

# DICKSBORO win a tight fight

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Dicksboro - U15 Roinn A Champions 2023



Tullagher Rosbercon - U15 Roinn B League & Championship Winners 2023. Captains Sean Hanrahan and Ciarán Cummins

## ROINN A

U15 Duggan Steel Roinn A County Final With City Club Dicksboro fancied by many for this final Dunnamaggin needed to get off to a good start but unfortunately for them it was Dicksboro who set the tempo straight away and after 10 mins of play gone the Champions were 1:03 v 0:00 up and motoring with Robbie Lacey at midfield well involved and on the scoreboard. Dunnamaggin's first point did come on 11 mins when Aaron McCormack found the target to get his side up and running. McCormack was again involved straight away when he supplied Ian McDonald with the opportunity and the wing forward found the back of the Dicksboro net. Dicksboro then got four unanswered points, two from the excellent Robbie Lacey and two placed balls from Samuel John O'Shea to make it 1:07 v 1:01. Dicksboro were not slowing up and after some excellent refereeing by Conor Everard when he allowed an advantage after Robbie Lacey was fouled, Dan Carroll got close to goal and made no mistake finding the net. 2:07 v 1:01 and surely Dunnamaggin had no way back but Southern's hadn't read the script and refused to drop their heads. Dunnamaggin kept the shoulder to the wheel all over the field and Brian Hickey pointed two well deserved frees to keep the scoreboard ticking over. Samuel John returned fire with a 65' before corner forward Eoin Moore added another from the wing off his left. Dunnamaggin still had time to put some pressure on Dicksboro the provider earlier in the game now turned scorer as Aaron McCormack cleverly found the net in typical fashion to leave six between the teams at half time, Dicksboro 2:09 v 2:03 Dunnamaggin. Samuel John got the Champions off the mark with a well taken point in the second half while Stephen

Walsh put one over for Dunnamaggin when he got on the end of a poor clearance. Dicksboro responded well and when Samuel John found himself in acres of space and ball in hand he made no mistake with another point. Up next for the City side was maybe the score of the game when right half back Ben Henderson did it all on his own, after winning possession in his own half of the field he marched forward and got his point with a little touch of class added. Eoin Moore added another from a tight angle just before Dunnamaggin man Scott McDonald, now at centreforward, opened his tally. This unfortunately was where the contest ended as Dicksboro went for glory as they racked up 2:06 in a spectacular display of hurling, scores from Eoin Moore (0:02), Conor Tynan (1:01), Samuel John O'Shea (0:02) & Joe Dowling (0:01). All the good hurling was not at the attacking end for the 'Boro as the supply of ball was kept coming from some excellent displays in the defence led by the very impressive Oisín Henderson. Dunnamaggin to their credit kept fighting and pointed when a player struck quickly from a body of players just before Eoin Moore goal to bring his side to a final tally of 5:19 for the day. The last point of the day was probably as equal in quality to Ben Henderson's point when Brian Hickey pointed from a huge distance to bring his sides tally for the day to 2:07.

*Dicksboro: Rian Dowling, Jamie Cassin, Noah Gibbons, Jack Treacy, Ben Henderson, Oisín Henderson, Aaron Butler, Sean Kavanagh, Robert Lacey, Joe Dowling, Dan Carroll, Luke Browne, Jack Delaney Samuel John O'Shea, Eoin Moore, Noah Orr, Cian Fogarty, Conor Tynan, Charlie Gleeson, Sean Norton, Conor Deegan, Jake Mullally, James Kavanagh, James Gannon, Sean Carroll, Phillip Mullane, Conor Marry, Eoin Hughes, Jack O'Reilly, Rory Gorman, Yaccine Saidi, Ben Bracken, Michael*

*Brennan, Charlie Byrne, Rohan Galvin, Eoin Roberts, Conor Power, Joe Osbourne*

*Dunnamaggin: Daniel Hayes, Sean Sheridan, Darragh Lyons, James Moore, Nicky Healy, Cathal Rossiter, Hugh Healy, Brian Hickey, Edward Moylan, Ian McDonald, Stephen Walsh, Alfie Steed, Jake O'Neill, Scott McDonald, Aaron McCormack, Sam Doherty, Hugh O'Sullivan, Max Kirwan, Joe Hates, Ciaran Aylward, Dan Doherty Robbie Lodge, Robbie Lyons, Sean Delahunty*

