

Cnoc Sion Bow Out of Munster

Munster Junior Club Football Semi-Final

Dromtarriffe 2-16
Mount Sion 0-10

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Déise Junior Football champions Mount Sion proved no match for their Cork counterparts at Mallow on Saturday last in their Munster Club Semi-Final. The Monastery men were still in it at the break, trailing by five points having played against the breeze in the opening half. And despite twice reducing the margin to four points in the second period the superiority of the West Cork side eventually shone true. The opening exchanges had Dromtarriffe leading by 0-03 to 0-01 after seven minutes with the brilliant Daniel O’Keeffe landing all his sides’ scores, while Stephen Roche replied with a fine point for the Waterford champions. When Mount Sion lost possession in attack after 10 minutes the ball was quickly transitioned to the elusive Daniel O’Keeffe with the Corkman blasting the ball past Nicky Mackey in the Sion goal (1-03 to 0-01).

Evan Murphy added another for the Duhallow based side but Mount Sion rallied in the second quarter. Austin Gleeson and Sean Glynn were winning possession at centre-field with both Stephen Roche and Martin O’Neill carrying the ball effectively in attack.



Ian O’Regan and Austin Gleeson dug deep for Mount Sion in Mallow on Saturday last on a day when Dromtarriffe’s Daniel O’Keeffe inspired his side to Munster JFC Semi-Final victory. | Photo: Azzurri Sport/Twitter

Gleeson and Martin O’Neill (2) had points on the board with a further pair of white flaggers from the unmarkable Daniel O’Keeffe coming back in reply. A fine full pitch move orchestrated by Michael Gaffney on the stroke of half-time had corner forward Richard Roche just failing to connect with the cross-field pass in front of the Dromtarriffe goal leaving the Cork men leading by 1-06 to 0-04 heading to the dressing rooms. Mount Sion began the second half strongly with points from Austin Gleeson and Martin O’Neill (2) helping to bring their deficit back to a more manageable four points by the 40th minute. The

city men bravely chased the game in the hope of reviving their chances but when Daniel O'Keeffe kicked low to the net for his second goal after 43 minutes there was no way back for Mount Sion (2-10 to 0-07). Mount Sion kept plugging away but the goal they yearned for never arrived. Martin O'Neill did rattle the crossbar and Austin Gleeson was unlucky to see his angled drive dip just over the bar rather than under it. Gleeson, O'Neill and Ian Galgey; all registered late points but the afternoon belonged to the Cork men and in particular to man-of-the-match Daniel O'Keeffe who finished with a tally of 2-09. Dromtarriff will now play Kerry champions Beaufort in the Munster Final.