

## **CELTIC BACK TO WINNING WAYS**

Boyle Celtic seniors returned to league action on Sunday and recorded a 3-2 victory over 2nd place Carbury. Boyle now overtake Carbury and move into 2nd themselves. In a thoroughly enjoyable encounter Celtic just got the better of their unlucky opponents. Both sides had a host of chances and a little more accuracy in front of goal could have seen 6 or 7 goals for each side. Sean Kerins young side took the points though and now look like the only possible challengers for leaders Abbey United.

The game started with Carbury taking the initiative and they were unlucky not to go into the lead. They created two excellent openings and Duignan and McHale had to be at their best in the Boyle rearguard to keep them out. After 10 minutes Boyle began to settle into the game, Sean Purcell and Rory O Donohoe exerting control in midfield. The breakthrough came after 20 minutes, a great goal involving intricate passing from the O Donohoe brothers, Damian Keenehan and Sean Purcell. At the end of the move Purcell clipped a glorious ball into Aaron Calpin who controlled on his chest and smashed the ball home. Boyle were dominating now and good chances followed for Owen O Donohoe, McKillen, Calpin and Keenehan. All were spurned. With half time looming a mixup in defence between Mullen and Keenehan allowed the Carbury centre forward to nip in between them and slot home for 1-1 at the break, or so we thought. It was a blow for Celtic who could have been a couple of goals up. While Boyle lamented their ill-fortune and Carbury relaxed thinking they had secured parity, the mercurial veteran Owen O Donohoe picked up a loose ball, beat two defenders and netted for 2-1 at half-time. It was no more than Boyle deserved.

Carbury received a stern talking to at half-time from their manager and started the second half at a blistering pace. Several goal line clearances followed at the Boyle end with Loftus and McHale working particularly hard to keep them out. As Carbury committed more and more going forward though, O Donohoe and McKillen were finding space for the counter-attack. In almost predictable fashion Boyle made it 3-1. Carburys attack broke down and a long clearance from McHale left Owen O Donohoe with a clear run through to the keeper. He finished with aplomb.

Carbury dominated for the remainder of the game and will be very disappointed with some woeful finishing. They probably deserved something from the game as they had at least as many chances as Boyle Celtic. With minutes left on the clock Carbury did make it 3-2 with a glorious free-kick from Shane Hayes. Darragh Loftus had no chance with it as it flew over the wall into the top corner. Carbury piled on the pressure right to the final whistle which included 6 minutes injury time, incredible as there was no treatment required in the second half. Celtic held on however for an important win.

Boyle Team: D Loftus, C Brennan, M Mullen, S Duignan, M McHale, A Calpin, S Purcell, R O Donohoe, D Keenehan, O O Donohoe, L McKillen

Subs: L Conboy for A Calpin (65) Subs not used: E Conroy (rested)....(again)

Referee: Dubious