## ROINN B

A staggering 18 Teams took part in this year's U15 Roinn B Duggan Steel Championship. League Champions Tullagher Rosbercon took on and overcame Tullaroan in the prelim round while Emeralds accumulated a big score v Galmoy/Windgap in the same round. With 8 first rounds next we had plenty of hurling around the County. While Tullagher Rosbercon accounted for Lisdowney in the South of the County Barrow Rangers were quietly going about their business in the North of County with a big win over St Lachtains. Tullagher Rosbercon were again big winners in the quarter final stages while in the other games a few pucks of the ball were the difference, Mooncoin beating Piltown by 4 points, Emeralds beating Graignamanagh by 4 points also and Barrow Rangers overcame Carrickshock by 5 points. Barrow Rangers came out on the right side v Emeralds in the first semi final with the help of 4 goals to win by 9 points on a scoreline of 4:10 v 1:10. In a repeat of the League Final Tullagher Rosbercon won v Mooncoin on a scoreline of 3:17 v 4:08.

The County Final started off in excellent fashion and with 5 mins gone it was two points each thanks to one point from play and a pointed free each, Gary McHugh from play and Jack Bolger from a placed ball for Barrow Rangers while Tullogher Rosbercon had Philly Murphy, from play, and Michael Sydney from a free to thank for getting them up and running. Michael Sydney then got himself on the end of a brilliant ball in from midfield and slotted over to take a one point lead for Tullogher Rosbercon. From the resulting puckout Barrow Rangers were on the attack and yielded a 65' for their efforts with Daniel Lawlor making no mistake from the placed ball to bring us all square again. Barrow Rangers added another shortly afterwards when they intercepted a line ball and new man in Cathal Fox made no mistake from the left wing to put his side one up. Tullogher Rosbercon again responded well and when Joss O'Connor was hooked by BR man Cian O'Reilly the ball found its way to Philly Murphy and he added his second point of the day to make it 0:04 v 0:04 and this was now turning into a cracker of a game that had it all. This was the last time the teams would be level in the first half as Barrow Rangers moved up a gear and became a little more economical with their use of the ball. Half time Barrow Rangers 0:09 v 0:05 Tullogher Rosbercon

The half time break did Tullogher Rosbercon all the good in the world as they came out of the blocks fire on all cylinders after the restart, within two and a half mins they were back level with Barrow Rangers with some excellent hurling. Kyle Bolger getting the third of those four points with the very stylish Sean Hanrahan accounting for the other three on his way to a brilliant second half display. To their credit Barrow Rangers responded as they needed to with a Jack Bolger point which was needed to settle his side down again. This put BR up by the minimum and this game that gave us so much in the first half kept on giving in the second half as both teams went at it hammer and tongs with both sets of supporters helping as much as they could. Another fiercely contested breaking ball in midfield was won Paucic Hanlon and the man named at wingback but playing further up the wing made sure his effort went over the bar to go two points up with just under 20 mins to go. Two points down now Tullogher Rosbercon needed to respond, up first was a Sean Hanrahan point quickly followed by a point from Micheal Sydney to draw us level again and now for the moment of the game as both Hanrahan and Sydney combined brilliantly for Barry Furlong to find the back of the Barrow Rangers net with the goal separating the teams now. It could only be in the fashion of this game that Barrow Rangers would not lie down as their hurling matched their attitude and yes three more points found them level again, two frees from the influential Jack Bolger who was pulling all the strings around midfield in the second half and sub Jack McShane got himself on the scoreboard. The tension was palpable around the grounds now in a game that both deserved to win and neither deserved to lose but sport can be cruel and brilliant all at the same time. With continued pressure from the Tullogher Rosbercon forwards and might I add some great defending from the runners up. Tullogher Rosbercon were awarded a 65' which Sean Hanrahan pointed to go one up and just before Ray Byrne blew for the final time, Sean Hanrahan pointed from play to put daylight between the teams as his team now had the title of County Champions. This was a cracking contest and a great spectacle for all who were there to see it, final score Barrow Rangers 0:14 v 1:13 Tullogher Rosbercon.

