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Kildare & District Football League – Fixtures

Monday 4th July

Stonerock Ltd Women's Division – Series 8

Kilcullen AFC	v	Kilcock Celtic	6pm, Sports Complex, J Brecknell;
Bridge United	v	Naas United	6pm, Tegral Sports Grounds, D Hickey;
Sallins Celtic	v	Bush Celtic	6pm, Sallins Park, B Quearney;

Kildare Town : Idle

Tuesday 5th July

Division 1

Clane United	v	Liffey Celtic	7pm, Doctor's Rd., E Sullivan.
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PMB Construction Division 2 – Series 9

Allenwood Celtic	v	Bush Celtic	7.30pm, Killina Rd., P Furlong.
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Wednesday 6th July

Evening Herald Under 19 Division – Series 7

Maynooth Town	v	Coill Dubh AFC	7pm, Rathcoffey Rd, A Ryan;
Kingstown FC	v	Kildare Town,	7pm, Naas Sports Centre, C Page;
Monasterevin AFC	v	Kilcock Celtic	7pm, Togher Rd., T Gleeson;
BBC United	v	Sallins Celtic	7pm, Broadford, N Brennan;
Suncroft AFC	v	Naas United	7pm, Community Grounds, M Brennan

Clane United : Idle

Thursday 7th July

Division 1

Kildare Town	v	Caragh Celtic	7pm, Rathbride Rd., S Comerford.
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Friday 8th July

WFAI Women's Cup – Round 2:

Bridge United	v	St Joseph's Girls (Dub)	7pm, Tegral Grounds, D Hickey.
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Saturday 9th July

PMB Construcion Master's Division 2 – Series 9

Leixlip United	v	Eleson United	6pm, Amenity Centre, Collinstown, L Carty.
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Monday 11th July

Rooney Coaches Women's Cup Quarterfinal

Sallins Celtic	v	Kilcullen AFC	7pm, Sallins Park, M Byrne.
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Stonerock Women's Division – Series 9

Kilcock Celtic	v	Kildare Town	7pm, The Bawnogues, P O'Brien;
Bush Celtic	v	Naas United	7pm, Suncroft Community Grds, J Brecknell.

Tuesday 12th July

Evening Herald Under 19 Division – Series 8

Kildare Town	v	Clane United	7pm, Rathbride Road, R Kennedy;
Coill Dubh AFC	v	Monasterevin AFC	7pm, Blackwood Rd., P Moore;
Sallins Celtic	v	Kingstown FC	7pm, Sallins Park, M Brennan;
Kilcock Celtic	v	Suncroft AFC	7pm, The Bawnogues, A Ryan;
Naas United	v	BBC United	7pm, Donnolly Mirrors, E Sullivan.

Maynooth Town : Idle

Wednesday 13th July

PMB Construction Masters Division 1

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Thursday 14th July

Evening Herald Under 19 Division – Series 9

Monasterevin AFC	v	Maynooth Town	7pm, Togher Road, P France;
Clane United	v	Sallins Celtic	7pm, Doctor's Road, T Gleeson;
Suncroft AFC	v	Coill Dubh AFC	7pm, Community Grounds, M O'Connor;
Kingstown AFC	v	Naas United	7pm, NSC, L Carty;
BBC United	v	Kilcock Celtic	7pm, Broadford, N Brennan.

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Tuesday 5th July

Division 1: Clane United v Liffey Celtic, 7pm, Doctor's Rd., E Sullivan.

PMB Construction Division 2 – Series 9: Allenwood Celtic v Bush Celtic, 7.30pm, Killina Rd., P Furlong.

Wednesday 6th July

Evening Herald Under 19 Division – Series 7: Maynooth Town v Coill Dubh AFC, 7pm, Rathcoffey Rd, A Ryan; Kingstown FC v Kildare Town, 7pm, Naas Sports Centre, C Page; Monasterevin AFC v Kilcock Celtic, 7pm, Togher Rd., T Gleeson; BBC United v Sallins Celtic, 7pm, Broadford, N Brennan; Suncroft AFC v Naas United, 7pm, Community Grounds, M Brennan; Clane United : Idle.

Thursday 7th July

Division 1: Kildare Town v Caragh Celtic, 7pm, Rathbride Rd., S Comerford.

Friday 8th July

WFAI Women's Cup – Round 2: Bridge United v St Joseph's Girls (Dub), 7pm, Tegral Grounds, D Hickey.

Saturday 9th July

PMB Construcion Master's Division 2 – Series 9: Leixlip United v Elson United, 6pm, Amenity Centre, Collinstown, L Carty.

Monday 11th. July

Rooney Coaches Women's Cup Quarterfinal: Sallins Celtic v Kilcullen AFC, 7pm, Sallins Park, M Byrne.
Stonerock Women's Division – Series 9: Kilcock Celtic v Kildare Town, 7pm, The Bawnogues, P O'Brien; Bush Celtic v Naas United, 7pm, Suncroft Community Grds, J Brecknell.

Tuesday 12th July

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Wednesday 13th. July

PMB Construction Masters Division 1: Athy Town v Caragh Celtic, 7pm, Aldridge Park, S Comerford.

Thursday 14th. July

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Kildare & District Football League**RESULTS****Monday 27th. June**

Rooney Coaches Women's Cup – Quarter final: Kildare Town 0, Naas United 5.

