

DAWFL Chairman's Message

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As always I would like to take this opportunity to thank all clubs for taking part in this year's Sittlington Final and congratulate both Clonduff and Newtownards Royal British Legion in reaching this year's Final, which is a fantastic achievement in itself.

One thing we are guaranteed on is a new name on the Sittlington Cup this season and it is great to see clubs who have only recently been admitted into the League doing so well.

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.



I would like to thank Ards Rangers F.C for the use of their ground and facilities for this season's final.

Route to the Final

Round 1

Saturday, 8 October	Newtownards RBL	3-1	Moat Park Rangers
Saturday, 8 October	Ballygowan	1-5	Clonduff
Round 2			
Saturday, 5 November	Newtownards RBL	4-0	Oakfield Breda
Saturday, 5 November	Clonduff	6-5	Greenwell Star
Quarter Finals			
Saturday, 3 December	Clonduff	7-1	North Down
Saturday, 17 December	Newtownards RBL	3-2	Agapé
Semi Finals			
Wednesday, 12 April	Clonduff	4-3	Comber YM II
Wednesday, 12 April	3 rd Bangor	0-5	Newtownards RBL

Final

Monday, 1 st May	Clonduff	V	Newtownards RBL
Drome Park, Newtownar	ds, KO 6.30pm		

A brief look at Clonduff F.C.



Clonduff FC was formed in 2011/2012 by Chris Todd and Robert Fisher one year after they took charge on a youth team based in the Clonduff estate.

Clonduff entered the BBOB League with the help of Pastor Herbie Bowes, which gave their taste for junior football and the belief they wanted bigger and better for our club. Soon after they moved to the South Antrim Football League and in their first season won Division, becoming the first 1st division team to win the Gordon Hanna Cup.

The club felt they needed another step up and in the 2015/2016 season were accepted into the Down Area Winter Football League, were they won the 1st Division in their 1st season and are currently enjoying their 2nd season in the Premiership.

Clonduff FC have went from strength to strength on and off the pitch in recent years and we now boast an impressive junior section, with 10 teams ranging from 2011 to 2007.

Chairman: Chris Todd Treasurer: Dan Kenny Secretary: Robert Fisher

Committee Members: Davey Todd, Michael Arlow, Luke Wilton, Glenn Stevenson, Jonathan Magee and Michael

Devereau.



Clonduff

Christopher Allen, Goalkeeper

(Cregagh Wanderers, Solway Stars)

Chris is a player we have been after for a few seasons now and he finally put pen to paper this year and wasted no time in securing the No.1 shirt after a string of impressive displays.

Jamie Doak, Right back

(Ravenhill YM, Donard Hospital)

A tough tackling midfielder turned right back this season, likes to keep everything simple and a bit of a dead ball specialist.

Robert Campbell, Right or Left back

(1st Bangor, Basement YM)

The veteran of the team but his legs refuse to believe it, Rab has covered a lot of positions this season and has energy to burn, as professional as they come.

Connor Campbell, Left back

(Donard Hospital)

Nephew of the late Geordie Best and has been with us since the club started, a natural athlete but the only player in the team not to score this season thus far.......

Chris Laverty, Centre back

(Braniel, Tullycarnet)

2nd season with the club and although doesn't claim to be a centre back performances suggest otherwise, another dead ball specialist having scored a brace few free kicks and direct from corners.

Jonathan Magee, Centre back

(Crusaders, Glenavon, H&W Welders)

Boasting piles of experience playing Irish League Pockets is a player who not only commands in the air but likes to get the ball down and play, a big threat from set pieces having scored 10 already this season.

Stephen Mallon, Centre back

(Drumbo, 82nd)

Mr versatile, Stevie has played at the back, in the middle and upfront, one of our leaders on the pitch, a born winner and rarely puts a foot wrong.

Lewis Moore, Centre back

(Carryduff Colts)

A young promising defender who has forced his way into the team after a brief spell of playing rugby! One of the local lads from Clonduff

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Lewis Morrison, Centre Mid

(Clonduff)

Another who has been at Clonduff from the start and has the nickname 'ginger kante' due to the amount of ground he covers, a tough tackling box to box midfielder.

