoring two valuable points in that first-half.

But that's as good as it got for Blessington. They failed to score on the change over; their neighbours and rivals took advantage, chipped away at the lead to pip their opponents at the post.

A typical example of how misfortune visited Blessington in that second-half.

They won a penalty when Kilbride's goalie Noel Kinsella fouled Trevor O'Donnell. Anthony McLoughlin stepped up to the spot-kick, which was saved, making Kinsella both the villain and the hero all at once.

Three of Kilbride's four points in the second half were scored by Claran Jones - the other came from the boot of Claran Clarke - with the 32 winner coming in the minute, giving the Kilbride their first championship title in 39 years since they last won the senior crown in 1968.

**Kilbride:** Austin Tisdall, Diarmuid Haughian Kevin Craul, Martin O'Donoghue, Shane Kelly, Cormac Haughian, Paul Duffy, Claran Jones (0-5), Niall Tools, Claran Clarke (0-2), Paul Keogh, Mark Kelly, Neil Donohoe (1-0), Subs. - Paul Tisdall for P. Duffy.

**Blessington:** Richard Kitt, Mark Hamilton, Sean Nolan, Mark Richardson (0-2), Adam Cullen, Claran Denny, Brendan McGarr (junior), Michael Fennan, Fergus Daly (0-4), Anthony McLoughlin, John Magee, Sean Murphy, Trevor O'Donnell (1-0), Cursie Beraghy, Gerry Phibbs, Subs. - John Molloy for S. Murphy, Gary Kilmartin, for C. Dempsey, Brendan McGarr (senior) for C. Geraghty.

**Referee:** Pat Keogh (Kiltegan).



with Peter Keogh

## Kilbride grab Junior 'A' title

**JAFC Final**  
Kilbride 1-7 Blessington 1-6

PRIDE and passion was on display at its best in this parish derby in the final of the Junior A FC at Aughrim.

It took a point from a Claran Jones free in the 1st minute of injury time to give Kilbride their first Championship title in 39 years and trigger the greatest display of emotion on the Aughrim pitch that has been witnessed in living memory.

Blessington were the classier team and great veteran Fergus Daly gave them a pull at midfield but Kilbride had come for the Cup and were not going home with it.

An early goal by Niall Donohoe gave Kilbride the start they needed against the wind and they held that lead well into the closing stages of the half when a point Fergus Daly and a great goal by Trevor O'Donnell sent Blessington in leading by 1-6 to 1-3 at half time.

Blessington again won a fair amount of possession in the second half but could do anything but score. They won a penalty but

Trevor O'Donnell's kick was well saved by Noel Kinsella; they missed two very kickable frees and kicked five other wided.

Two points by Jones and one by Claran Clarke brought Kilbride level in the 48th minutes but the winner came in injury time, very much against the run of play. F

# More joy for Kilbride

**Kilbride 0-15, Enniskerry 2-4:** The music must surely have been sweet for the Lifesiders all last week following their first championship win in 39 years.

**SWAN CUP FINAL**

But a Fergal Donoghue trained Kilbride returned to the playing fields on Saturday when they made the journey across the Wicklow mountains to take on Junior B winners Enniskerry in the final of the Swan Cup played in excellent conditions at Roundwood.

The match saw Claran Jones give a five-star performance for a second week in a row, thus inspiring his side to a five-point victory in a keenly-contested game.

Alan Young opened with a goal for the men from the Dargle after three minutes but there was a quick response from the Junior champions who replied with six points on the trot, four of them from Jones (two frees) and singles from Niall Donohoe and Claran Clarke.

After both sides missed chances, Mark Tyndall and Jones exchanged points and Craig Williams finished the first-half scoring with a point to leave Kilbride leading by 0-7 to 1-2 at the break.

Kilbride extended their advantage five minutes into the second-half when Claran Jones pointed a free. At this stage Enniskerry introduced Stephen King and he made his presence felt when he rifled the ball to the net after scything his way through the Kilbride defence. This left the sides level on 0-8 to 2-2 with ten minutes played.