Wed 29th June

Evening Herald Under 19 Division: Clane United 3, Kingstown FC 2; Kildare Town 4, BBC United 3; Naas United 4, Monasterevin AFC 0; Sallins Celtic 0, Suncroft AFC 5.

Fri 1st July

CR Wynne Feeds Senior Division: Liffey Celtic 3, Naas United 0.

Division 1: Dunlavin AFC 2, Liffey Celtic 1.

Sat 2nd. July

Evening Herald Under 19 Division: Kilcock Celtic 1, Coill Dubh AFC 4; Clane United 3, BBC United 0; Kildare Town 1, Suncroft AFC 1; Monasterevin AFC 0, Sallins Celtic 0.

PMB Construction Masters Division 1: Coill Dubh AFC 3, Caragh Celtic 2; Castle Villa 2, Kildare Town 1; Liffey Celtic 1, Derry Rovers 2.

PMB Construction Masters Division 2: Monasterevin AFC 0, Bridgewood Celtic 3; Kilcock Celtic 2, Rathcoole Boys 0.

Sunday 3rd. July

CR Wynne Feeds Senior Division: Kildare Town 3, Castle Villa 2; Ballycane Celtic 1, Rathangan AFC 2; Monasterevin AFC 3, Suncroft AFC 2.

TSports Premier Division: Sundays Well 3, Kilcullen AFC 2; BBC United 0, Sallins AFC 4; Bridge United 2, Kingstown AFC 2; Clonmullion Fc 0, Woodstock Celts 4; Newbridge Town 2, Kilcock Celtic 0.

Division 1: Carbury SC 1, Eleson United 4; Newbridge Hotspurs abd Dunlavin AFC (player injury).

Foran Decorating Division 2: Galhoy FC 1, Kilcullen AFC 0; Redwood FC 2, Allenwood Celtic 0; Portlaoise Celtic 3, Donard FC 1; Moone Celtic 2, Grangecon AFC 4.

Hill Electrical Division 3: Newbridge Hotspurs 1, Barnhall Rovers 3; Walshestown FC 0, Sallins Celtic 2; Clongorey United 3, Naas United 1.

Aermax Services Division 4: Rathangan AFC 1, Castle Villa 2; Derry Rovers 7, Newtown Rovers 1; Suncroft AFC 1, Kildare Town 1; Ballycane Celtic (late), Monasterevin AFC.

Notice Board

There will be no fixtures on 8th, 9th and 10th July due to the Oxegen Festival.

Proof of Public Liability Insurance Cover

We are happy to announce that all clubs have now complied with FAI and KDFL Rules in relation to supplying proof that they hold a Public Liability Insurance Policy. It is the utmost importance that all clubs carry this Insurance and the League will monitor dates of cover expiry going forward.

Important note for referees

Match results to be texted to 087-2569173 immediately after the game.

Please note that all KDFL Match Cards must be completed **in full** and forwarded to the League Secretary the day following the game. If necessary a separate Report Sheet should be enclosed.

Oscar and Women's Managers Appointed

The League is happy to announce that Leslie Kelly has been confirmed as manager to the Oscar Traynor squad for the upcoming 2011/12 campaign. Leslie took charge of the KDFL Oscar Traynor side for the final game last season and delivered one of the best results in the history of the League, a 3-0 win over the Leinster Senior League. Kelly will appoint his backroom staff over the coming weeks and a schedule for the preparation of the side will be announced later. The new manager will be in contact with clubs over the coming weeks to discuss their involvement, arrange training details etc.

Meanwhile the League will again enter a side in the FAI Women's Senior Cup for the upcoming campaign. Jennifer Walshe has been re-appointed as manager of the squad and is looking forward to working with the clubs to assemble a squad over the coming months.

Suspensions

All clubs please note that players sent off must serve an automatic suspension in their next game. This suspension must be served with the team the player was representing when dismissed.

Clubs required respect ten day rule:

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SEASON ALTERATIONS TO THE PUBLISHED FIXTURE LIST WILL BE GRANTED ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE TEN DAY RULE WILL BE STRICTLY APPLIED. ALTERATION TO FIXTURES IS ENTIRELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CLUBS ATTEMPT RE-ARRANGE FIXTURES MUTUALLY WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE LEAGUE.

Clubs applying for fixture alterations must supply a reason acceptable to the committee of the League.

Match Reports

Match Reports must be submitted each Sunday before 5pm, either by email to kildarefootball@rocketmail.com or by phone to 045-529559. Clubs that do not submit match reports will be fined. Midweek match reports must only be phoned to the above number on Sunday each week (after 12 noon). Reports can be sent by email at any time.

Team of the Week

Goalkeeper:	Trevor Holligan	Monasterevin AFC
Defenders:	Cormac Finnegan	Kingstown FC
	Jason Leonard	Bridge United
	Dave McGrath	Sallins Celtic
	Terry Behan	Redwood FC
Midfielders:	Alan Raye	Kildare Town
	David Graydon	Clonmullion
	Ricky Moriarity	Woodstock Celts
	Ross Moylan	Portlaoise Celtic
Strikers:	Alan Carroll	Sunday's Well
	Paul Foran	Derry Rovers

Reports

Rooney Coaches Womens Cup Quarter Final

Kildare Town 0 Naas United 5

Naas United came into this game having been defeated by Kildare in the League in back to back games and were determined to reverse those results in this K.D.F.L Ladies Cup quarter final. Lead by Becky Russell on the wing and Lisa Higgins in midfield, Naas went into a two goal lead with goals from Natalia Ditrich and the excellent Claudia Burke.

