

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 Frank Moore Memorial Cup Final and congratulate both Comber Rec III and Portavogie Rangers 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 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 & Castlereagh City Council for the use of their facilities for this season's final.

Route to the Final

| | Round 1 | | |
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| Date | | | |
| Saturday, 13 January | Shorts III | 0-2 | Portavogie Rangers II |
| | Comber Rec III - Bye | | |
| | Quarter Finals | | |
| Date | | | |
| Saturday, 31 March | Portavogie Rangers II | ν | Ravenhill YM Colts |
| Saturday, 3 February | Comber Rec III | 3-1 | Comber Star |
| | Semi Finals | | |
| Date | | | |
| Tuesday, 10 April | Bryansburn Rangers III | 2-3 | Portavogie Rangers II |
| Tuesday, 10 April | Comber Rec III | 3-2 | North Down |
| | Final | | |
| Date | | _ 3700 | |
| Tuesday, 01 May | Portavogie Rangers II | v | Comber Rec III |

A brief look at Comber Rec III......

Comber Recreation Football Club was formed in 1950 as Comber Youth and had one team competing in the Churches League as 1st Comber Presbyterian, winning the 1st division of that league before looking for advancement to the Northern Amateur Football League which they joined as Comber Recreation in 1955 with first and second teams.

As the number of playing members increased towards the end of the sixties the club formed a third team playing in the North Down League. They competed for a number of years in that league with their most notable success being winners of the Scrabo Cup in 1979.

In 1983 the 3rd team joined the Down Area League. They had limited success in the league with one league title win in 1993 and Supplementary Cup winners in 2007. Difficulties in appointing a manager lead to the team being withdrawn from the league in 2014.

In 2015 they were accepted into the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League gaining promotion to the first division in 2016. They competed there for another season and whilst they enjoyed their brief tenure in the Newcastle League the amount of travelling involved for away games lead them to apply for re-admittance to the Down Area Winter Football League this season. The application was successful and they compete in Division 1 of the league.

| Name | Position | Previous Clubs | Player Notes |
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| Kyle Smith | Goalkeeper | N/A | Progressed this season from the youth set up to senior football and has flourished since. Key part of the 3rd team set up, as well as the youth this year, and instrumental in this cup run. |
| Cain Thompson | Defence | Ards Rangers | Confident young defender who was a key part in this seasons double winning Regent House football team. Calm, and composed at the back, and shows experience beyond his years. |
| Callum Shaw | Defence | Comber Star | Another young defender who has shown a great attitude since joining and has shown promise at a higher level this season. Will never shirk a tackle, and keen to get forward to attack. |
| Steven Quinn | Defence | Comber Young Men, Ravenhill | Experienced defender who is a vocal point of the defence, orchestrating a fairly young back line. |
| Kyle Boal | Defence | N/A | Kyle Boal - DEFENDER. |
| Mark Freel | Defence | N/A | Left sided utility player able to offer options at full back or on the wing. Full of attacking intent from the back. |
| Curtis Hunter | Midfield | N/A | Another exciting young player who is confident on the ball and has step into senior football from the youth set up with minimal fuss. Recent member of a Northern Ireland youth development squad. |
| Trevor Cunningham | Midfield | Lisburn Distillery, Comber rec | The player that makes us tick in midfield. Trevor is able to dictate and control the tempo of matches, and his understanding and reading of the game adds great value to our team. He adds a wealth of experience, and the younger players have learnt a lot from him. |
| Aaron Carson | Midfield | Dundela | Joined us at the beginning of the season having played his youth football at Dundela. Settled in well, and has recently cemented his role as the midfield anchor-man. |
| Nathan Cousins | Midfield | Ards Rangers | Another youth player still plying his trade for the under 17's as well as being key to the 3rd XI. Not scared of the physicality of senior football and will be looking to press on up the teams next season. |
| Matthew Foster | Midfield | N/A | Technically gifted player who can pull something special out of nothing when required. Has had some injury problems this season, but with better luck next season should be a regular at a higher level. |
| Peter Murray | Midfield | Comber Star, Holywood | Pacey, tricky winger who again can showcase moments of brilliance with some excellent goals this season. |
| George McBride | Forward | N/A | Young striker who started the season with some excellent performance and an excellent goal scoring record for the 3rd XI, and needless to say has got his opportunity to play up the teams throughout the season. |
| James Dowson | Forward | Comber Star | Tireless utility player able to play in any attacking position, and guaranteed to give you 100% every time he takes to the field. Popped up with a couple of vital goals in the semi-final. (Phil's golden boy) |

A brief look at Portavogie Rangers II.......

Portavogie Rangers Football Club was formed in 1961 and had an illustrious history within the Down Area before entering into the Northern Amateur League. This season we entered a second team within the DAWFL.

President: William Bailie

Vice President: George Mawhinney

Chairman: Charles Orr

Vice Chairman: David Mahood Treasurer: Alan Keenan Secretary: Kenny Greenhill

| Name | Position | Previous Clubs | Player Notes |
|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Ross Adair | Goalkeeper | Ballywalter Rec | Young goalkeeper with plenty of potential. |
| Adam Deighan | Left Back | Bushmills | Quiet man off the field. Steady player who likes to go forward. |
| Andy Ross | Centre Back | | Brain of the team |
| Will Doherty | Centre Back | Rosemount Rec | Very intelligent player, tough tackler |
| Jack Orr | Right back | | Energetic player, who only recently started playing football. |
| Joel Derrick | Left back / Centre Mid | | Big Vieira would play anywhere on the team, great young talent. |
| Eoin Magee | Right Wing/ Centre Mid | Portavogie Youth | Energetic, Young lad who takes no nonsense. |
| Mark McKenna | Centre mid | Ards Rangers | Years of experience, tough battler |
| Scott Adair | Centre Mid | Ballywalter Rec | Versatile player, who can play anywhere |
| Daryl Stewart | Right Wing | | Another versatile player, who can play anywhere |
| Ronan Keith | number 10 | Newtownbreda | Hell of an engine, will run all day |
| David Anderson | centre forward | | The Usain Bolt of the team. |
| Matty Andrews | Centre Mid | Ballywalter Youth/ Ards Youth | Tough tackler with excellent football brain. |
| Luke Anderson | Right back | | Brother of David, good young talent. |
| Jonny Adams | Centre mid | North Down | Good footballer |
| Craig Smith | Right sided player | | Determined player |
| Chrissy Smith | Centre forward | | As quick as lightning and great finisher |

Manager Focus

| | Portavogie Rangers II | Comber Rec III |
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| Name: | Brett Palmer | Ryan McKibbin |
| Who did you play for? | Portavogie Rangers | Dungoyne, Comber Rec, 1st Bangor |
| Other Teams Managed? | None | First full year in management with comber. |
| What do you look for in a player? | A desire to win | There's a lot of things I look for in a player; I like players who will give me 100% on the pitch and players that will play for the shirt. |
| Proudest football moment? | Managing Portavogie this season | Getting into this final would be up there. |
| Why do you enjoy being a manager? | l don't | I enjoy managing as it keeps me in football. Also enjoy seeing players progress through the squads. |
| Favourite Manager? | Jürgen Klopp | Alex Ferguson |