



**Tommy Murphy
Memorial Shield Final
9th May, 2018
Billy Neill Playing Fields**



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 and congratulate both Clonduff and Comber Young Men in reaching this year's Final, which is a great achievement in itself. Like all of us in attendance tonight I am looking forward to a fair, but competitive final, which I'm sure both teams will not disappoint in providing.

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 Lisburn and North Down Borough Council for the use of their facilities for this season's final.



Route to the Final

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	PTS
Clonduff II	8	7	0	1	41	11	30	21
Newtownards RBL II	8	4	2	2	36	21	15	14
3rd Bangor II	8	4	1	3	22	21	1	13
8th OB II	8	3	0	5	19	28	-9	9
Belvoir II	8	0	1	7	11	48	-37	1

TEAM	PLD	W	D	L	+	-	+/-	PTS
Comber YM II	8	5	3	0	22	7	15	18
Agape Swifts	8	4	2	2	19	14	5	14
North Down II	8	2	3	3	15	19	-4	9
Queens Grads IV	8	2	1	5	19	24	-5	7
Newtown Forest II	8	2	1	5	12	23	-11	7

Quarter Finals

Saturday, 28 April **Clonduff** 4-0 Agapé Swifts
Saturday, 28 April **Comber YM II** 5-2 Ballygowan II

Semi Finals

Wednesday, 02 May **Clonduff** 4-0 Corrymeela II
Wednesday, 02 May **Comber YM II** 4-2 Greenwell Star II

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, where they won the 1st Division in their 1st season and are currently enjoying their 3rd 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.

Jack Torrans - GK

Consistent in-between the sticks all season.

Kurtis Irvine - LB

Steady two footed left back with good attacking qualities

Jason Hunter - LB/RB

All round team player gives 100% in whatever position he is played

Stuart Beggs - CB

Been a rock in defence all season

Kenneth Dan - CB

His experience in defence has kept the backline solid all season

Matthew Patterson - CB

Has been a great addition to the team since joining and has strengthened the defence.

Andrew Sheldon - LB/LM

Consistent performer in either position

Matt Wilton - RB

Solid performance every game he plays

Aaron Stewart (Tidley) - LM

Clonduff through and through has captained the team superbly all season

Aaron Parker - CM

Does all the hard work that goes unnoticed

Ross Ritchie - CM

Another tough tackling, energetic midfielder who has done well when needed

William Dornan - CM

Excellent attitude and brings a lot of experience into the team

Rab Campbell - CM

Has given 100% when called upon during the season

Dale Legge - CM

Absolute unit in the middle of the park the engine of the team and controls the midfield in every game

Luke Wilton - RM /Striker

Brings a lot of energy to the team and when absent leaves a huge void in the team

Andrew Edgington - CF

Has formed a great strike partnership with Joel since joining and also adds a lot of experience to the team

Stephen Hunter CF/GK

Plays in various positions even steps into nets when required a good all round team player

Joel Ludlow - CF

Consistent goal scorer all season always a threat in front of goal when on the pitch

Jack McLorie - RM

Adds speed to the team and has assisted numerous goals throughout the season

Kurtis Drysdale - Assistant Manager/player CB

Always gives 100% on or off the pitch

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. marked their 40th Anniversary in remarkable style, with them winning the DAWFL Premiership, Division 2a, Mervyn Bassett Cup and the Tommy Murphy Memorial Shield.

President: John Martin

Chairman: Ian Frazer

Secretary: Chris Barr

Committee Members: Alan Meekin, Daniel Rosbotham, Ryan Meekin, David Gabbey, Ian McMullen, Markus McLeod, Michael Crooks.



Comber Young Men II

Daniel Rosbotham, Goalkeeper

(Comber Rec, Ballygowan, Futsal International)

Returned this season in goal and has been almost ever present. Has managed 7 clean sheets this season to date.

Jack Mitchell, Goalkeeper, Striker

(N/A)

The opposite to Daniel as Jack has returned to playing outfield and has returned to goal scoring form. Don't ask him about his overhead kick!

Colin James, Defender

(N/A)

Colly was supposed to retire after winning the treble. He's still here. He's too young to retire and will be back next year.