Kildare kept their heads up in the hope of pulling a goal back before half time but it just wasn't to be there night as they struggled to get past an in form Naas United defence who had commanding displays from Emma Casey and Sarah Drewett as they helped the away side take a 2-0 lead into the half time break. After working hard in the first half United began the second with the same conviction. Kildare Town were trying to get themselves back into the game and had a ten minute spell where they once again failed to get that elusive goal. The away side had seen out the storm and now began to regain control of the game as Lisa Higgins and Claudia Burke began to look dominant. On the hour mark Natalia Ditrich got her second goal with a very composed finish which left the Kildare keeper helpless.

Kildare's luck got even worse soon after as there forward broke clear and looked to be about to score only to go down with what looked a bad knee injury. The home side were now down to ten players having used all of the substitutes. The game was wrapped up as a contest when Lisa Higgins showed her undoubted quality when she lobbed the Kildare goalkeeper in what was certainly the goal of the game.

Higgins has added a bit of quality to Gary Coadys Naas team since she arrived three weeks ago and began to pull the strings from midfield. Naas were playing their best football of the season and it certainly can't come at a better time than in a cup quarter final. They did not let up on their opponents either as they sought revenge for the two recent league defeats and they closed the game out with a deserved goal from Sinead Leahy late on as they ran out impressive 5-0

Evening Herald Under 19 Division

Kilcock Celtic 1 Coill Dubh AFC 4

Kilcock started the brighter of the two teams and began to create chances from the start. Diarmuid Ryan and Brent Brady went close with early efforts. The home team open the scoring after fifteen minutes when Shane O'Rourke volleyed from the edge of the box. At this stage Celtic were well on top and Ian Mooney won a corner on the right the out-swinger was meet by Conor Dully

whose header was cleared off the line. Two minutes later Darren O'Connor volley from thirty yards crashed off the crossbar.

With twenty-five minutes gone the visitors became to settle and began to create chances themselves. They were unlucky not to equalise on the half-hour mark when an effort from six yards was deflected onto the crossbar. With five minutes to the break Coill Dubh got their deserved equaliser when Adam McLoughlin played Graham O Sullivan in and his well hit shot found the corner. At the start of the second half Coill Dubh seemed to find another gear with Martin Beneham playing on the wing causing Kilcock lots of problems and it was he who put John Coyne in for the first of his two goals. A great save by Gavin Craig kept out a certain goal, but some fine play by Dylan Hannon seen him going by four Kilcock defenders before rolling the ball into the goals to make it 4-1 to the visitors. Best for Coill Dubh were Scott Hannon, James Carty, Dean Slattery, Shane O'Donnell and man of the match Martin Beneham

Clane United 3 Kingstown FC 2

Under 19's Division leaders Kingstown came to Clane hoping to extend their lead and for the first 15 minutes it looked like they might just do that. But to Clane's credit the defended well at kept the visitors at bay. The first goal of the game did however come to Kingstown just inside the half hour when an uncharacteristic blunder in the Clane defence gifted the visitors with a very handy opener.

Moments later Clane got the equaliser from the penalty spot when Alan Kirwin tucked away a well taken penalty. Going in at the break the game was very even and it looked like it could have gone either way.

Clane came out in the second and began to dominate in many areas of the pitch and went close on a number of occasions with the best two falling to Conor Stains and Dean Callen. Clane then increased their lead when Alan Kirwin lobbed the Kingstown keeper to score an excellent goal. Kingstown did all they could to try and get themselves back into the game but were starting to find it difficult to get past a very solid Clane defence. Mid-way through the half they did manage to find the net to draw level again but it was very much against play. Clane sealed the victory in the final minutes when Ciaran Bazman slotted the ball into the net from a goalmouth scramble.

Naas United 4 Monasterevin AFC 0

Naas United have been in good form of late in the Youths Division with a great win away over Coill Dubh and a fantastic comeback at home to Kilcock last time out but this was by far their best performance so far as they ran out very impressive 4-0 winners.

Right from the off United looked to be about to open the scoring when Marvel Ntumba crossed for Jamie Rogers who's header flashed just wide of the post. Moments later Naas attacked again and once more Rogers saw his effort miss the target after great play from Jamie Boyd and Derek O'Keefe.

Monasterevin almost caught Naas with a counter attack but for good defending from the always dependable Nathan Sherry. From Sherry's clearance the home side were awarded a free kick just inside their opponents half on ten minutes. Jamie Boyds brilliant delivery was expertly volleyed home by the danger man Jamie Rogers at the back post.

The away side were not playing badly themselves but were looking a little rusty as they failed to find the final pass but finally forced a save on twenty-two minutes which Darragh Horgan showed his quick reflexes to keep out the effort. The Naas keeper seemed to be enjoying himself as he repeatedly came to catch crosses and was also starting his side's attacks from the back.

Naas were really starting to turn on the style now and when Marvel Ntumba moved back to right back to allow the return of Ciaran Begley from injury this proved to be the turning point in the game as a contest. With his first touch, Begley played a one two with Ntumba, who set Derek O'Keefe away on the right and cross was turned home by Jamie Boyd to put United 2-0 up on fifty-five minutes.