However, the Enniskerry men lacked sufficient penetration up front to get the vital scores they needed to down the pre favourites.

Entering the final quarter the winners took complete control, add a further seven points five of them from Claran Jones (2 frees and one '45) and sin-

gles from Claran Clarke and Paul Duffy while Enniskerry replied with points from Seamus Gorman and Alan Young, leaving Kilbride worthy winners with a better all round performance.

After the game the cup was presented to winning captain Claran Jones by Ray Barry and Mick Hagan who congratulated both clubs on their achievements during the year.

**Kilbride:** Conor O'Toole, Austin Tisdall, Diarmuid Haughian, Kevin Craul, Martin O'Donoghue, Paul O'Donoghue, Paul Tisdall, Shane Craul, Paul Duffy (0-1), Neil Donoghue (0-1), Shane Kelly, Mark Kelly, Andrew O'Brien, Claran Jones (0-11), Claran Clarke (0-2), Subs. - Niall Tools for Andrew O'Brien, Sean Byrne for Austin Tisdall.

**Enniskerry:** Alan King, John Cronin, Gary Kavanagh, Stephen Evans, Ger Driver, John Hendrick, Colm Nugent, Craig Williams (0-1), Seamus O'Gorman (0-1), Stuart Tyndall, Jim Caplice, Mark Tyndall (0-1), Alan King (1-1), Robert Tyndall, Sean Driver, Subs. - Stephen King (1-0) for Jim Caplice.

**Referee:** Jonathan Doyle (Ashford).

■ Mick O'Hagan and Ray Barry present the Swan Cup to Kilbride captain Claran Jones and vice-captain Patrick Donoghue.



## Kilbride bow out after brave performance

**Ballinakill (Laois) 1-12, Kilbride 1-9:** Junior champions Kilbride did Wicklow proud when they ran Ballinakill of Laois to three points in their Leinster Club game at Portlaoise.

**LEINSTER CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL**

Indeed the Laois men had to depend on a super save from their goalie at the death for their victory as Kilbride came back vigorously with a marvellous second-half performance.

Ballinakill had the advantage of the wind in the first-half and led by 1-10 to 0-6 at the

break, most of their points coming from frees as the referee honed in on over-carrying and 'pulling' fouls.

Despite a poor performance in the opening half, Kilbride still managed to score six points which looked impressive against the wind in hindsight considering that Ballinakill only scored two points on the change over when the wind seemed to die down considerably.

Kilbride stormed back into this match in the second-half and took the result down to the wire. Claran Jones was their outstanding

player at full-forward, scoring 1-8 of their total, while Paul Duffy got the remaining point.

Mark Kelly, Niall Tools, Shane Kelly, Patrick Donohoe and Dermot Haughian also shone brightest for brave Kilbride, who were missing Paul Keogh and Austin Tisdall.

**Kilbride:** Noel Kinsella, Cormac Haughian, Dermot Haughian, Kevin Craul, Martin Donoghue, Patrick Donohoe, Sean Byrne, Shane Craul, Niall Tools, Niall Donohoe, Shane Kelly, Claran Clarke, Paul Duffy, Claran Jones, Mark Kelly, Subs. - Paul Tisdall for S. Byrne, Justin Donoghue for S. Craul.



Group 2	P	W	D	L	Pts.	+/-	F	SA
Blessington	5	4	0	1	8	8	3-54 (63)	1.15
Kilbride	5	3	0	2	6	15	3-59 (68)	1.28
Newcastle	5	2	1	2	5	2	6-42 (60)	1.03
Kiltegan	5	2	1	2	5	0	3-41 (50)	1.00
Coolboy	5	2	0	3	4	-2	4-42 (54)	0.96
An Tochar	5	1	0	4	2	-23	0-38 (38)	0.62

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