

Coolrite U19C Football Championship Group B		
Jenkinstown Gaels	4-9 v 1-9	St. Vincent's / Curraha
Round: Round 3		
Venue: Batterstown		
Referee: Stephen Cregan		

Jenkinstown Gaels defeated St. Vincents/Curraha on a 4-9 to 1-9 score line in the Coolrite U-19 'C' Football Championship at Batterstown on Saturday 4th November.

Jenkinstown Gaels 4-9 St. Vincents/Curraha 1-9

Following last week's two point defeat to Bective/Dunsany, Jenkinstown Gaels revived their chances of qualification to the knockout stages with this nine point victory earning their first win and putting two points onto the group table.

Following the deluge of rain Friday night and Saturday morning, although slippery underfoot conditions the Batterstown pitch held up well and with the clouds clearing before throw-in, most of this game was played in dry conditions until the heavens opened for the final five minutes.

As the old cliché goes goals win games, with five green flags raised throughout this game, four of them went Jenkinstown's way, all four coming in the first half giving them a healthy half time lead and the platform to go on and win the game.

It was Craig Gilsean who set Jenkinstown Gaels on their way as early as sixty seconds into the game when he had the ball in the back of the St. Vincents/Curraha net.

Three minutes later Vinny Walsh opened his account with a point and ten minutes later a Walsh free fell short and Leon Giblin bundled the ball over the line. Vinny Walsh then raised a green flag of his own to give the home side a 3-1 to no score lead at the quarter hour mark.

A brace of points from the excellent Liam Jennings either side of St. Vincents/Curraha's opening point left it 3-3 to 0-1 with seventeen minutes played. The visitors awoke from their slumber to hit three unanswered points to leave it 3-3 to 0-4 after 27 minutes.

Almost four minutes into additional time a turnover resulted in Vinny Walsh placing the ball neatly over the oncoming St. Vincents/Curraha 'keeper for his second and his side's fourth goal. A late point for St. Vincents/Curraha meant Jenkinstown held a commanding 4-3 to 0-5 lead when referee Stephen Cregan blew the half time whistle.

St. Vincents/Curraha pointed early in the second half, but a pair of Jenkinstown points from

Leon Giblin and Liam Jennings extended the home side's advantage to eleven points, 4-5 to 0-6.

A chink of light appeared for St. Vincents/Curraha when a free kick wasn't dealt with by the Jenkestown defence and the ball ended up in the net. Liam Jennings replied with a point for Jenkestown to leave the score 4-6 to 1-6 at the three quarter hour mark.

The final quarter saw the sides add three points apiece, Jenkestown's hat trick of points coming from that man Liam Jennings, Leon Giblin and Vinny Walsh, leaving Jenkestown comfortable nine point winners on a 4-9 to 1-9 score line.

Next up for both sides will be the re-fixed round one games that were postponed due to unplayable pitches/inclement weather. Jenkestown are due to take on Ballivor, while St.Vincents/Curraha will play Bective/Dunsany in the final round of group games.

Best for the winners in this contest were David Regan, Charlie McCormack, Charlie Ward, Craig Gilsenan, Vinny Walsh, Liam Jennings and Leon Giblin.

Jenkestown Gaels Team & Scorers:

Colin Byrne, David Sheeran, Colm Mclvor, David Regan, Charlie McCormack, Charlie Ward, Conor Quinn, Max Kennedy, Craig Gilsenan (1-0), Sean Gerard Walsh, Vinny Walsh (2-1), Barry Walsh, Leon Giblin (1-2), Liam Jennings (0-5, 1f), Charlie Mulligan.

Subs used:

Kyle O'Malley for S.G Walsh, Luke O'Halloran for Mulligan, Evan Drum for Conor Quinn, Cillian Kelly for Giblin.

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Pos.	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A
1	Bective	2	2	0	0	32	20
2	Jenkestown Gaels	2	1	1	0	35	28
3	St. Vincent's	2	1	1	0	38	25
4	Ballivor GFC	2	0	2	0	10	42