Derek O'Keefe saw two efforts go close before Jamie Boyd made it 3-0 with another calm finish. Substitute Tom Hayes was looking lively when he entered the fray and he linked up well with Rogers who grabbed his eight goal in four games to make it a 4-0 lead on sixty-nine minutes.

Manager Paul Lawlor and his assistant Declan Lackey have seen their team come a long way and on this performance they now have a team ready to match any in the League.

CR Wynne Feeds Senior Division Roundup.

Liffey Celtic remain in the driving seat, eight points clear of their nearest rivals Kildare Town, following a rather flattering 3-0 win over Naas United on Friday evening. Kildare Town needed a win over Castle Villa, their guests at Rathbride Road on Sunday and they duly obliged. They cruised into a 2-0 half time lead with goals from Ian Murphy after just one minute and a superb strike from Joe Darcy after he was set up by Andrew Sage in the twenty-first minute. The second half however was an entirely different story as Villa took control and levelled. Malcolm Kirwan got their first from the penalty spot after Anto Lawlor was taken down in the box. Kirwan then set up Lawlor for the leveller. Town got their act together in the final fifteen minute and went on to take the three points with a fine strike from Robert O'Neill late in the game. Alan Ray,

Joe Darcy, Andrew Sage and man of the match Barry Ryan starred for the winners. Derek Byrne and Jamie Horan impressed for a hardworking Villa. Rathangan continued to make steady progress up the table with a hard earned 2-1 away win over Ballycane Celtic and they must now be rueing the seven draws that they have registered from their twelve starts. All three goals came in the second half with Ned Cullen and Eoin Kennedy putting the visitors 2-0 up before Stephen O’Riordan got on the end of a through ball from Gareth Byrne to pull one back for Ballycane. It was too little too late however and Rathangan for whom Aidan Kennedy, Tommy Power and keeper John Cassidy starred held on to win.

Meanwhile early leaders Suncroft continue to slide down the table as their luck in front of goal seems to have deserted them. Gary Connolly saw his header crash off the bar in their tie against Monasterevin and soon after Monasterevin keeper Trevor Hollingan done well to deny Stephen Connolly. The Croft eventually hit the front when Gary Connolly netted from the penalty spot. On the half hour mark Monasterevin equalised when Henry Lupton played in a fantastic ball to the waiting Shane Kevins who scored for the home team. In the seventieth minute Dylan Connolly put Suncroft 2-1 up. Willie Hayes and Anthony Ryan missed chances again before Shane Kevins scored his second of the game. It only took Suncroft five minutes to reply to Monasterevin's equaliser when they got a further penalty. However the spot kick was brilliantly saved by Trevor Hollingan between the Monasterevin Posts. The game had drawn all over it, but in injury time Henry Lupton put in a great ball from the wing, into the danger area where Wayne Carter met the ball to finish it to the net. There was no time for Suncroft to reply and Monasterevin left with the 3 points.

TSports Premier Division

Clonmullion FC 0 Woodstock Celts 4

Match of the Day Star – Leinster Leader

The Premier division is developing into a scrap between Woodstock Celts and Bridge United who shared leadership on twenty-six points from twelve games prior to Sunday's action. Newbridge Town were just two points behind with Kilcullen and Sundays Well also in the mix.

The key games on Sunday were the Celts away game just across the Barrow River at Clonmullion and Bridge United's joust with Kingstown just down the road at the Tegral Sports Grounds. In the final analysis it was Woodstock who

took over clear leadership with a 4-0 demolition of Clonmullion, while the other joint leaders Bridge United needed a last minute goal to salvage a point against an impressive Kingstown outfit.

Two goals from Ricky Moriarity and one each from Tommy Nolan and Dean Connell done the trick for Tommy Connell's side against a Clonmullion side ravaged by injuries and suspensions. Their first goal came after just a minute of play when Corey Lammon's corner was flicked on by Jonathan Fennell for Moriarity to blast past keeper Shane Foley.

They were two up after twenty-six minutes when a mix up between Foley and his centre back Mark Donovan allowed Tommy Nolan in to finish. Indeed were it not for a superb goal line clearance from Liam Leonard following another Lammon corner the Celts would have gone three up. Clonmullion introduced young David Graydon, who is home on holidays from a soccer scholarship in the USA and he made an immediate impact with a superb display of ball control and passing. He almost pulled one back for the home side just before the break when it took a good save from Celts keeper Mick Lawless to keep out his well struck free from twenty-five yards.

However any hopes of a revival by the home side were well and truly dashed when Woodstock netted their third one minute after the resumption. Gary Foley threaded a through ball in behind the home defence sparking a race between Dean Connell and defender Liam Leonard. There was only going to be one winner to that race and Connell gave keeper Shane Foley no chance from twelve yards.

The Celts were now content to defend their advantage and this allowed Clonmullion to get control in midfield with the tricky Graydon bringing Ryan Hennessy and David Persse into the game with intelligent use of the ball. They came close to pulling one back when Gary Foley gifted the ball to Brendan Curtis in the danger area but the midfielders shot flew inches over Mick Lawless's bar.

