

## **Cahill Cup Semi-Final**

RESULTS: Cromane 1-11 Derrynane 0-10

Football can be cruel. For long periods of this game Derrynane looked comfortable and in control. Then in a matter of minutes it all unravelled for them late in the second half. Indeed, with 10 minutes to go, when Mark Healy stormed through on goal, it looked like he would put the away team five points up and Derrynane would push on for victory. However, Healy's shot came back off the inside top of the upright and finished up down the other end for a Cromane point. Immediately after, Derrynane lost possession and Cromane had the ball in the back of the net. They followed up with a point and Derrynane found themselves behind for the first time in the match. They rallied to equalise through Mike Crawley, but Cromane found their scoring boots and put over points from all angles to finish comfortable winners.

It all started brightly for Derrynane with Donal Galvin controlling midfield, Ian Casey driving the team forward at every opportunity, ably supported by the likes of Shane Mac, Jason Quinlan and Michael White. Anthony Casey dealt comfortably in goal with anything that came his way. Derrynane went in 6-2 up at half-time with points from White, Healy and a fine brace each from Shane Mac and Cian Boland. The second half started in the same vein, Galvin and Shane Mac combining for Crawley to point. Cromane then had a period of ascendancy and put over 3 points before normal service was restored for the visitors with Barry Clifford putting over at the end of a sweeping Derrynane move and Ray Gleeson adding another after good work by White. Now 9-5 ahead, the visitors looked to have victory in their grasp but a centimetre turned the game!

A good battling effort from Derrynane, some nice passages of play, but a lack of fitness didn't help in those crucial closing minutes. All Derrynane scores came from play in a very clean and sporting game.

Man of the match: Ian Casey

Team: A.Casey, K.O'Sullivan, P.O'Sullivan, D. McGillicuddy, S. O'Donoghue, I.Casey, J.Quinlan, D.Galvin, S.McGillicuddy, C.Boland, M.White, M.Healy, M.Crawley, R.Gleeson, D.Casey

Subs: B.Clifford, M.Rayel, M.Carey, P.Sheehan