**2015 County Junior A Football Championship Round 1**

**Ballyvaughan v Coolmeen**

**Venue: - Miltown Malbay**

**Date 01-08-2015**

**Referee Barry Kelly (St Joseph’s Miltown Malbay)**

Coolmeen got their 2015 Junior A Football Championship campaign of to a flyer in their 3:10 to 2:02 demolition of Ballyvaughan in Miltown Malbay on Saturday August 1st,

Ballyvaughan have now two games left in the championship to try and gain a bit of momentum and salvage the season, while the Coolmeen side led by Clare Football veteran Martin Daly now sit comfortably on the top of the Group 2 table with a plus 11 scoring difference.

Coolmeen came into the contest minus Cathal O’Connor due to a hamstring injury he suffered in Clare’s recent second round Inter County football qualifier game against Longford.

This was an impressive performance from the Coolmeen team, who dominated in every sector from the very outset, and only for gifting Ballyvaughan two goals in the second half, the margin of victory would have been more decisive as scoring averages play a very important part of deciding group standings.

Coolmeen did take advantage of the wind going in to a 1:02 to no score lead within minutes of the throw in as the floodgates open when Brian Markham crashed the football to the net.

This five point dream start was the boost that either team needed but it came to Coolmeen and they took it with open arms. By the end of the first quarter, Coolmeen had a whopping 2:03 to 0:01 lead built up which they never relinquished, Ballyvaughan lone score was registered from a free by Adrian Nilan.

A half time score of Coolmeen 2:07 Ballyvaughan 0:01 brightened up the scoreboard especially if you were a Coolmeen supporter as this definitely killed off whatever momentum Ballyvaughan tried to gather as intensity dropped somewhat before half time but it was the agreement all around the grounds that Ballyvaughan would have a better second half as wind advantage would help the cause.

Ballyvaughan made some personnel changes switching Diarmuid Greene to center back and placing Mark Walsh at no 11, Sean McNamara had to retire due to the re occurrence of a shoulder injury Killian Fahy came on as a replacement.

Goal number 3 arrived on 45 minutes for Coolmeen scored by Alan Normoyle, a mix-up in the Ballyvaughan defense allowed Normoyle a free shot and he made no mistake from the edge of the square. Goals from James Hynes first and follow by a toe poked goal by Mark Walsh after the Coolmeen keeper dropped the high ball that was delivered to the edge of the square and Walsh made no mistake kicking the ball to an empty net, this did not danger the game slipping away from Coolmeen on the run in to full time. Gary Crowe came on for John Linnane. Coolmeen now advance to take on Kilmurry Ibricane in the next round two, while Ballyvaughan take on St Joseph’s Miltown.

**Scorers for Ballyvaughan**

James Hynes (1:00), Mark Walsh (1:00), Adrian Nilan (0:01) (Free), Adam Walsh (0:01)

**Scorers for  Coolmeen**

Ben Cleary (0:03), David Neenan (0:02), Cian Murphy (0:02), Noel Meaney (1:01), Brian Markham (1:01), Alan Normoyle (1:01),

**Coolmeen:-**

Aidan Corry,

Darragh Cleary, Kevin McMahon, Kevin McMahon.

Mark Meaney, Eoin O’Connor, Garry Meaney.

Noel Meaney and Ben Cleary.

Alan Normoyle, Cian Murphy, Joe Corry.

David Neenan, Sean McMahon, Brian Markham.

**Ballyvaughan:-**

Damien McNamara.

John Linanane, Sean McNamara, Mark O’Loughlin.

Mark Walsh, Kieran Casey, Adam Walsh.

James Hynes and Raymond Casey.

James Howard, Diarmuid Greene, Pat Hayes.

Kevin Carrucan, Adrian Nilan, Ronan Fahy.

**Subs:** Killian Fahy for Sean McNamara (Half Time), Gary Crowe for John Linnane (52 minutes)

**Junior Football Championship Table Group Two 2015**

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| **Team** | **Played** | **Won** | **Lost** | **Draw** | **FOR** | **AGAINST** | **+/-** | **Points** |
| Coolmeen | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3:10 | 2:02 | +0:11 | 2 |
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| Kilmurry Ibrickane (2) | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2:08 | 1:05 | +O:06 | 2 |
| St Joseph's Miltown Malbay (2) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1:05 | 2:08 | -0:06 | 0 |
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| Ballyvaughan | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2:02 | 3:11 | -0:11 | 0 |