

Goal Fest as Villa Defeat Ferrybank in Classic



Ferrybank's Adam English climbs highest to clear this ball up field.

Villa - 6
Ferrybank - 4

The Villa caused something of a surprise when they defeated Ferrybank in a thrill-a-minute Watty Walsh Cup final in Ozier Park on Thursday night last.

They had lost heavily to the boys from Abbeylands on two occasions during the Under 14 League campaign but had the last laugh in this classic encounter.

The Connors Park crew took the lead after only two minutes when Daniel Olosunbu raced on to a long ball from Cian Kehoe and after getting past central defender Shane Power he gave the Ferrybank goalkeeper Alex Ukomia no chance from inside the penalty area.

The Villa doubled their advantage six minutes later when their captain Eoin Kenny smashed the ball to the roof of the net following a pass from David Thornberry. Ferrybank went close on 20 minutes their captain James Sheehan fired in a crisp shot but the Villa goalkeeper Sean Connolly tipped the ball around his right upright.

Tomas Dowling then saw Sean Connolly tip his fierce shot from 20 yards over his crossbar.

It was only a matter of time before Ferrybank scored and the goal came from Dylan Carroll when he took advantage of slack defending after 23 minutes.

Three minutes later however the Villa regained their two goal advantage when Daniel Olosunbu scored his second goal of the contest.

He cut in from the right wing and delightfully planted the ball into the far corner of the net. There was an explosive start to the second half with Ferrybank scoring after only two minutes. Gavin Stacey moved in quickly from the left and he displayed wonderful skill by beating goalkeeper Sean Connolly with a delicate effort from just inside the 18 yards box.

Ferrybank equalised from the penalty spot on 47 minutes. Sean Connolly was adjudged to have fouled a Ferrybank player and the Ferrybank captain James Sheehan made no mistake from the 12 yards spot. Moments later Sheehan had to be carried off injured and his loss was to prove extremely costly for the team from the Village Grounds.

Three minutes after his departure the Villa went back in front when the pacy and skilful Daniel Olosunbu completed his hat-trick when he displayed a little bit of magic inside the penalty area before beating Alex Ukomia with sublime skill.

Just after the hour mark Daniel Olosunbu turned provider by heading the ball into the path of David Thornberry and he gave Alex Ukomia no chance with an excellent shot on the run.

Deep into stoppage time Daniel Olosunbu notched his fourth goal with another brilliant finish. The secretary of the WSFL Pat Kelly presented the famous Watty Walsh Cup to a happy Villa captain Eoin Kenny following the full time whistle on what was a glorious evening weather wise.

VILLA: Sean Connolly, Josh Kelly, Cian Kehoe, Sean Duggan, Brian Burke, Kieran Organ, Adam Wyse, Eion Kenny, Alex Power, Daniel Olosunbu, David Thornberry, Niall Murphy, Mark Ryan.

FERRYBANK: Alex Ukomia, Tomas Dowling, Adam English, Oseiwe Ogun, Shane Power, Paric Delehunty, Naoise Mac Cathmaoil, James Sheehan, Dylan Carroll, Jack Kavanagh, Conor Stacey, Cian Duggan, Luke Butler, Cody Griffin, Conor Wall.

REFEREE: Michael Wall.

ASSISTANTS: Adrian Scanlon and Ian O’Keeffe.