Woodstock regained control however and could even afford to miss a spot kick when keeper Shane Foley saved well from Ricky Moriarity after the custodian had taken down Tommy Nolan. Woodstock then wrapped a good day at the office when Moriarity was not to be denied a second, sweetly volleying Corey Lammon's left wing cross to the net from twenty yards with the outside of his right boot with one minute remaining. There was elation for the large crowd of Celts supporters at the final whistle as news filtered through that their main rivals Bridge United had dropped two points to Kingstown, leaving them two points clear at the top.

Clonmullion FC: Shane Foley, Barry Foley, John Mahon, Liam Leonard, Mark Donovan, Ryan Hennessy, David Persse, Brendan Curtis, Nathan Robinson, John Joe Donovan, Dom Redmond. Subs: David Graydon (for Robinson 43), Shane Redmond.

Woodstock Celts: Michael Lawless, Robbie Donogher, Jonathan Fennell, James Lawless, Gary Foley, Rolly Lammon, Corey Lammon, Ricky Moriarity, Dean Connell, Tommy Nolan, James Fennell. Subs: Tommy F Connell, Kieran Mulhall, Martin Brennan (for Connell 85), John Robinson, Mark Keogh (for James Fennell 86).

Referee: Peter Moore.

Sunday's Well 3 Kilcullen AFC 2

Sundays Well kept up their chase for promotion thanks to a hat-trick from midfielder Alan Carroll. The Well went into this vital premier league clash without six first team players but welcomed back midfielder David O'Connell who has been out for over a year through injury. The Well started brightly and had lots of the ball and fashioned their first chance after five minutes when good work down the left flank sent Ali Sheridan into the Kilcullen box, Sheridan then back heeled for Dave Griffin who was just inches short of making a connection to put the home side in front.

The Well enjoyed the lion's share of possession early on but found themselves behind ten minutes in against the run of play. A diagonal long ball over the top from David Phelan put Mick Williams through and he beat the Sundays Well's keeper Ray Whelan at his near post

The Well to their credit continued to probe throughout the half, playing their passing game and were making serious inroads for the last twenty minutes of the half. Some fantastic passing football again down the left carved Kilcullen open and David O'Connell really should have scored when Dave Griffin pulled the ball back for him to shoot from 15 yards. The home side got the goal they deserved thirty-five minutes in when a good run down the left from Ali Sheridan had the Kilcullen defence scrambling. Sheridan then squared the ball for Alan Carroll who steered the ball into the bottom corner. Kilcullen's only other chance in the half came just before the interval when Mick Williams saw his well-struck drive palmed away by Whelan.

The second half saw a shift in gears from Sundays Well as they began to move the ball quicker and unlock the Kilcullen defence. Tommy Feane and Alan Carroll were causing Kilcullen problems down the wings but the final ball had been letting the Naas side down. Kilcullen restored their advantage 50 minutes in when the ball broke for Brian Kelly who was brought down in the box. He dusted himself down and netted the penalty himself. Ten minutes later the influential Mick Williams saw red and the game swung in favour of Sunday's Well and they dominated proceedings for the remainder of the game. Some great attacking play from Dave Griffin, David O'Connell and Ali Sheridan

brought about chances for the front trio but Kilcullen were desperately holding on to their one goal lead and kept the Well at bay.

Steven O'Sullivan was then introduced for Dave Shore - O'Sullivan moving out to the left and Alan Carroll moving into a central position. The home side got the equaliser they had been threatening 75 minutes into the game when a great cross from Ali Sheridan was met on the volley 20 yards out by Alan Carroll, his controlled strike left the Kilcullen goalkeeper with no chance as he could only look on and watch the ball glide into the top corner.

The Well now pressing for a winner continued to attack down the wings but there was nobody on the end of several crosses floated into the area by Tommy Feane and Dave Griffin. Kilcullen were hanging on at this stage and their long balls into the 'Well area were easily dealt with by Sean O'Connor, Rory Bateman and Greg Barrett.

Going into the last ten minutes Ali Sheridan was sent racing clear from a through ball from Alan Carroll. Sheridan was brought down and the resulting spot kick was slotted into the bottom corner by Alan Carroll to give him his hat-trick in a man of the match performance. Barry Kane came on for the injured Rory Bateman for the closing stages and squared up the Sundays Well rearguard making some vital tackles to keep Kilcullen from creating any chances. The Well closed out the game convincingly to take all three points to move ahead of Kilcullen. They have now won six out of their last seven games and will hope to keep up their good form and continue to challenge for promotion and a chance to compete against Kildares elite.

Sundays Well Team: Ray Whelan, Sean O'Connor, Rory Bateman (Barry Kane 75), Greg Barrett, Ronan Bateman, David Shore (Steven O'Sullivan 65), Tommy Feane, Alan Carroll, David O'Connell, Dave Griffin, Ali Sheridan

BBC United 0 Sallins Celtic 4

Salins won this match comfortable in the end but credit must go to a home side that never gave up till the end even though they played a lot of the match with ten men. The visitors opened the scoring in the fifteenth minute when Ray Travers finished to the net after sustained pressure. The match continued with Sallins having most of the play but the score line remained the same until half time.

Celtic continued to dominate but as long as the score line remained the same United always had a chance to equalise from a set piece. That all changed 15 minutes into the second half however when Ray Travers found himself in the right place at the right time to finish to the net to make it 2-0 to the visitors. BBC to their credit never gave up but further goals from Ritchie Kenna and substitute Ray Kelly secured the points for Celtic whose tenure in the Senior

Division next season now looks secure. Their best players were Dave McGrath, Keith Byrne and Darren McNulty.

