

A ten minute scoring spree at the beginning of the second half proved crucial as Jenkinstown Gaels (Blackhall and Moynalvey) defeated St Vincents Curraha in the Under 16 Division 2 football championship decider at a well appointed Kilbride.

***Jenkinstown Gaels 3-8 St. Vincents/Curraha 1-10***

The Vincents Curraha combination had the better of the exchanges in the opening half at the end of which they held a two point lead 0-7 to 1-2. A brace of points from the very impressive Andrew Battersby and a free from Sean Keogh had the Vincent's three up after ten minutes. Jenkinstown had been out of the game up until this bounced back with a goal and a point from Hughie O'Sullivan. Brian O'Reilly made it 1-2 to 0-4 for the winners after twenty minutes but Vincent Curraha finished the half with a flourish. Brian Murphy and two great efforts from Ciaran Phelan gave them a two point cushion at the break.

Jenkinstown had this match won after ten minutes of the second half scoring 2-4 without reply. Two pointed frees from O'Sullivan along with a fine effort from Sean Healy gave them the lead. Substitute Adam Murphy got another before Vincent Curraha were rocked with two quick fire goals from Patrick Kelly and Healy. The Curraha combination replied with scores from Murphy and Phelan but O'Sullivan kept the gap at eight, 3-8 to 0-9, with two points. Battersby pulled a goal back for Vincents Curraha with two minutes remaining. After the game Tommy McMahon presented the U16FC Divison 2 Cup to Jenkinstown Gaels joint captains James Kelly and Robert Lawless.

Jenkinstown scorers: Hughie O'Sullivan 1-5, Sean Healy 1-1, Patrick Kelly 1-0, Brian O'Reilly and Adam Murphy 0-1 each

St Vincents Curraha scorers: Andrew Battersby 1-2, Ciaran Phelan 0-3, Sean Keogh and Brian Murphy 0-2 each,

Jenkinstown Gaels: A Ennis, C. O'Connor, C. Harnan, D. Fitzgerald, F. Ryan, J. Kelly, H. Smith, R. Lawless, V. O'Brien, B. O'Reilly, S. Healy, H. O'Sullivan, P. Kelly, R. McGuinness, S. Duggan. Sub: A. Murphy.

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