



DOWN AREA WINTER FOOTBALL LEAGUE

29 APRIL
LONDONDERRY PARK
NEWTOWNARDS

**TOMMY MURPHY MEMORIAL
SHIELD FINAL**

Corrymeela II v Comber Young Men II

4.15pm KO
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DAWFL Chairman's Message

IAN FRAZER

As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all clubs for taking part in this year's Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield Final and congratulate both Comber Young Men II and Corrymeela IIs in reaching this year's Final, which is a fantastic achievement in itself.

Those of you who follow the DAWFL will note that this is a repeat of the 2015 Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield final when Corrymeela IIs were the victors. We look forward to another exciting, competitive contest between the two sides again.

It would be remiss of me not to also highlight my gratitude to the highly competent group of match officials that have officiated in the competition along the way, with our legendary Referee Convenor Jimmy Fegan deserving a special mention for his mentoring and work behind the scenes that often goes unnoticed.



Route to the Final

Group C

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| Saturday, 11 February | Comber YM II | 7-1 | Brentwood II |
| Saturday, 18 February | Ballygowan II | 0-5 | Comber YM II |
| Saturday, 18 March | Queens Grads IV | 3-4 | Comber YM II |
| Saturday, 25 March | Comber YM II | 2-0 | Castlereagh FC 82 II |

Group D

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| Saturday, 11 February | Corrymeela II | 2-2 | Clonduff II |
| Saturday, 18 February | Corrymeela II | 1-4 | 3rd Bangor II |
| Saturday, 25 February | 43rd Dundonald II | 2-3 | Corrymeela II |
| Saturday, 11 March | Newtownards RBL II | 2-3 | Corrymeela II |

Quarter Finals

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| Saturday, 15 April | Abbey Villa IV | 0-3 | Corrymeela II |
| Saturday, 15 April | Comber YM II | 2-1 | Moat Park Rangers II |

Semi Finals

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| Tuesday, 25 April | Comber YM II | 3-0 | Newtown Forest II |
| Tuesday, 25 April | Brentwood II | 2-3 | Corrymeela II |

Final

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| Saturday, 29 th April | Corrymeela II | v | Comber YM II |
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Londonderry Park, Newtownards, KO 4:15pm

A brief look at Comber Young Men F.C.....

It was the year 1977 when the late Billy Allen put the foundations of the current club in place through his association with Comber Methodist Church. After organising a series of friendly fixtures a resolution was made in 1978 to move into the competitive arena and it was at the time of this decision that Comber Methodist Church Youth Club was formed.

In the 1979-80 season the club continued to tread the paths of success and when they finished divisional runners-up in the McCallum Shield, promotion was assured for the second successive season. This time success was achieved with the stunning record of having lost only a single point in the process. 1980-81 brought an amazing continuation of the club's promotion trail as the team once again moved up a division.

Although the team continued to hold on to membership of the Churches League, a decision was taken to adopt a name change and the term Comber Young Men was used for the first time. Shortly after the management of Comber YM opted to leave the Churches League and seek membership of the locally based Down Area Association.

Comber Young Men F.C. have marked their 40th Anniversary in remarkable style, with them winning the DAWFL Premiership, Division 2a and Mervyn Bassett Cup to date. The season would be complete by winning the Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield.

Past and Present members are invited to celebrate the Club's 40th Anniversary on Friday 19th May 2017 at the Strangford Arms Hotel. Tickets available from Chris Barr (07427 676 574)

President: John Martin

Chairman: Ian Frazer

Secretary: Chris Barr

Committee Members: Alan Meekin, Ryan Meekin, David Gabbey, Ian McMullen, Markus McLeod.



Comber Young Men II

Jack Mitchell, Goalkeeper

(N/A)

Without question one of the best keepers in the Down Area. 'Catnav' lost his place in the 1st team through injury and became a vital mainstay throughout the second half of the season with the 2nds.

Colin James, Defender

(N/A)

Almost ever present this season at right back in the meanest defence in the league. Not bad at left back either. Not known for his goals, but scored a cracker own goal in the quarter final.

Joel McMullen, Defender

(Comber Rec Youth)

Still young for a fullback but in his 3rd season as a regular with the 2nds. The most natural ball player of the back four with a good left foot.