Bridge United 2 Kingstown FC 2

In excellent conditions at the Tegral Sportsgrounds Bridge, who started the day in joint leadership of the TSports Premier Division started well with Stephen Donovan and Dave Lawlor calling the shots. Dave Lawlor had a disallowed goal before after twenty-two minutes a great three man move involving Lawlor, Stephen Donovan and Colm Cuddy ended with Cuddy putting United 1-0 up. Liam Hanna and Gerry Murphy spurned chances to level for the visitors and the break came with the home side leading by a single goal.

Kingstown equalised through Dave Saunders when he was put through by Bogdan Steff following good work by Richie Porter and Cormac Finnegan in the sixty fifth minute and ten minutes later Bridge had a chance to regain the lead but Stephen Donovan blazed over the bar after good work by Dave Lawlor. The visitors went 2-1 up when Joe Moore converted a through ball by Gerry Murphy. Bridge no doubt in the knowledge that Woodstock their neighbours and rivals for top spot were comfortably leading Clonmullion a mile down the road attacked in numbers and were rewarded when Shane Kelly shot home from eighteen yards with two minutes remaining to salvage a point for his side. Best for Kingstown were Joe Moore, Richie Porter and man of the match Cormac Finnegan at right full. Colm Cuddy and Jason Leonard impressed for the home side.

Elsewhere in the TSports Premier Newbridge Town kept pace with Woodstock Celts and Bridge United at the top of the division when they had a brace of goals to spare over Kilcock at Station Road. Rory Dean netted an early goal to settle Town's nerves. Derek Donoghue doubled their advantage on the sixty-fifth minute with a superb header. Rory Dean missed a late penalty for the home side but the two goals were always going to be enough to gain the points which see Newbridge join Bridge United in second spot two points adrift of leaders Woodstock Celts.

Division 1

Dunlavin AFC 2 Liffey Celtic 1

The battle between Eleson United, Liffey Celtic and Dunlavin for leadership of division 1 rages on with Dunlavin moving into third spot with two games in hand just three points adrift of leaders Eleson as a result of this narrow victory over Celtic at pound road.

Liffey started well in this tie and got their reward when Brian McDonagh headed home after about 15 minutes. The visitors could have had more but for a resolute Dunlavin defence. The second half started with the home side pressing and creating a number of chances and they levelled when a poor clearance fell to the striker Davy Carty and he finished well. They then went one up when Liffey centre half Barry Moylan who was putting in a man of the match performance was unlucky to put the ball into his own net after making a great challenge.

Liffey had chances to win this game but a combination of poor finishing and decisions going against them cost them dearly. They had great performances all over the pitch particularly from Alan Dowling, Brian McDonagh and the unlucky Barry Moylan who had a tremendous game despite his own goal.

Elsewhere in Division 1 current leaders Eleson United had a comfortable 4-1 away win over Carbury Soccer Club. Ciaran and Joe Bowers put United two up early in the game and there was no way back for Carbury. Paul Swords netted a second half brace to complete the job. James Langton and Ciaran Bowers were impressive for the winners.

Foran Decorating Division 2

Galhoy FC 1 Kilcullen AFC 0

Galhoy opened up a three point gap at the top of the Foran Decorating Division 2 ahead of the chasing pack of Newtown Rovers, Grangecon AFC and Portlaoise Celtic, who are all three points with Newtown having a game in hand.

The first half started in familiar pattern for the home side as they dominated the play but did not really threaten the opposing keeper. Galhoy had some good play down the flanks and with Paul Dyland and Dave O Connor pulling the strings in the middle. They were unfortunate to go in scoreless at half time. The home side continued in the same vein in the second half and deservedly took the lead sixty-five minutes in.

Paul Dowling played a pass to Dave O'Connor and he burst through the defense and unleashed an unstoppable shot to give them a deserved lead. Galhoy held on with ease to claim what was a big win. With players returning from injury, they are back to having a full squad again for a big push for the rest of the season. Best for the winners were Paul Dyland, Darren Conlon and Steve Dempsey in what was a great team performance.

Redwood were looking to do the league double over Allenwood going into this game in what were perfect conditions for playing football. Allenwood probably shaded the play in a first half in which Redwood struggled at times to get their passing game going. The Redwood defence was on top throughout the half with a number of decisive tackles being made in and around the penalty box. Patrick McBennett timed his tackling to perfection on two occasions to deny the Allenwood centre forward when he carried the ball into the Redwood box. Ciaran Killally in goal for Redwood made a number of good saves to ensure he kept his clean sheet.

Allenwood were reduced to ten men after Ciaran Killally came out to clear the ball and was fouled from behind. Redwood didn't take advantage of the extra man for the remainder of the first half and their only chances were from set pieces which were well delivered from David Scott and Barry Forde and well won in the Allenwood penalty area by Alan Bennett and Sean Croke but on each occasion Allenwood were first to the dropping ball.

Redwood started the second half the better team and their passing hugely improved. Eoin Higgins came on as a replacement for JP Kearney and brought extra energy to the left of midfield. The Redwood full backs David Scott and Terry Behan who had an excellent game at right back pushed further forward as the half progressed.

Redwood manager John O'Connor switched Alan Bennett and Sean Croke in search of the first goal which proved to be good tactical decision as Redwood dominated thereafter.

