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High five for St Breckan's

St Breckan's 5-14 Kilrush/Killimer 0-04

At Cusack Park, Ennis

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AN emphatic performance ensured that St Breckan's powered to the Under 16 Division 1 Shield silverware at Clare headquarters on Monday evening.

Five timely goals from Oisín McNamara (2), Eoin Guerin, Cian Burke and substitute Tommy Garríhy bolstered the North Clare side's margin throughout while Jamie Stack converted seven points in an assured display.

While Kilrush/Killimer made the early running and were unlucky for at least two goals, it was St Breckan's who eventually seized total control of proceedings to build up a handsome nine point interval cushion.

Joint-Captain Keith Crowley led the Kilrush/Killimer charge from the outset with the opening point inside four minutes. St Breckan's responded immediately however, with a driving run from Eoin Guerin teeing up Oisín McNamara whose shot just rose too high to trouble goalkeeper Oisín O'Loughlin.

With Dylan O'Brien constantly raiding from deep, the amalgamation would soon get on the frontfoot once more as the centre-back offloaded to Keith Crowley for a double chance that would somehow never billow the net. His first effort was superbly

blocked by the diving Patrick Doherty while his rebound cannoned off the underside of the crossbar and bounced on the line before being cleared by a relieved Lisdoonvarna

side.

And just to emphasise the wafer-thin margin of momentum, St Breckan's would have the ball in the net at the other end only 30 seconds later

as this time full-forward McNamara made no mistake.

Kilrush/Killimer were further frustrated when Filip Rzymek's goalbound effort was deflected past

the left post but it would be their last meaningful attack of the half as wind-assisted St Breckan's moved through the gears to put clear daylight between the teams.

Seven of the last eight points followed over the second quarter as the impressive half-forward unit of Shane Fitzpatrick (2), Jamie Stack (3) and Jason Geraghty (1) all got in on the scoring action to ensure a 1-8 to 0-2 interval cushion.

Kilrush/Killimer did hint at a fightback on the restart when Keith Crowley floated over an excellent point from the right wing. However, a second Oisín McNamara goal effectively quenched the western rebellion before St Breckan's grabbed a third goal in the 42nd minute when Cian Burke was tripped on his way past goalkeeper Kyle McKiernan for Eoin Guerin to billow the net with the resultant penalty at 3-8 to 0-3.

With Kilrush/Killimer's heads beginning to drop aside from Crowley, O'Brien and Odhran Cunningham, a buoyant St Breckan's finished with aplomb to flesh out the final margin. Jamie Stack picked off four points, Cian Burke finally got his deserved goal before succumbing to injury while his replacement Tommy Garríhy also chipped in with an opportunistic goal before the finish to cap off a dominant hour.



St Breckan's

Oisín O'Loughlin; Daniel O'Callaghan, Daniel Fogarty, Joseph Flanagan; Calum Dobbins, Patrick Doherty (Captain), Matthew Sheedy; Eoin Guerin (1-1, 1-0 Pen), Denis O'Callaghan; Shane Fitzpatrick (0-2), Jamie Stack (0-7, 5f), Jason Geraghty (0-1); Cian Burke (1-0), Oisín McNamara (2-2), Seamus McNamara (0-1) **Subs** Thomas O'Dwyer for Dobbins (47), Tommy Garríhy (1-0) for Burke (50, inj), Eoin Hurley for Daniel O'Callaghan (52), Killian Burke for Geraghty (55), Daniel Garríhy for Flanagan (58), Cealan O'Neill for S. McNamara (61)

Kilrush/Killimer

Kyle McKiernan; Ben Drury, Odhran Cunningham, Cathal McMahon; Evan McInerney, Dylan O'Brien, Michael Deloughery; Keith Crowley (Joint-Captain) (0-3, 1f), Joe Meehan; Filip Rzymek; Ewan Kelly, Orann Copley (Joint-Captain); Mickey Kelleher (0-1), Eoin Browne, Ben McKiernan **Subs** Liam Culligan for B. McKiernan (41), Eoin O'Driscoll for Rzymek (45, inj), McKiernan for Deloughery (52), Dylan McMahon for Kelly (52), Famosus Kelly for Drury (59), Martin Walsh for Copley (61)

Player of the Game

Jamie Stack (St Breckan's)

Referee Niall Quinn (St Joseph's Miltown)

Above: Kilrush/Killimer's Ben Drury holds off St Breckan's Shane Fitzpatrick;

Left: St Breckan's players celebrate their win.

Natasha Barton