**Tullogher Rosbercon:** Darren Ready, Jack Barron, Michael O'Sullivan, Rory Tobin, Neil Ryan, Ciaran Cummins, Sean Walsh, Kyle Bolger, Joss O'Connor, Barry Furlong, Sean Hanrahan, Philly Murphy, Mikey Ryan, Michael Sydney, Darragh Ryan, James Dooley, Edward Doyle, Lorcan Furness, Tyler Ryan, James Bookle, John Ryan, Shem Cummins, John Ryan, Eamon Tobin.



**Bennettsbridge - U15 Roinn C Champions 2023 Captain Scott Hennessy**



**Dunnamagin- U15 Roinn A Finalists 2023**



**Barrow Rangers -U15 Roinn B Finalists 2023**



**Erin's Own - U15 Roinn A League Champions 2023**

**Barrow Rangers:** Daniel McCullagh, James Prendergast, Jake Barcoe, Andrew Donohue, Odhran Prendergast, Cian O'Reilly, Paucic Hanlon, Jack Bolger, Jack Keating, Tadhg O'Connor, Daniel Lawlor, Gary McHugh, Cathal Fanning, Tom Carpenter, Cillian Culleton, Harry McShane, Sam Medlar, Dylan Kelly, Cathal Fox, Brian O'Callaghan, Cillian Tuite, Sean Cuddihy, Jack McShane, Jayden Darmody, Sam Murphy, Mathew Mahon, Darragh O'Neill, Josh Hughes

**ROINN C**

The 30th of August was the date of the opening fixture of the Duggan Steel U15 Roinn C Championship. With one game at quarter final stage Glenmore travelled north to Clogh and the home of the local side Cloneen GAA Club. After a strong performance earlier in the year by

Glenmore in the League when both teams met in Pairc na Ratha Cloneen knew what was at stake but this time they had home advantage and intended on making that count. Glenmore did eventually come out on top in this fixture winning by four points but it was a lot closer than the league fixture with goals a plenty Cloneen 4:05 v 3:12 Glenmore. Now to semi final stage a week later where Slieverue found the going difficult against an in form Glenmore team who had the luxury of a tough quarter final under their belt. In the other semi final Blacks & Whites took on Bennettsbridge in Gowran in what was a very close encounter. Bennettsbridge winning on a scoreline of 0:11 v 1:06.

Now for County Final day in MW Hire Dunmore with Glenmore taking on a hotly fancied Bennettsbridge side. From the early stages Bennettsbridge looked very good and their ability to take scores and create score looked very obvious from the off. Glenmore battle hard right throughout the entirety of the game and had some excellent performances all over the field but unfortunately for them they just met stronger opposition in Bennettsbridge on the day. Bennettsbridge can be very proud of an excellent team performance on the day.

**Bennettsbridge:** Tony Dobbyn, Abban Hennessy, Liam Keogh, Evan O'Dwyer, Robert Cullen, Luke Dobbyn, Ronan Dwan, Eoin Walpole, Jamie Walsh, Michael Houston, Scot Hennessy, Ben Fitzgerald, Ky Meaney, Jacob O'Dwyer, Reuben Morrissey, Ned Forristal, Ruairi McNally, Dara O'Sullivan, Cathal Dooley, Tomas McBride, Darragh Ryan, Michael Ryan, Olly Kelly Doyle, Robert Selmon.

**Glenmore:** Hugh Beirne, Senan Freyne, Ruadhri Heffernan, Mark Griffon, Mark Cody, Fionn Murphy, Seamus Harney, Rory Atkins, Luke Vereker, Stephen Grant, Aaron Talbot, Conor Walsh, James Vereker, Tommy Ryan, Sam McDonald, Colm Mackey, Conor Doherty, Scot Garvey, Sean Croke, Christopher Bown, Michael O'Connell, Kevin Cody, Kieran Boyle, Jack Coleman.



**James Stephens - U15 Roinn A Shield Winners 2023 Captain Andrew Brennan**



**Lisdowney - U15 Roinn B Shield Winners 2023**



**Blacks & Whites - U15 Roinn C Shield Winners 2023 Captain Jack Doyle**



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