

LANDSLIDE VICTORY FOR INISHOWEN MEN

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Lifford caused no real trouble for the Greeks in a one sided FAI Junior Challenge Cup match in which the home side found the back of the net 7 times. Greencastle were eager to push on after their hard fought victory against Glengad in the Ulster Cup who are the reigning champions. Pat McLaughlin's men put on a flawless performance which included a magnificent hat trick from on-form Christy Hegarty as well as a brace from man of the match Jamie McCormick. Gerry Gill and Sean Doherty controlled the tempo of the game from the midfield and the Henry brothers posed a dangerous threat as always. Greencastle are now in the last 64 of the Junior Cup for the second year running, except this year they hope make it to the next round which they failed to reach under controversial circumstances last year.

It only took 10 minutes before Greencastle broke the deadlock. Matthew Henry threaded a ball through the Lifford defence into the stride of Christy Hegarty who coolly dispatched the chance with an outrageous dink over the keepers head. Greencastle goalkeeper was first called into action moments later when he came rushing out to close down the angle for the Lifford number 10 who narrowly missed a rare opportunity. The Lifford goalkeeper was also called into action as he stopped a shot at close range by Christy Hegarty midway through the half. Not long after, the Greeks doubled their lead after a wonderful solo effort by the right winger Jamie McCormick. McCormick collected the ball on the right touch line before beating 2 defenders with a beautiful dummy then slotting the ball into the top right corner of the net out of the keepers reach. Moments later, a ball was whipped in again by the Greencastle right winger which was scrambled in by Nigel McMonagle.

Lifford got one back as the half was nearing an end after a rocket free kick from their captain, James McNulty. However, their hopes of a comeback were soon crushed as Greencastle went straight up the pitch from kick off and Christy Hegarty finished with a carbon copy of his first goal. In the last play of the half, Greencastle scored arguably the goal of the match, a great team goal involving Matthew Henry, Sean Doherty, Christy Hegarty and finished by Jamie McCormick. The Greeks led 5-1 at the break.

Greencastle began the second half as they started the first. Dylan Doherty controversially collected the ball from what could have been ruled a back pass, only to launch it up field onto the head of Christy Hegarty who again lobbed the keeper who was off his line, making it a perfect hat-trick of chips. In the later stages of the game, Greencastle made some substitutions and it was one of these subs, Joe Doherty, who played a beautiful ball across the box for Matthew Henry to nod home and complete a landslide victory for the Inishowen men.