Ryan Nugent, Centre Mid

(Donard Hospital, 82nd)

A player who can dictate a game at his own pace, keeps hold of the ball so well, very strong into a tackle when needed and good in the air, a league of his own this boy.

Lewis Robinson, Left/right Mid - 1st team captain (Braniel)

Although being one of the youngest in the team, a Clonduff lad and has started every game this season, quick, tricky and a goal scorer hitting over 20 this season.

Adam Hamilton, Left/right Mid

(Braniel, East Belfast)

Magoo is an old fashioned winger who likes to hug the by line and get the ball in the box, can play anywhere on the right and very confident on the ball.

Duncan Moore, Left/right Mid

(Holywood)

Another tricky winger who we thought we lost due to uni but has played about 75% of games and runs until he physically can't, loves a nutmeg or 2

Stuart Green, Striker / Right mid

(Belvoir, Braniel)

Greengo is in his 2nd spell with the club after a serious knee injury ruled him out but that is behind him now and has been a vital player this season be it in midfield or up front

Clark Dempster, Striker

(Orangefield)

Vowed to put us into the final and stood by his word with a brilliant performance, 'greizman' is not only good in the air but vital for defending set pieces, unplayable given half the chance and a cracking head of hair.

Jonathan Bowes, Striker

(Clonduff)

Our record goal scorer who never disappoints, has been with the club from the beginning and is another one from Clonduff, has missed more than he would have liked this season through injury but still on course for a 30 goal season.



A brief look at Newtownards Royal British Legion......

Newtownards Royal British Legion Football Club (RBLFC) is a recently established club, formed in 2012.

Club Chairman Gary Anderson, spoke to the youthful members of the British Legion, about the possibility of forming a football team, with the aim of promoting the philosophy and ethos of the organisation within the local community through sport.

David Shields was appointed team manager with the initial remit of gathering a squad of players together. After a short period of time a squad was formed and friendly matches were sought against local teams in their inaugural year.

A committee with knowledge in local football was formed to help guide the management and team in the right direction. In the 2013/14 season Newtownards RBL competed in the B.B.O.B League and after two seasons of competitive football applied for admission into the DAWFL for the 2015/16 season.

After a successful application and interview process the 1st team was placed into Division 1 and as the club grew in stature players with more quality were attracted to the club. Increasing numbers also provided the basis for a reserve team to be formed.

As the club continues to develop and progress they have been attracting interest from many people in the local football community.

Newtownards RBL have thoroughly enjoyed their time in the DAWFL with many positive results, including the 1st XI winning the Frank Moore Memorial Cup and this season gaining promotion to the Premiership as Champions of Division 1. A place in the Sittlington Cup Final has surpassed all expectations.

Chairman: Gary Anderson Treasurer: Peter Irvine Secretary: Jack Cash

Committee Members: David Shields, Jonathan Cameron, Neville Dugan, Andrew Hirst, Raymond Potter



Newtownards Royal British Legion

Andrew Murdoch, Goalkeeper (Rosemount) Experienced, Reliable Shot Stopper

Colin Nixon, Defence (Portavogie, Ards Rangers, Killyleagh) Experience, Calm, Technique

Kris Gardiner, Defence (Bangor YM) Pace, Power, Energy

David Keenan, Defence (Abbey Villa, Portavogie, Ards Rangers, Ballywalter, Rosemount, Brentwood) Leader, Experience, Ball winner

Peter Fry, Defence (Glentoran, Ards, Carnoustie Panmure, Groomsport, Brentwood, Agape) Organiser, Ball winner, Calm

Glenn Johnston, Defence (Ballywalter Rec., North Down, Groomsport) Strong, Hard tackling, Ball winner

Mark Liddell, Defence / Midfield (Ards Rangers, Ards Reserves, 1st Bangor, Hollywood, Groomsport, Shorts, North Down) BrentwoodExperience, Technique, Toughness

lan Henderson, Defence / Midfield (Bangor Rangers, Portavogie) Pace, Power, Energy

