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GREENWELL STAR

SPORTS ZONE NI
BILLY ALLEN MEMORIAL SHIELD
BANGOR FUELS ARENA

Monday April 17th

Admission: £3

Kick off 6.30pm

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 Sportszone NI Billy Allen Memorial Shield and congratulate both Agape and Greenwell Star 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 Sportzone NI for the use of their ground and facilities for this season's final.



Route to the Final

Round 1

Saturday, 17 September	Willowfield Parish	0-13	Greenwell Star
Saturday, 10 September	Agapé	3-1	8th OB

Round 2

Saturday, 15 October	Queens Grads III	1-3	Greenwell Star
Saturday, 5 November	Newtown Forest	0-3	Agapé

Quarter Finals

Saturday, 19 November	Newtownards RBL	2-4	Greenwell Star
Saturday, 3 December	Vision Athletic	1-3	Agapé

Semi Finals

Saturday, 11 March	Agapé	7-6	Belvoir
Saturday, 11 March	Greenwell Star	3-2	Moat Park Rangers

Final

Monday, 17 April	Agapé	v	Greenwell Star
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Bangor Fuels Arena, Clandeboye Road, Bangor, 6.30pm

A brief look at Agapé FC.....

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: (currently vacant)

Secretary: Neale Watterson

Committee Members: Andy Black, Richard Warnock, Peter McAnally, James McCullough, Ben Hanna



Agape

Ross Galbraith, Goalkeeper

(Bryansburn Rangers, Bangor Rangers)

An Excellent Goalkeeper and organiser, Ross is a great shot stopper and saved the vital last penalty in the Semi-Final to take us through to tonight's game.

Jak Cleland, Defender

(Comber Star, Queens Grads, Aquanis, Holywood)

A top class defender, is always composed and confident on the ball and has been one of our most consistent performers this season, Jak reads the game very well.

Declan Mullan, Defender - Vice-Captain

(Comber Star, Brentwood, Comber Young Men)

Solid and very dependable defender, not many strikers like playing against Dec.... some call him the elder statesman of our team, but he continues to put some lads to shame.

Andrew McFrederick, Defender/Midfielder - Captain

(Comber Star, University of Chester)

Skipper of the team and leads by example. "Skirts" is one of the fittest players at our club, he has slotted reluctantly into CB this season but does a top class job for the team.

William Hughes, Defender/Goalkeeper

(Ravenhill Young Men, 5th Old Boys)

Our big #5 that can ping a pass. "Potter" is a good solid defender that is capable of scoring goals, especially from set pieces. This is his second Billy Allen Memorial Shield Final having been here with Ravenhill YM. He is also a 1st class Gk.

Richard Lecky, Defender/Midfielder - Vice Captain

(Dungannon Swifts, Ballinamallard, Dergview, Ballyclare Comrades, Brantwood, Comber Rec)

Probably our most experienced player- a classy footballer that keeps it simple and reads the game very well, loves getting forward, and is capable of chipping in with goals.

Aaron Connolly, Midfielder

(Comber Star, Holywood)

Dependable and consistent central midfielder that knits our team together, when on his game is a match for anyone in the league. Big AC loves the banter with opposition teams.

Paul Shannon, Midfielder

(Comber Star, Holywood)

The Model of the team and a player that likes to play football the right way, his fitness levels are first class and he is a joy to watch when on form.

Curtis Brown, Midfielder

(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, he also created our opener in the Semi-Final.

Conor Donnelly, Midfielder

(Ballycastle FC, Magee FC Arninaxeta CF)

Has forced his way into the 1st team squad since Christmas after impressive displays for both our 3rds & 2nds, a great player who has an eye for goal.

Paul Majury, Midfielder

(Agapé FC)

Agapé FC all-time record goal scorer and just recently hit the 400 appearance mark. Despite having offers from other clubs, he always shows his loyalty and commitment to Agapé. A very classy footballer that has both pace and skill to burn.

Jamie Armstrong, Midfielder

(Ballywalter Rec, Portavogie Rangers, Ahogill Rovers)

Has been pretty much an ever present in the side since joining in the summer - Agapé's very own "Kanté", controls the midfield and spots and deals with any danger.

James Bojdo, Midfielder

(Realtá, University of Liverpool)

Another player that has forced his way into the 1st Team. Boj loves a tackle, a player that always has time on the ball, looks for the simple pass and is an important member of our squad.

Scott Mitchell, Forward

(Magee FC)

Scotty, again is another player that has worked his way into the 1st team squad through our teams. Has lovely control of the ball and can be either a provider or a deadly finisher.

Paul Gibson, Forward

(Willowfield Parish, Moat Park Rangers, Shorts)

After 2 years away from football, this player's fitness just gets better. One of the most sought after strikers in the league, "Gibbo" has shown his class this season with some top drawer performances and goals to match.

Arron Hoy, Forward

(Blades, Bangor Amateurs, Dromore Amateurs, Bloomfield, Brentwood, Comber Star)

A skilful player that can beat players for fun when on form, also capable of scoring spectacular goals. Has been in the 1st team squad a few times this season and left a good impression.

Aidan Mullan, Forward

(Bangor FC, Ards Youth)

One of our many young players this season to make a major impact, a very exciting player, who also scored in the early rounds of this competition

Steven Moore, Forward

(Comber Star, Sirocco, Holywood)

"The Goal" one of the most lethal finishers at the club, has been in and out of the teams this year due to injuries and other commitments, could make a big impact if involved in tonight's squad.

Scott Flynn, Forward

(Ravenhill Young Men, Willowfield Parish, Knockbreda, East Belfast)

A classy and very clever player that joined us in the new year. Scott likes to play football as it should be played.