The first Redwood goal was scored by Eoin Higgins from a cross from Brian Ashe who had an impressive debut up front. The goal for Higgins was well deserved after his impressive display after coming on. The home side, boosted by the goal continued to push in the second half and were rewarded with a second goal following an excellent passing move. David Scott had possession of the ball at left back and passed into midfield to Craig Byrne who played it to the centre halves and across the backline before the ball was spread wide and crossed into the box for Barry Forde to finish from a difficult angle.

Allenwood had few opportunities as they tired in the second half but there best came from a free kick from outside the area. The ball was sent in high and Ciaran Killally done well to back pedal onto his line to claim the ball as it looked goal bound.

Redwood almost claimed a third goal when Barry Forde centred the ball which was well dummied by Alan Bennett for Craig Byrne to carry to the edge of the box and play in Alessandro de Lucena whose shot was blocked. Callum Edwards played very well at centre half on his return from injury. Man of the match for Redwood was Terry Behan at right back.

Moone Celtic 2 Grangecon AFC 4

Another shocker for Moone as Grangecon continue to push for honours in Division 2. Moone went in front after 33 minutes when John Lazenby followed a ball all the way in and finished after the visitors failed to clear. The home side went two up when Lazenby turned provider as he floated a corner in and Kevin Anthony headed to the net.

The home side looked comfortable until just on the halftime whistle when a penalty was awarded against them to leave the score 2-1 at the break.

Grangecon came out strong in the second half and were awarded a free kick forty yards out and hit the top corner of the net leaving Mark Murphy in the Moone goal no chance. On 70 minutes Grangecon grabbed another one when the Moone defence failed to clear and they notched an easy third goal soon after.

With time well up and the game over as a contest Grangecon were awarded another penalty on 100 minutes to leave the score 4-2 to the visitors. Best for Moone on a day they will want to put behind them fairly quick were John Lazenby, Mikey Wall, Kevin Anthony and Niall Hickey.

Portlaoise Celtic 3 Donard FC 1

This game was played in perfect conditions with St Fintans looking in excellent for what was a crucial game for the home side in the hectic four-way battle at the top of the division between Galhoy, Newtown, Grangecon and Celtic. The visitors were the better team in the first 15 minutes of the game with Rory Twomey and Conor Healey pulling the strings in midfield. After ten minutes Healy's long throw caught out the home defence and found Joe Mills free at the back post to head home a shock lead goal for the visitors.

This seemed to spur Celtic on and Ronan Molloy and Mark Ryan both saw shots from distance just go wide of the post. Sean Brown then crossed from the right and found Ross Moylan but his header was well saved. With five minutes to go to the break James Carroll was taken down in the box. The spot kick however was missed.

It took only a minute of the second half before Celtic were level. Ross Moylan picked the ball up on the left wing he cut inside the first defender then he sold the dummy to the covering defender before wrong footing the keeper. His strike partner Joe Bergin down well linked up with Ross Moylan he in turn found James Carroll. He laid it back to Moylan who spotted a brilliant run by Bergin. Moylan's pass was inch perfect and was only matched by the first touch of Bergin who cut inside the last defender before side footing it home to give Celtic a one goal advantage. This seemed to encourage Celtic and after 75

minutes right full Danny Mills made a driving run up the right before unleashing a shot from 25 yards out to beat the keeper and give the win to the home team. Portlaoise are starting to settle now in this division and with only six games left in the league they will have a say where the title will rest at the end of the season.

Hill Electrical Division 3

Walshestown FC 0 Sallins Celtic 2

Match of the Day – Evening Herald.

With both these teams struggling to pull themselves clear of relegation danger the points were a must for both and it was Celtic who came out tops by virtue of their work rate in a keenly contested tie. Many visiting teams find the wide expanses of the all-weather pitch at Station Road hard to handle but not this Sallins side, who revelled in the space it provided.

While Celtic had the better of the possession in the first forty-five minutes they found it hard to break down a well organised home defence in which Craig Holman and Stephen Newman were outstanding. Not surprisingly when referee Gerry Solan sounded the whistle for the break the sides were scoreless.

The second half was a much livelier affair with Celtic's Conor Martin and Jake McLoughlin beginning to gain control in midfield and it was this combination which set up Larry Blanchfield to score the opener after fifty-eight minutes, with Blanchfield ghosting in at the back post to steer Martins low cross past keeper James Mulligan.

Walshestown were not without their chances and Paul Cahill, who was sent through by Colm Quirke was denied by a stunning save from Sallins keeper Robert Coonan in the sixty fourth minute. Cahill again came close to equalising when he rose above the Sallins defence two minutes later to get a head on Aidan O'Driscoll's right wing cross but again Coughlin was equal to the task.

The home side threw caution to the wind in the final fifteen minutes with defenders Mick Jones and Craig Holman venturing further forward and Holman brought another fine save from keeper Robert Coughlin with a well struck drive from the edge of the box after good work through the middle by Paul Cahill and Brian Kelly.

With time almost up Sallins made sure of the points, which puts them five points clear of Walshestown, when Colm Keenan struck a delightful twenty-two yard free to the roof of the net. Sallins will be delighted with their first win in their last five outings while Walshestown will have to do better in the second half of the season if they are to avoid the drop to division 4. In top form for the winners were Clom Keenan, Jake McLoughlin, Paddy McGrath and a superb Rob Coughlin in goals, while Mick Jones, Paul Cahill and Michael Curran impressed for the home side.