Alan Brown, Defender

(N/A)

Arguably the best out and out defender at the club. Has been a blessing for the 2nd team all season with the club spoilt for options in defence.

Carl Ross, Defender

(N/A)

2nd team captain throughout our league winning success. A big calming influence especially in the big games.

David Haire, Defender/Midfielder

(N/A)

The veteran of the team still competes for everything and keeps the youngsters on their toes. Last year's player of the year came on strong the second half of this season.

Andrew Marshall, Midfielder

(N/A)

Last year's 2nd team captain has been in and out of the 1st team gaining invaluable experience. Has settled back into his role as midfield general for the 2nd team for a run of games.

Jack King, Midfielder

(Brentwood, Groomspoint)

Wonder signing last summer. Joined as a centre back but quickly became a rock in the midfield of the 2nd team. A real competitor and another young player who has pushed for the 1st team.

Jason Rutherford, Midfielder

(Comber Star)

Returned from rivals Comber Star a little bit older and wiser. Still just as quick and skilful adding goals to his game.

Jordan Finney, Everywhere

(Comber Rec)

Played in number of positions as a tough tackler and imposing presence but remarkably hit double figures in goals.

Mark McLeod, Midfielder

(Glenavon Reserves, Comber Rec)

Specialist at set pieces has contributed with vital goals and assists. Temperament has improved with experience.

Stuart Kelly, Midfielder

(Knockbreda Youth)

Technically gifted young player with a natural composure on the ball. Bit of a stop start season but definitely one for the future.

Josh Halliday, Forward

(Comber Rec Youth)

Third year as a 2nd team striker and improved his tally every year. Sits one ahead of Lewis currently and has stepped up with many important goals including a hat trick in the Mervyn Bassett final.

Lewis Patmore, Forward

(Saintfield AYC)

Last season's top scorer. Scored in quarter and semi-finals and looking to fire us to further success. Strong and skilful player with boatloads of potential.

David Harvey, Forward

(N/A)

Our Super sub this season chipping in with more goals than cards this year! Great clubman happy to let the youth break through.

Ian McMullen, Assistant Manager

Came on-board this season and has jumped in with two feet playing a big part in the success on and off the field. The good cop that keeps the manager sane and the players happy.

A brief look at Corrymeela F.C.....

Corrymeela Football Club was founded in 1988 by two young men who had been involved in voluntary work with the Corrymeela Community, Peter Shaw and Brian Kingston, current Lord Mayor of Belfast. The Community operate a residential centre in Ballycastle supporting peace and reconciliation work which various groups visit, often on a cross-community basis. The Community founder, Reverend Ray Davey OBE, was Honorary Club President.

The Club is financially independent of the Community. All money needed to run the Club is raised through payments from its members and fundraisers the Committee organises throughout the season. The main aims of the Football Club are; to provide a Belfast based means of contact for young adults interested in the cross-community work of Corrymeela, to promote the name and ethos of Corrymeela and to enjoy successful sporting and social activity.

Training takes place twice a week at Ashfield High School's 3G facility and home matches are played at Blanchflower Playing Fields.

The Club completed its first two seasons in the now defunct Belfast Churches League before moving to the Down Area Winter Football League in 1990. The 2016-17 season is their 27th season in the DAWFL. In 1996-97 the Club formed a second team, the main objective being to strengthen the first eleven. They had to wait a further three seasons before this move paid dividends, lifting their first piece of silverware in 1999-2000. Founder member Robert Semple was manager when his side lifted the Division 1B title in the Millennium season.

Since then they have won two Sittlington Cups (2009 and 2016), the Frank Moore Memorial Cup in 2012 and the Premier Division in 2010/11. They have been Sittlington Cup runners up on four occasions. This is the 2nd team's second appearance in the Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield final, having lifted the trophy in 2015 against Comber YM II.

Chairman: Mark Hoey

Treasurer: Lorcan Fairmichael

Secretary: Gerald Morris

Committee Members: Scott Thompson and David Gillian



Corrymeela II

Paul Kelly, Goalkeeper

(Southside)

Solid keeper with good distribution. Availability restricted by work commitments. Picked up a winners medal in 2015.

Danny Meegan, Right Back

(N/A)

Another survivor from 2015 who will not stop running until Monday's Belfast marathon ends.

