

**BRIAN MCCORMICK SPORTS CUP, LETTERKENNY AREA**

# Drumoghill win by soft penalty

**Drumoghill** .....1  
**Swilly Rovers** .....0

BY STUART CONNOLLY

A penalty early in the second-half which many would deem as 'harsh' saw Swilly Rovers' return to Donegal League and Cup Football end in defeat.

Jason Doherty converted the aforementioned spot kick to put Drumoghill into the hat for the next round.

The Moss in Drumoghill was the venue that played host to this cup tie in the Letterkenny section.

League One Drumoghill entertained Swilly Rovers, who were playing their first match in the competition since the mid eighties.

It started with a real air of first game about it, as both sides struggled to find the right gear during the opening stages as chances, clear cut or otherwise, were few and far between.

Tyler Durning looked lively as the game approached the half hour mark, he tried his luck from range on more than one occasion and wasn't too far away from converting in one instance with Michael Toner stretching.

As the first half neared its conclusion, Swilly enjoyed a good spell but failed to capitalise as the game was level at the interval.

Shaun Bryant had the best opportunity during that time, his shot from the right side required a fingertip save from Toner to put it around the post. Matthew Sweeney had a couple of efforts, one of which was cleared off the line by Liam O'Donnell via a Tyler Durning set piece.

The second half was only just beginning and Drumoghill were awarded a penalty.

The ball appeared to strike Oisín Coyle in the top corner of his chest and there was little to no appeal for a penalty kick but the referee pointed to the spot and Jason Doherty stepped up and blasted down the middle to give the hosts the lead.

The remainder of the game was lacking as efforts on goal were again hard to muster up for both teams.



Drumoghill



Swilly Rovers

With a little over ten minutes to go, Swilly squandered a great opportunity

for a leveller to force extra time.

Tyler Durning lofted in a corner from the left and Damien Friel was

unmarked at the back post but could only direct his header wide.

Drumoghill shut up shop in the dying stages of the tie as they held onto their clean sheet and progress to the next round.

**Drumoghill:** Michael Toner; Travis Crawford, Gareth Temple, Dylan McElhinney, Rory McCrossan; Karlos Rodgers, Gavin McBrearty, Liam O'Donnell, Ryan Carlin; Jason Doherty, Conor Temple. Subs: Chris O'Donnell for McBrearty (ht), Jordan Rodgers for C.Temple (74 mins), Ciaran Hunter for Carlin (79 mins), Gareth Hamilton for G.Temple (90 mins).

**Swilly:** Dane Duneworth; Oisín Coyle, Damien Friel, Columba O'Donnell, Dylan Hegarty; Shay Durning, Matthew Sweeney, Shaun Bryant, Tyler Durning; Brian Pyper, Ryan McDaid. Subs: Raymond Boyce for Pyper (21 mins), Shay Gallen for McDaid (58 mins).

**Referee:** Con McLaughlin.

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