



25th April, 2018

8pm KO

Londonderry Park



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 Reserve Team Cup and congratulate both Agapé Swifts 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 Ards and North Down Borough Council for the use of their facilities for this season's final.



Route to the Final

Round 1

Date

<i>Saturday, 14 October</i>	<i>Comber YM II</i>	<i>3-0*</i>	<i>Abbey Villa IV</i>
	<i>Agapé Swifts - Bye</i>		

Round 2

Date

<i>Saturday, 18 November</i>	<i>Comber YM II</i>	<i>3-0</i>	<i>Newtown Forest II</i>
<i>Saturday, 11 November</i>	<i>North Down II</i>	<i>0-3</i>	<i>Agapé Swifts</i>

Quarter Finals

Date

<i>Saturday, 6 January</i>	<i>Agapé Swifts</i>	<i>5-1</i>	<i>Newtownards RBL II</i>
<i>Saturday, 20 January</i>	<i>Comber YM II</i>	<i>9-1</i>	<i>Willowfield Parish 10th OB II</i>

Semi Finals

Date

<i>Wednesday, 4 April</i>	<i>Comber YM II</i>	<i>8-2</i>	<i>Greenwell Star II</i>
<i>Wednesday, 4 April</i>	<i>Clonduff II</i>	<i>3-5 (AET)</i>	<i>Agapé Swifts</i>

Final

Date

<i>Wednesday 25th April</i>	<i>Comber YM II</i>	<i>v</i>	<i>Agapé Swifts</i>
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* Match award to Comber YM II due to Abbey Villa IV being unable to fulfil fixture



A brief look at Agapé.....

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Agapé FC is the brainchild of founder Sam Watterson. Sam attended Agapé Fellowship Church in Belfast and it was at the Church Youth Club that had a vision of a football team for the local lads. On Saturday afternoons lads would kick a ball around the Church hall, and these boys would become the nucleus of the side, and so Agapé FC was formed.

After almost 3 years of management and leadership of the team Sam Watterson passed away suddenly leaving the boys and family members shocked and saddened. Although Sam is no longer with us his influence and inspiration still lives on in the team, with his son Neale taking over as manager. Before Sam's death, it was his desire that Agapé FC played in the Down Area Winter League, and his dream has since become a reality.

Chairman: Neale Watterson

Treasurer: James McCullough

Secretary: Neale Watterson

Committee Members: Andy Black, Richard Warnock, Peter McAnally



Agapé

Ross Galbraith, Goalkeeper

(Bryansburn Rangers, Bangor Rangers)

An excellent Goalkeeper and organiser. Ross is a great shot stopper, just don't put him on 'the beats'.

Michael Clarke, Goalkeeper

(Holywood, Ridgeway Rovers, Knockbreda)

Last year's "Player's Player of the Year". Very agile for his young age and has huge potential.

Matthew Campbell, Defender

(Scrabo Colts, Ards Youth)

Young wingback full of pace and enthusiasm, willing to run up and down the pitch all day and delivers a mean cross.

Declan Mullan, Defender

(Comber Star, Brentwood, Ravenhill Young Men, Comber Young Men)

"The Wall". Stalwart of the Down Area League, Dec is a strong no-nonsense defender that not too many strikers want to come up against.

David Osborne, Defender

(Agapé)

The 'skipper' has adapted very well to his new role in defence. Natural leader who has led the Swifts to their first Mervyn Bassett Cup Final, just as long as it doesn't rain!

Gareth Perkins, Defender

(Carryduff Athletic, Ravenhill YM)

Great organiser, calm and composed on the ball, also a specialist on set pieces.

Stevie Rea, Defender

(Agapé)

Club captain, rolling back the years this season after a difficult season last year. He's dependable and very confident on the ball.

Curtis Brown, Defender

(Comber Star)

Has energy to burn and causes defences all sorts of problems with his pace, works hard for the team, and is capable of getting into dangerous positions.

Darragh Lydon, Midfielder

(Oughterard AFC, Magee, Realta)

"The General" who would run through brick walls for his team mates. Excellent addition to our midfield this year.

Stephen Riley, Midfielder

(Agapé)

Consistent, hardworking no nonsense midfielder. Team mates notice the difference when he's not in the line-up.

Arron Hoy, Midfielder/Forward

(Castlereagh Colts, Lisburn Distillery, Blades, Crewe United, Bangor Amateurs, Dromore Amateurs, Bloomfield)

A talented attacking player that always has that piece of magic up his sleeve. Has improved his game with most assists this season.

Graham Vincent, Midfielder/Forward

(Ravenhill Young Men, Rosemount Rec)

Willing to do a job anywhere for the team, his fitness levels are superb. Vincy has a great eye for a killer pass.

Aidan Mullan, Midfielder/Forward

(Bangor, Ards Youth)

Has played most of the season in front of his father Dec. A strong and skilful young player who has contributed with some vital goals this season.

Lee West, Forward

(Limoux FC, Bushmills Utd, Limavady Utd, Coleraine)

Fantastic new addition to the club this season. Strong, bullies defences and knows where the net is. Single-handedly dragged the Swifts through the semi-final comeback

Darren Carson, Forward

(Dungoyne, Lagan Village Rangers, Ards, 10th Obs, Corrymeela, Oakfield)

Another new addition to the club this year. Carsy scores goal wherever he has played and is the Swifts top goal scorer this season.

Samuel Boyd, Forward

(Ambassadors FC, Mowhan United, Scarva Rangers, Downshire YM)

The quiet man of the team that can give defenders nightmares with his endless running and clinical finishing.

Jack Glover, Forward

(Bloomfield)

One of the most promising youth team players who has come up through the ranks and has a great eye for goal. A nightmare for defenders.

Darren Taylor, Assistant Manager

(Comber Star, Bloomfield)

Tinker is a vital component of the Swifts Management team. New to the club this season. Both players and management staff are grateful of all he does both on and 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.

Gary Eachus, Forward

(Comber Star, Moat Park Rangers)

Gary Goals has featured for the seconds recently due to competition for places in the first team. A renowned goal scorer within the Down Area.

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 – Andy Black (Agapé Swifts)



Name: Andy Black

Who did you play for? Comber Star & Agapé

Other Teams Managed? None

What do you look for in a player? All I have ever asked for players is to be honest and to show commitment to both myself and their team-mates. This season, every single one of these lads has bought into my way of thinking and they are now reaping the rewards.

Proudest football moment? This season has been fantastic. Agapé Swifts getting to their first final. After all the hard work everyone has put it, it's nothing short of what the players deserve.

Why do you enjoy being a manager? I enjoy seeing lads working hard and all having the same mentality. No 'superstars' and every single player has learned to play for each other, My motto this year has been "We win as a team and we lose as a team."

Favourite Manager? Sir Alex Ferguson

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.