Sean Pettis, Left Back

(Bryansburn Rangers)

He was told recently he is a midfielder trapped in the body of someone who cannot run. Unlucky to miss out on the 2015 final squad.

Michael Morris, Centre Back

(N/A)

2nd Team Captain who played in the 2015 final. Solid central defender.

Fraser Hutcheson, Centre Back

(N/A)

Comfortable in possession. Can play central defence or left back. Played in the 2016 Sittlington Cup winning side.

Mark MacAulay, Centre Midfield

(Knock FC)

Another who played in last season's Sittlington Cup winning team. He is also a survivor from the 2015 shield victory.

Andy Hoey, Centre Midfield

(Queens University)

Has missed the last couple of seasons due to injury. Keeps the ball flowing in midfield and came up with the winning goal in the semi-final.

Lewis Murray, Forward

(N/A)

Another player who never stops running for the team. Came off in the semi-final with double cramp. Started chipping in with vital goals as well.

Mark Reilly, Forward

(Church Star, Knock FC)

The Club's all-time record goal scorer is in semi-retirement and only comes out to play on special occasions. Started the comeback in the semi-final.

Iain Hutcheson, Forward

(N/A)

Has been with the Club since 1996. Injuries have curtailed his appearances this season to a handful, but back just in time for the shield run.

Robbie Norrie, Left Midfield

(N/A)

1st season at the Club. Has taken great strides since his opening games for the 2nds. Endless energy, never stops hassling the opposition.

Damien Heading, Right Back

(Lagan Athletic)

Long serving player who can cover a range of positions. Previous 2nd team manager. Joined the Club when Lagan Athletic folded. Picked up a winners medal in 2015.

Mark Hoey, Forward

(Star of the Sea)

Can play central midfield or just off the centre forward. Started the 2015 final. Current Club Chairman.

James Breen, Centre Midfield

(N/A)

1st season at the Club. Comfortable on the ball, but has been unable to nail down a starting position yet.

Manager Focus – Alan Meekin (Comber YM II)



Name: Alan Meekin

Who did you play for? Comber Young Men, one club man still put the boots on occasionally.

Other Teams Managed? Again one club CYM. 4th season and a few more left in me.

What do you look for in a player? Commitment, work rate and discipline.

Proudest football moment? Making history by winning 2B and then 2A back to back.

Why do you enjoy being a manager? Being at a progressive club that matches my ambitions to improve and compete.

Favourite Manager? Touchy subject as an Arsenal fan.

Anything that people would be surprised to know about you? Anyone that knows me would know there isn't much that would surprise them!

Manager Focus – Scott Thompson (Corrymeela) II



Name: Scott Thompson

Who did you play for? 8th OB, Corrymeela

Other Teams Managed? None

What do you look for in a player? First and foremost I like my players to work hard. A team of players who put the effort in, and play for each other, will go far at any level.

Proudest football moment? Lifting the Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield as Captain of Corrymeela Football Club.

Why do you enjoy being a manager? It is enjoyable when something you have worked on in training comes good in a match, even if it's only a small thing. It is also humbling knowing that the lads trust you to make the big decisions for the team.

Favourite Manager? Michael O'Neill

Anything that people would be surprised to know about you? Apart from being a Footballer (never even came close), I always wanted to be a Pilot. I never got my licence, but have flown solo from N'Ards Airfield.



CUP WINNERS

DENNIS S. NASH CHARITY SHIELD – GREENWELL STAR

BILLY ALLEN MEMORIAL SHIELD – AGAPE

FRANK MOORE MEMORIAL CUP – MOAT PARK RANGERS

MERVYN BASSETT CUP – COMBER YOUNG MEN II

DIVISIONS

PREMIERSHIP

WINNERS – COMBER YOUNG MEN

RUNNERS UP – MOAT PARK RANGERS

RELEGATED – NORTH DOWN, BANGOR RANGERS III

DIVISION 1

WINNERS – NEWTOWNARDS ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

RUNNERS UP – BALLYGOWAN

PROMOTED – BELVOIR, 43RD DUNDONALD

DIVISION 2A

WINNERS – COMBER YOUNG MEN II

RUNNERS UP – GREENWELL STAR II

RELEGATED – BANGOR RANGERS IV, VISION ATHLETIC II

DIVISION 2B

WINNERS – BRENTWOOD II

RUNNERS UP – OAKFIELD BRED A II