Walshestown FC: James Mulligan, Mick Jones, Stephen Newman, Aidan O'Driscoll, Craig Holman, Mick Curran, Paul Cahill, Colm Quirke, Brian Kelly, Noel Anderson. Subs: Barry Kavanagh, Karl Rigney, Conor Cahill, Pat Murphy.

Sallins Celtic: Roberts Coughlin, Dave Mahon, Simon Critchley, Colm Keenan, Graham Hogan, Peter Russell, Conor Martin, Kevin Connell, Gareth Sourke, Jake McLoughlin, Larry Blanchfield. Subs: Ian Fox, Dean Desmond, Ciaran O'Connor, Emmet Travers.

Referee: Gerry Solon.

Clongorey United 3 Naas United 1

Naas United were guilty of a very sloppy start to this game as they found themselves 2-0 down inside ten minutes against a Clongorey side who are never easy to play against at Old Bog Road. Paddy Byrne opened the scoring for the home side after four minutes and Dom Ivors doubled their advantage six minutes later with a fine individual effort. Naas gave a senior debut to Darragh Horgan in goal, proof that their underage and Youth set up is now beginning to flourish.

After that slow start Naas began to get themselves back into the game with efforts from Brendan Phelan and Declan Coady. The away side were now restricting Clongorey to long range efforts which never troubled Horgan. The youngster was joined in the team by his Youths team mate Jamie Boyd and he looked to be about to get his side back in the game as a delightful chip from Declan Coady set him free on goal but despite a fantastic first touch he blazed over the bar.

Naas kept up the pressure for the final minutes of the half and were gifted a goal in the 43rd minute when Brendan Phelan's scuffed shot came straight to the keeper who saw the ball roll under his foot and over the line to make the score 2-1 to the home side at the half way stage. Naas began the second half well and saw a free kick from Kevin Morris go close before an effort from Boyd had to be palmed away.

Clongorey forced Horgan into his first save on 55 minutes and he was equal to the task. Boyd should have equalised for his side on the hour mark but he shot straight at the keeper when one on one. This was to be a massive regret for Naas as Clongorey got a third goal on 63 minutes despite a great save from Horgan from the first shot Dean Heavey was on hand to nod home the rebound.

Naas fought hard and never gave up and had top performances from Declan Coady and Kevin Morris in Midfield while substitute Ronan Coady was a huge boost to the side when he came off the bench. There was one more late chance

and again it fell to Boyd as he got in behind the defence once more but this time he lifted the ball over the keeper only for it to land the wrong side of the crossbar.

Newbridge Hotspurs 1 Barnhall Rovers 3

Rovers opened up a five point lead over Kilcock Celtic and Straffan, who both have a game in hand on the Leixlip based side, following the hard earned victory at Rickardstown.

Barnhall were awarded a penalty in the fifth minute, when Dean Maher took down Gavin Devine in the box. The striker brushed himself off and struck the ball low to the bottom right corner but Jason Thorpe in the Hotspurs goal just get his hand to the ball to make a tremendous save. The visitors then took the lead on thirteen minutes long ball was played when Joe O'Connor tried a long range half volley. Thorpe seemed to have it covered but lost the ball in the sun and it went straight to the net.

Rovers went further in front on fifty-seven minutes. A long ball was played up and misjudged by the home defense to allow Gavin Devine in to blast the ball to the net. The home side never stopped trying and were rewarded on seventy-five minutes. A free was awarded for a foul on Scott O'Sullivan. Frank Durney took it quickly and Wayne Kennedy headed the ball past Mark Charles in the visiting goal.

Spurs then piled on the pressure only for Barnhall to score their third and kill the game off on seventy-eight minutes. From a through ball Alan Feane tangled with Stephen Poole and the referee pointed to the spot again. This time Poole put the spot kick away superbly. The score line flattered the winners a little but in the end the visitors, for whom Gavin Devine and Joe and Stephen O'Connor were superb, just deserved their win.

Aermax Services Division 4 – Roundup

Castle Villa put themselves firmly in the driving seat in the Aermax Services Division 4 with a narrow 2-1 away victory over Rathangan in a top of the table clash at Canal Road. In a cracking encounter Villa were on top in the early stages and Villa were unlucky when Jason Byrne's effort came back off the crossbar after five minutes. They again came close on the half hour but Mark Doyle in the home goals somehow got at hand to Malcolm Kirwan's volley. Darren Kennedy gave the home side a forty-eight minute lead but Jamie Horan

set Kirwan up to level minutes later. The impressive Kirwan put Paddy Murphy through to net what turned out to be the winner with just six minutes remaining. The home side were best served by Dave Reddy and Mark Doyle in goals while Villa had stars in Paddy Murphy and Dylan Costigan.

Elsewhere Suncroft and Kildare Town shared the spoils in a tight game at Suncroft Community Grounds. Peter Ennes put the Croft in front from the penalty spot early in the game but Eamon Maher popped up to save a point for Town, who had good performances from Michael O'Connor and Jason Kane, in the seventy-sixty minute.

Meanwhile Derry Rovers with a hat trick from Paul Foran and further goals from Jason Mooney (2), Paddy Cassidy and Ross Kearney, cruised past visitors Newtown Rovers to take all three points at Brian's Park. Rovers had a late consolation goal from Shane O'Rourke.