**2015 County Junior A League Division 4 League Semi Final**

**Ballyvaughan v Eire Og Ennis**

**Venue Eire Og Grounds**

**Date 18-07-2015**

**Referee Brian Keniry (Killimer)**

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Ballyvaughan contested the league semi-final of the Junior A League for 2015 against Eire Og Ennis at the Eire Og Grounds on Saturday the 18th July.

A brilliant first half which was ever so close in all area’s and on the scoreboard also but the second half turned in to the Eire Og show and was a very one sided affair.

At half time it was all to play for as we were only two points in arrears but the Townies turned the screw early in the second half hitting all the important scores, to set themselves up for victory and a crack at table toppers Clondegad in an away final in Ballynacally at a date to be decided.

Eire Og started the best in both halves and they were well able to mix the long kicking game with the short passing game and always seemed to have men in support in all sectors of the field. An injury to their corner back Kevin Moynihan did not seem to weaken their defence as they had plenty of strength and depth to bring on players of equal quality.

Eire Og trickled in to a two points to 0 lead with their leading marks men Brian Shannon and Danny Russell scoring from play, only shortly after to be pegged back from scores of the highest quality from play by James Howard and James Hynes, Eire Og then drove forward and pointed two more scores one from play by Jack Keating and a free converted by Brian Shannon this the led to a brilliant individual run by James Howard through the centre of the solid Eire Og defence but this time it was cracked open as an off load involving the quick hands of Howard as he put William Mc Gann in the right direction

And with his strength he was duely able to side step Eire Og keeper Paul Roche and slot the ball in to the corner of the net with ease to give Ballyvaughan the lead at 1:02 to 0:04 about midway through the first half, as from then on Ballyvaughan faded to show any more true grit and had to wait again nearly until half time whistle to score again front a point from play by James Hynes. In that same period the second quarter Eire Og kicked 0:04 points, two from play one each from Danny Russell and Kevin Brennan and two frees one from Danny Russell and Brian Shannon completed Eire Og’s first half scoring from a late free by Brian Shannon.

The second half started at 100 mph for Eire Og as they increased the lead as good as beyond reach for Ballyvaughan only could look on as we could not get our hands on the ball, Eire Og kicked four unanswered points from Brian Dolan, free and again from play almost immediately and two frees by Danny Russell increased the lead to 0:12 to 1:03, Adrian Nilan did score a 21 yard free to try and rally the troops but Eire Og were on fire in every sector and they were not going to fade out easily. The introduction of Sean McNamara did bolster up the defence to some degree and he also chipped in with a point from play almost immediately on his introduction, he replaced Adam Walsh 10 minutes in to the second half. Eire Og had the smell of victory in their sights and minds at this stage of the third quarter as the booted over another close in free to leave five between the sides this was kicked over by Brian Dolan.

Pat Hayes replaced Ronan Fahy on 50 minutes but the fresh legs at this could not prevent Eire Og kicking two more points from play by Brian Shannon. Neil Walsh replaced Tomas Francis. Adrian Nilan got a consolation score from a close in free that he won himself, Eire Og kicked the last two scores from play by their top scorer Brian Shannon to leave the final score 0:15 to 1:06.

Scores:-

Ballyvaughan-

William McGann (1:00), Adrian Nilan (0:02), James Hynes (0:02), Sean Mc Namara (0:01) and James Howard (0:01).

Eire Og Ennis-

Brian Shannon (0:05), Danny Russell (0:05), Brian Dolan (0:03), Kevin Brennan (0:01) and Jack Keating (0:01),

Eire Og Ennis,

Paul Roche

Martin Darcy, John Allen, Kevin Moynihan.

Ultan Shields, Adrian Walsh, Dean D’Auria.

Jack Keating and Michael Maloney

Kevin Brennan, Brian Frawley, Danny Russell

Brian Shannon, Bryan Dolan, Niall McMahon

Subs-

David Mc Namara, Danny Mc Mahon, Conor Walsh, Noel Whelan, Martin Melican, Tagdh Walsh, Shane Browne, Killian McNamara, Conall O’Hannifen, and Ruari Shannon.

Ballyvaughan-

Damien McNamara

Mark Walsh, Kieran Casey, Mark O’Loughlin.

Adam Walsh, Diarmuid Greene, James Howard.

James Hynes and Raymond Casey

Philip Queally, Adrian Nilan, Ronan Fahy.

Tomas Francis, William McGann and Kevin Carrucan.

Subs- Sean Mc Namara for Adam Walsh, Pat Hayes for Ronan Fahy, Neil Walsh for Tomas Francis, Gary Crowe, Donnacha Mahon, Brian Irwin, Martin Howard and Killian Fahy.