Alan Brown, Defender

(N/A)

Stinker our Player of the Year last year missed most of the season travelling. Still one of the best out and out defenders I've seen in the Down Area.

Carl Ross, Defender

(Comber Rec)

Solid at the back when available he has picked up where he left off last season. When he plays we haven't lost.

David Haire, Defender/Midfielder

(N/A)

Captain, leader, legend. Big Dee continues to inspire in his role as the grizzled veteran. Be late to his own funeral.

Jason Rutherford, Midfielder

(Comber Star)

A player who adds a bit of pace and trickery to our build up play. Why he went to Comber Star I never know.

Paul Catherwood, Defender/Midfielder

(Ravenhill YM)

Returned to the CYM this season after a few years away and it's like he never left. Mr reliable.

Richard Smythe, Defender

(Comber Rec)

An ever present for the first team last season but lost his place at the start of the season. Now ever present for us and chips in with the odd goal.

Mark Burns, Defender/Midfielder

(Ballygowan, Saintfield)

Had a stop start season due to rugby but has put in a number of solid performance recently. Hoof!

Jordan Finney, Defence, Midfield

(Comber Rec)

Older but not wiser, Finney is still a bull of a man. Not as many goals this season but more solid defensive work.

Mark McLeod, Midfielder

(Glenavon Reserves, Comber Rec)

Pastie continues to be a livewire within the team. A battler who poses a threat in open play and can deliver some of the best set pieces about.

Lewis Patmore, Forward

(Saintfield AYC)

Renowned goal scorer and must be a nightmare to play against. Thankfully he's been on our side last few years!

Thomas Claxton, Defence

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Petrol Bomb the Guernsey man has become a cult hero at the Young Men in his first season.

Samuel Hanna, Midfielder

(Comber Rec)

The Grey Wizard more associated with 1st team football before this season but due to work commitments he has been a huge boost to the second team.

Aaron Sinclair, Midfielder

(3rd Bangor, Lower Shankill)

Recent signing Sinky is a combative midfielder that loves a tackle.

Jordan Patmore, Midfielder

(Linfield Youth)

We all heard how good the older Patmore was. This year he has proved it in a deeper role than many expected.

Paul English, Midfielder

(Ravenhill YM)

PP has returned to fitness this season after long term knee injury. Has gotten stronger as the season goes on.

Jason McKee, Midfielder

(Comber Rec, Dundonald, Ballywalter)

Promising energetic midfielder. Tried his hand at Ballywalter before returning during the season and featuring prominently in our run to this cup final.

David Catherwood Midfielder

(Bryansburn Rangers)

Unfortunately David broke his leg earlier this year but we would once again like to send him our best wishes and a speedy recovery.

Ian McMullen, Assistant Manager

Keeps the players sane. A valuable asset to the team.

Manager Focus – Stuart Irvine (Clonduff)



Name: Stuart Irvine

Who did you play for? Dungoyne

Other Teams Managed? Newbridge Afc, 2006-2008

Solway Stars FC, 2008-2016

Cliftonville ladies, U13's , 17's & 19's 2017-present

What do you look for in a player? Someone who is enthusiastic, committed and gives 100% in both training and matches.

Proudest football moment? Winning the Robert "Sticky" McMaster cup with Solway Stars

Why do you enjoy being a manager? To see players develop and progress

Favourite Manager? Jürgen Klopp

Manager Focus – Alan Meekin & Ian McMullen (Comber Young Men 2nds)



Name:	Alan Meekin & Ian McMullen
Who did you play for?	(AM) Comber Young Men (IMcM)I didn't I played the oval ball
Other Teams Managed?	(AM) None (IMcM)None
What do you look for in a player?	(AM) The individual qualities to contribute to the team combined with the attitude to make sacrifices for the team. (IMcM) His match fee
Proudest football moment?	(AM) Winning the treble last season (IMcM) Winning the treble last season with my son Joel.
Why do you enjoy being a manager?	(AM) I want to be remembered by the great committee and supporters who followed our seconds when they struggled to even field a team. (IMcM) Who said I did.
Favourite Manager?	(AM) Haven't really got one. (IMcM) Has to be Mr Brian Clough
Anything that people would be surprised to know about you?	(AM) I fancy a crack at 1st team management.... Eventually :-) (IMcM) Saying nothing.