

St Brigid's v Lámh Dhearg Match Report 15/4/2012

Lámh Dhearg's senior footballers got their Division one campaign off to a terrific start with comprehensive victory over St.Brigids at Harlequins on Sunday afternoon. After a very slow start to proceedings and a spate of wides from the visitors Marc McGarry blasted home a superb goal to send Lámh Dhearg three points ahead. The visitors began to play with a spring in their step and soon one goal became two, as a scramble in the St.Brigids goal mouth led to Terry McCrudden poking the ball home to register the visitors second. The Lámh's were soon threatening a rout when Paddy Cunningham, Brendan Herron and Declan Lynch added a further three points to the scoreboard to leave the hosts with a mountain to climb. Although a potentially serious injury to corner back Conor McIlvenny halted play for over five minutes and only served to disrupt the flow of the game, two points from Niall Cunningham and a point a piece from Mark Sweeney and Cormac McGrady let the hosts back into the game to leave five between the sides at the interval.

The second half was a much more even contest, though the visitors regained their composure with Cunningham slotting over after a good one-two between himself and McCrudden to leave six points the margin. Both sides then traded scores, firstly St Brigid's Peter Lundy was on hand to reduce arrears to five points, before substitute Aaron McAufield restored the six point lead for the visitors. A goal for the hosts would perhaps change the complexity of the game, though Lundy could only raise the white flag to reduce the visitors lead back to five, only for Ryan Murray and Paddy Cunningham to stretch the visitors' advantage to seven. The hosts were quickly running out of time, though points from James Loughery and Declan O'Hagan once again reduced Lámh Dhearg's lead to five. This was to be as good as it would get for St.Brigids as Ryan Murray had the final say with two marvellous points to ensure a seven point win for the visitors.

Final Score: St.Brigids 0-08 Lámh Dhearg 2-09

St.Brigids Scorers: Mark Sweeney (0-1) Cormac McGrady (0-1) James Loughery (0-1) Declan O'Hagan (0-1) Niall Cunningham (0-2) Peter Lundy (0-2)

Lámh Dhearg Scorers: Marc McGarry (1-0) Terry McCrudden (1-0) Brendan Herron(0-1) Declan Lynch (0-1) Aaron McAufield (0-1) Paddy Cunningham (0-3) Ryan Murray (0-3)

Kevin Herron