

## Johnville win battle of the big two.



Johnville have one hand on the Under 12 B League trophy following this stunning match which was played in St Martin's Park on Tuesday last.

There is no doubt whatsoever that this was one of the best games seen at the St John's Park venue for many seasons.

The home side had opened up a tidy lead at the top of the table but the Old Borough outfit, who went into the contest in second place, were determined not to roll over to their city opponents and as a result a classic encounter was produced by both sides.

The final score means that two more victories will give Johnville the league crown.

Both sides had chances during the opening 15 minutes but the host club broke the deadlock after 20 minutes.

Jamie Brazil sent over a corner kick from the left and when the Dungarvan goalkeeper Dylan Cliffe and his defenders failed to deal properly with the flag kick, Bradley Kirwan applied the finish from inside the six yards box.

Five minute later the visitors had a great chance to regain parity when Eoin Dunne put Jordan Shaw clear on goal but the latter shot wide from an excellent position.

On 28 minutes Jordan Shaw was in on goal once again but on this occasion the home goalkeeper Jack Mulrooney produced an excellent save.

The second half opened up at a frantic pace and the sizable attendance were enthralled by the fare on offer.

Jamie Brazil had a chance shortly after the change of ends but he was off target from an adventitious position.

Johnville increased their advantage on 40 minutes through Salim Ahmed who had replaced the injured Aaron Hayes five minutes earlier.

He took a pass out on the right from Evan Ryan and after sweeping past three Dungarvan players he cracked the ball to the net from just inside the 18 yards box.

Two minutes later it was a case of “game on” when Dungarvan scored. Eoin Dunne crashed a volley off the Johnville crossbar but when the ball broke eight yards from goal, Micheal Power was in the right place to crack the ball high into the roof of the net.

The home custodian Jack Mulrooney then produced a brilliant save from Kyle O'Donnell on 51 minutes. Jamie Brazil had two glorious chances to put the game to bed during the remainder of this wonderful contest but it was to prove to be a night best forgotten for the profile goalscorer and late on he limped off injured.

As stated this was a terrific 60 minutes between two superb teams and a credit to both clubs. Johnville will win the league title if they take six points from their remaining three games.

**Johnville:** Jack Mulrooney, Ben Lindsay (Ben Meagher `46) Aaron Hayes (`35) Shane O'Brien, Derek Balogun, Raveli Kilonda, Evan Ryan, Bradley Kirwan, Ben Brown, Jamie Brazil (Adam Murphy `60) Ryan O'Sullivan.

**Dungarvan United:** Dylan Cliffe, Adam Ascroft, Martin McDonagh, Dale Ducy, Kyle O'Donnell, Jack Donnelly, Micheal Power, Junior Griffiths, Nathan Duggan (Kealon Windfield `45) Eoin Dunne (Jack Twomey `51) Jordan Shaw.

**Referee:** Claire Purcell.

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