

senior football championship group 4

# Parish pushed aside



Kilballyowen 1.13  
at Quilty



St Joseph's Doora Barefield 0.09



St Joseph's Doora/Barefield's Declan Malone manages to hold possession despite the presence of Kilballyowen's Martin Downes.

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**Ronan Judge**

THE spectre of a relegation dog-fight loomed large over Saturday's contest in Quilty. In the end Kilballyowen's victory keeps alive their faint hope of qualification from group 4, when finally proving that four into one will go.

A strong second half showing from Kilballyowen saw them outscore Barefield by 1-6 to 0-3. A game where the skill level was negligible, was at the same time oddly entertaining. Both teams were able to muster enough decent phases to keep the small crowd at Quilty entertained.

Between them Kilballyowen pair Brendan Crowley and Seamus Boland dominated scoring with 1-9 accrued between them. Boland effectively ended the game as a contest in the 57th minute, when he latched onto Michael Liddane's cleverly weighted ball to fire past Sean Herbert in the Barefield goal.

Unsurprisingly, football in the parish will always be the poor relation. You would expect that all eyes are fixed on the upcoming senior hurling championship. A pity though, that a club with a good record at underage level have

struggled to challenge at senior level. For Saturday's encounter, Barefield were without wing forward Eoin Kane and the injured Sean Flynn. Sean Herbert took Gerry Dullahan's place in goal.

A strong run by Kilballyowen midfielder James Hynes paved the way for Brendan Crowley to get the game's opening score. Crowley grabbed two more and linked well with Boland and James Keane to stretch the Barefield defence in side the opening quarter. The game swung back in Barefield's favour with Kevin Dileen spinning through tackles only to fire wide. Cathal O'Sullivan's accuracy from the deadball had the sides level in the 18th minute. Kilballyowen were sharper at the breaks and more economical in possession. Two more Seamus Boland points restored their advantage at the break. Only a superb reflex save from Sean Herbert on his goal-line ensured the gap wasn't greater.

Barefield introduced Gary McNaboe at wing forward shortly before the break. With Pa Mannion moving to cornerback, the switches gave Barefield greater balance and width. Qualities they used to draw level soon after the restart. Barefield took the more direct route and forced Kilballyowen into errors. The left boot of Jarlath McCabe had the sides level at 0-7 apiece on 35 minutes. Instead of building on their mo-

mentum, Barefield dropped back and allowed Kilballyowen to dictate the pace. Brendan Crowley opted to go for point instead of goal in the 45th minute when he fisted the ball over. Michael Liddane and Boland continued to buzz in the corners, with the former setting up a Mark O'Loughlin point with eleven minutes remaining.

Gradually Barefield slipped further back. John Martin put Kilballyowen four points in front, before Boland's goal delivered the knock out punch. Barefield piled forward. Paul Dullahan tried in vain to redirect a poorly hit free towards the goal, but to no avail. It was comfortable in the end for Kilballyowen who will

hope that victory can resurrect their season. Barefield meanwhile, will be glancing nervously over their shoulder.

## man of the match

**Seamu Boland**  
Kilballyowen

A constant menace at corner-forward. Boland was a thorn in Barefield's side throughout the game. Picked off some fine scores and showed good composure to take his goal.

## matchdetails

### Kilballyowen -

John Keating(6), John Frawley(7), David Moran(6), Diarmuid Nagle(7), Mark O'Loughlin(7), (0-1), Pat Foley(6), Brian Cunningham(7), Martin Downes(7), James Hynes(7), James Keane(7), John Martin(7), (0-2), Brendan Crowley(8), (0-5), Seamus Boland(8), (1-4), Seamus Maddigan(6), Brendan Cleary(6)  
Subs - Michael Linnane(7), (0-1) for Brendan Cleary, Dermot Keating(6), Seamus Maddigan

### St Joseph's -

Sean Herbert(7), Peter Dileen(6), Brian Frehill(6), Shane McMahon(6), Pa Mannion(7), Declan Malone(6), Fergal O'Sullivan(6), Greg Lyons(6), Kevin Dileen(7), Paul Dullahan(6), (0-1), Cathal O'Sullivan(7), (0-6), Declan O'Halloran(6), Jarlath McCabe(6), (0-2), Brian Dileen(6), Padraig Murphy(6)  
Subs - Gary McNaboe for Shane McMahon

Referee - John Brew (7)

