



Mervyn Bassett Cup Final

Comber YM II

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Clonduff II

Londonderry Park, Newtownards

18th April, 2017

Kick Off 6.15pm

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 Mervyn Bassett Cup and congratulate both Clonduff II and Comber Young Men II 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 this game, especially if it brings anywhere near as much excitement as the semi-final of the Sittlington Cup between the two sides 1st XIs.

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 and North Down Borough Council for the use of their ground



Route to the Final

Round 1

Saturday, 8 October	Castlereagh FC 82 II	1-2	Comber YM II
Saturday, 15 October	Brentwood II	3-5	Clonduff II

Round 2

Saturday, 12 November	Ballygowan II	0-3	Clonduff II
Saturday, 19 November	Comber YM II	3-1	Greenwell Star II

Quarter Finals

Saturday, 14 January	Vision Athletic II	4-6	Clonduff II
Saturday, 14 January	Comber YM II	3-0	Agapé II

Semi Finals

Tuesday, 04 April	Comber YM II	4-0	Newtownards RBL II
Tuesday, 04 April	3 RD Bangor OB II	3-4 (Penalties)	Clonduff II

Final

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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.

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

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

Almost ever present this season at right back in the meanest defence in the league. Strong defender, but still Daddy's boy.

Joel McMullen, Defender

Still young for a fullback but in his 3rd season as a regular with the 2nds. The most natural ball player of the back 4 with a good left foot.

Alan Brown, Defender

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

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

David Haire, Defender/Midfielder

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

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

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

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

Jordan Finney, Everywhere

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

Mark McLeod, Midfielder

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

Stuart Kelly, Midfielder

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

Third year as a 2nd team striker and improved his tally every year. Sits one behind Lewis currently and has stepped up with many important goals including a semi-final hat trick.

Lewis Patmore, Forward

Last season's top scorer and current leader looking to fire us to further success. Strong and skilful player with boatloads of potential.

A brief look at Clonduff II.....

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 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 II

Graeme Ingram, Goalkeeper
(Basement)

The Great ginger shot stopper. Can have his anger issues, but on his day as good as any in the four divisions.

Darron Peoples, Left Back
(Branial YM)

Clonduff's version of Kolorov. Great attacking threat with a few wonder goals this year. Can also defend when he wants.

Mark Allen, Centre Back
(Ards Rangers)

The cool and calm smiler. Great ball playing centre back that reads the game well.

Ben Greer, Centre Back
(Shorts)

Clonduff second's best out and out defender. Great collection of last ditch tackles this year, no more so than in the semi-final of this competition. Also has an eye for a goal.

Matt Wilton, Right Back / Midfield
(10th OB)

Mr reliable. Displays a never say die attitude that serves him well in his other hobbies. Hit a 25 yard wonder strike in the semi-final; here's hoping for a repeat!!

Tony Craig, Midfield
(Orangefield)

The defensive Midfield General. Doesn't get the headlines he deserves. Beast of a performance in semi to help get us here.

Lewis Morrison, Midfield
(East Belfast)

The Duracell bunny version of Marco Reus. Unbelievable work rate in the middle of the park and pops up with a goal now and again.

Dee Moore, Attacking Midfield
(East Belfast)

The Captain of the ship, extremely talented but a temperamental player. Has goals in the locker also from midfield.

Aaron Stewart, Forward
(Branial YM)

Mr Goals he says, more than often delivers. Had a break mid-season, but now back looking to carry his good form to the end of season.

Craig Paterson, Forward
(Civil Service)

Our Geordie Best, but it's in relation to what he can drink and still function. Has got goals and talent, also with an impressive C.V. of previous teams.

Luke Wilton, Forward
(10th OB)

The laid back road running forward, defends from the front, creates and scores. Targeted by the opposition week in and out for heavy treatment, however remarkably never shirks or reacts.

Dan Kenny, Defence / Midfield
(43rd Dundonald)

Mr Versatile, played everywhere during my time in charge except nets and never lets me or the team down. Last year's Player's Player of the year.

Terrence Moore, Midfield
(Ravenhill YM)

Player I've missed having this year due to injury. Only recently came back into the fold after a terrible tackle a year ago. Slotted in well in the semi-final win.

Lewis Robinson, Attacking Midfield
(Branial YM)

Been here for the last 2 years and I'm still working him out. Skilled, chilled and always having a laugh. can fit in anywhere attacking to great effect.

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 – Michael ‘Phil’ Arlow

Name:	Michael ‘Phil’ Arlow
Who did you play for?	This box isn’t big enough!! I came to the DAWFL in 2008 and since played for 10th, Oakfield and Clonduff.
Other Teams Managed?	Only a few fantasy football teams with the Sun prior to Clonduff.
What do you look for in a player?	Ones who maximise their talent with heart, application and effort. If they do that they will always fill out their potential.
Proudest football moment?	For the sake of the North / South divide I will shelve this, but playing in front of family in big games was always the biggest moments and occasions for me.
Why do you enjoy being a manager?	Who said that???? These lads are my friends as well as my players, seeing them succeed in games in the style we look to produce makes it all worthwhile.
Favourite Manager?	Pepe obviously seeing he’s the current manager of City and what he did at Barca, but Michael O’Neill is definitely up there for what he has done for N. Ireland. Just goes to show, if you want to get to the biggest football events, get an Ex-Glenman in to manage the team.
Anything that people would be surprised to know about you?	Probably not, as keeping things secret is impossible with these boys. Though I’m a calm and friendly guy outside of the competitive side of football, which people may not believe.