Josh Lowry, Midfield (Brentwood) Trickery, Pace, Technique

Ryan Brown, Midfield (Bangor, Welders, Brentwood) Pace, Power, Vision

Andrew Pitman, Midfield, Captain (Abbey Villa, Rosemount)
1st touch, Vision

Jonathan Grainger, Midfield (Ravenhill YM, Agape, Brentwood) Ball winner, Toughness, Energy

Stuart Cameron, Midfield (Ards, Groomsport, Ards Rangers, Brentwood) Energy, Trickery, Pace

Gavin Macartney, Striker (Shorts, Groomsport, North Down, Brentwood) Ball winner, Strength, Clinical Finisher

Jonathan Cash, Striker (Abbey Villa, Comber Rec., Ards, 1st Bangor, Portavogie, Groomsport, Ards Rangers, Brentwood) Control, Technique, Clinical Finisher

David Shield, Striker (None) Pace, Energy

Manager Focus – Robert Fisher & Glen Quinn (Clonduff)





Name:

Robert Fisher & Glen Quinn

Who did you play for?

Robert: Clonduff

Glenn: Oakfield, Civil Service, Orangefield, Braniel, Clonduff

Other Teams Managed?

Robert: Clonduff 1sts and 2nds

Glen: This is my first venture into senior management after previous coaching at Glentoran and Braniel youth teams

What do you look for in a player?

They should all look like Oliver Giroud

Proudest football moment?

Robert: When Clonduff completed their first league and cup double in the South Antrim Football League.

Glen: Winning Amateur league 3B under Ian Crothers, Gary Blackstock, Alan Dornan and Stuart Beattie

Why do you enjoy being a manager?

We enjoy it because of the banter with the lads. It is good to pass knowledge onto the team (albeit small), but this team make it easy to manage, as we have a bunch of experienced players mixed with a lot of youth. We love to see players progressing!

Favourite Manager?

Robert: Arsene Wenger purely for his philosophy

Glenn: Walter Smith & Sir Alex Ferguson

Anything that people would be surprised to know about you?

The club have promised us a 2 week all-inclusive holiday if when can bring home the Sittlington Cup!

Manager Focus – Gary Barclay (Newtownards RBL)



Name:

Gary Barclay

Who did you play for?

Ards Rangers, Killyleagh, Comber Rec., North Down, Brentwood, RBL

Other Teams Managed?

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What do you look for in a player?

Ability and attitude, you have to have both

Proudest football moment?

Hard to split winning the NAFL with Ards Rangers in 1997/98 and the DAWFL Treble with Brentwood in 2012/13

Why do you enjoy being a manager?

Enjoy working with players on the training pitch and match day tactical planning

Favourite Manager?

Pep Guardiola

Anything that people would be surprised to know about you?

I own a wedding band called Impact

Referee Focus

Ian McKee

From Belfast, Ian has been an official in the DAWFL since 2011-12, with the 2012-13 Frank Moore Memorial Cup being his first appearance as an official in a final.

'Lala's performances have not gone unnoticed, as highlighted by last season's appointment as Assistant Referee in this season's Junior Shield Semi-Final.

A former player in the league with Moat Park, Ian has also represented Dungoyne.



Tommy Rossi

Tommy has been a referee for 12 years, starting of in the South Belfast Youth League (SBYFL) & the Belfast Sunday League.

The Belfast official is no stranger to the big occasion, having officiated in 5 Sunday League finals, 24 SBYFL finals, 8 DAWFL finals and 2 u16 Girls International games.

Widely regarded as one of the best referees in the league, Tommy has declined several offers to move up the levels, noting that his passion lies with mentoring the Youth players and Referees in the leagues he represents.



Bryan Dallas

Comber man Bryan Dallas has been refereeing for almost 10 years and follows in his father's footsteps, who officiated at the top level in Northern Ireland.

Bryan has experience on the playing side of the game having represented Comber Star and Newtown Forest.

Final experience includes being the man in the middle in the 2016 Frank Moore Memorial Cup, George Wilson and various DAWFL finals as an assistant.







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
TOMMY MURPHY MEMORIAL SHIELD -

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 BREDA II