

Super Goals Seal Ferrybank Triumph



Ferrybank celebrate their cup win.

FERRYBANK - 2
TRAMORE - 0

Ferrybank claimed the Girls Under 16 Cup in blistering heat at the RSC on Wednesday night last with two cracking goals from Aoife Slattery and Hannah Pugh.

Ferrybank were first out of the blocks when, after five minutes, Sarah McDaid played the ball into space for Nicola English who raced in on goal but a fine tackle by Tramore centre-back Abbie Dunphy prevented a certain goal.

Two minutes later an in-swinging corner kick by Aoife Slattery had the Tramore defence in trouble but goalkeeper Sally Kelly raced from her line to gather the loose ball.

Both teams happily availed of a water break called by referee Derek O'Brien after 15 minutes as the temperatures soared into the thirties.

Tramore were mainly on the back foot but on 20 minutes they caught Ferrybank with a swift counter-attack. Bronagh Sheridan flew down the right wing and crossed low into the box. The Ferrybank defence lost Faith Cusack but her right foot shot was easily saved by Cliona Murphy.

Tramore dominated the early stages of the half. On 36 minutes Bronagh Sheridan worked her way past two defenders but the shot was well held by Cliona Murphy. Minutes later, Clodagh Carroll pulled the ball back from the end line to Faith Cusack but the Ferrybank defence were quick to close her down and the chance was lost.

On 44 minutes, Tramore had another chance. Abbie Dunphy fired a long ball down the middle and Kate Flavin raced through but her first time shot was just wide of the near post.

It took 46 minutes for the opening goal to arrive, but it was worth waiting for.



Celina Grant presents the Player of the Match trophy to Ferrybank's Aoife Slattery.

Roisin Cleary took a pass from Alanna Dolan and found Rachael Sutton on the edge of the box and she set up Aoife Slattery who hit a cracking shot on the run into the roof of the net.

Four minutes later, Ferrybank struck again with another top class goal. Aoife Slattery picked out Hannah Pugh with a sublime pass that split the Tramore defence, the Ferrybank striker hit her shot low and hard but Tramore keeper Sally Kelly made a fine save however the strike carried to much power and carried into the net.

Tramore never gave up and came back at Ferrybank but it was the girls from the Village Grounds who had the last chance of the game but Eilis Clooney just dragged her shot wide of the far post after Nicola English had provided the cross.

After the match Celina Grant from the WWL presented Ferrybank captain Cliona Murphy with the Girls Under 16 Cup and Aoife Slattery won the Player of the Match award.

FERRYBANK: Cliona Murphy, Roisin Cleary, Aoife Clooney, Aisling Flynn, Ciara Phelan, Aoife Slattery, Zoe Cremin, Alanna Dolan, Nicola English, Rachel Sutton, Sarah McDaíd, Hanah Pugh, Eilis Clooney, Caoimagh Mackay, Tanya Morrissey.

TRAMORE: Sally Kelly, Ally Hanniway, Surcha O'Brien, Anna Papatomas, Abbie Dunphy, Keauy Gillane, Niambh Purcell, Bronagh Sheridan, Faith Cusack, Clodagh Carroll, Hanah Grimes, Michelle Condran, Zara Breslin, Kate Flavin.

REFEREE: Derek O'Brien, assisted by Mack Lucas and Michael Wall.