Richard Warnock, Assistant Manager

(Comber Star, Ravenhill Young Men)

Richard is a vital component of our 1st Team Management duo and is usually seen to be the "good cop" by the players. He has great knowledge of the DAWFL with the successful stints he has had at his previous clubs. Richard does great work for the club.

A brief look at Greenwell Star FC.....

Greenwell Star FC were formed in the summer of 1984 when a group of friends from the Movilla area of Newtownards decided they wanted to enter a team into a summer league.

Things went so well that they decided to continue playing and they entered the side into the County Down League, before eventually applying for and being accepted into the Down Area Winter Football League ahead of the 1986/1987 season.

Chairman: STEVEN IRVINE

Secretary: Lisa Paden

Committee Members: Darren Hobson, Billy Sproule, Daniel McCallum, Scott Ritchie, William McIlroy



Greenwell Star

Carl O'Neill, Goalkeeper

(1st Bangor, Brentwood)

An excellent goalkeeper and organiser, Carl is undoubtedly one of the best goalkeepers in the league.

Redmond O'Neill, Defender

(Brentwood)

Smashing defender and Mr. consistent on the pitch.

Darren Hobson, Defender/Player Manager

(Ards Rangers, Scrabo Old Boys)

Veteran of the club. This is Darren's first major final as a manager, but has vast experience in them as a player.

Nathan Shaw, Defender

(Ards Rangers)

The quiet man of the club who is in his first season at Greenwell Star.

Scott Ritchie, Defender

(Ards Rangers, Groomsport)

Simply, the voice of Greenwell Star.

William McIlroy, Defender/Midfielder - Captain

(Ards Rangers, Killyleagh, Dundela)

Experienced midfielder who has won nearly every medal in Junior Football)

Michael McKeown, Midfielder

(Ards Rangers, North Down)

Mr Dependable.

Jordan Mills, Midfielder

(Groomsport, Bangor Amateurs)

Re-signed for Greenwell this season after a spell away and has been consistent all season.

Craig McCullough, Midfielder

(Brentwood)

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. Craig also created our opener in the Semi-Final.

William Sproule, Midfielder/ Defender

(Ards Rangers/ Brentwood)

Has forced his way into the 1st team squad since Christmas after impressive displays for both our 2nds, a great player who has an eye for goal.

Scott Robinson, Midfielder

(Ards Rangers)

Great Clubman who came from Ards Rangers and has never looked back.

Robert Bell, Midfielder/Forward

(Cliftonville)

A very skilful and talented player with great vision.

James Sproule, Defender, Midfielder

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James is known throughout the game as a great player, with a fantastic engine.

Thomas Dorrian, Forward

(Ards Rangers)

A prolific goal scorer.

Jay Thompson, Forward

(Ballywalter Rec Youth)

Youngest player in the squad who graduated from the second team.

Stephen Steele, Forward)

(Bangor, Groomsport)

Great goal scorer, whose last minute winner clinched the final spot for Greenwell Star.

Allen Foster, Defender/ Assistant Manager

(Portavogie, West Winds)

Last year's club play of the year and known to be the hardest tackler in the Down Area.

John Maxwell

John is an ex Bangor Rangers player for over 10 years, who also had stints as 1st & 2nd Manager.

Qualified as a referee in 2015 and has been with the DAWFL since then.

John refereed in the Junior Shield semi final this year, has been appointed referee for the football and was assistant in NIWFA championship Cup Final and the Borough Cup Final. John was also the referee for a fixture in the steel & sons cup this season. He has also been involved in other semi finals within the DAWFL.



Mark Davison

Although relatively new to the DAWFL, Carryduff man Mark is vastly experienced having been a referee for 11 years. During this time he has officiated in the Old Boys league, Amateur league, Championship and the Irish Premier-ship, where he was an assistant referee in a fixture between Crusaders and Newry City.

Despite his career being curtailed by injury, Mark has also officiated in Junior Shield and Cup finals, with his talent once again being recognised by the CAFA, who appointed him as the man in the middle for last season's Junior Shield final.



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.



Manager Focus – Peter McAnally (Agape)



Name: Peter McAnally

Age: 38

Who did you play for? Brentwood, Church Star, Bangor Amateurs, Comber Star, 3rd Bangor OB.

Other Teams Managed? Brentwood, Comber Star, Ravenhill YM (joint manager)

What do you look for in a player? Ability, Commitment, Attitude, Loyalty, Desire and Hunger. Give me even 2/3 of these attributes over some of today's prima-donnas any day of the week!!!

Proudest football moment? Don't have any single one - a few special times..... but maybe tonight if the result goes the right way!!!

Why do you enjoy being a manager? I enjoy working with a good bunch of lads that are willing to buy into and work hard at what we are trying to achieve - then seeing it put into action and producing good performances, then in return hopefully good results. I love and enjoy when teams try to play the game the right way!!! It doesn't always guarantee results, but it's a lot more enjoyable to watch.

Favourite Manager? Sir Alex Ferguson

Anything that people would be surprised to know about you? I'm actually a dead-on fella away from the football pitch. Lol!

Manager Focus – Darren Hobson (Greenwell Star)



Name: Darren Hobson

Age: No comment

Who did you play for? Ards Rangers, Scrabo Old Boys

Other Teams Managed? None

What do you look for in a player? Passion, heart and most all commitment.

Proudest football moment? Winning the league with Greenwell in 2013, coming from 19 points behind to clinch it against Brentwood.

Favourite Manager? Sir Alex Ferguson