**Mulroy College Senior Girls soccer**

**Bank of Ireland FAI Schools Senior ‘B’ Girls All Ireland Cup FINAL**

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Mulroy College, Milford 1-3 St. Peter’s CS, Passage West**

**Michelle Doherty (80)                                        Orla Higgins (44), Danielle Hayes (56), Emma Harrington (63)**

A frozen pitch in Tolka Rovers meant the game was moved to the All Weather in the Clonshaugh AUL pitch. Mulroy were hoping to defend the title. This is not an easy task, but did not cloud the hope for a win. Aisling McAteer and Paul Mc Govern spoke to us before the game, saying that their only worry was the goalkeeper Carla Mc Bride who had a chest infection.

 The girls from  Mulroy College were alive and on top for the whole of the first half, but failed to score. Orla McGonigle split the St. Peter’s defence to have a shot on goal with the ball going just wide of the post with 23 minutes gone. St. Peter’s had a good opportunity to go ahead on 27 minutes when Courtney Histon went on a great run before striking towards goal. Amanda Callaghan almost found an opener for Mulroy on 36 minutes with a shot from 25 yards. Aoife O’Flynn was on hand to deny the her. Mulroy had one more chance to grab a goal just before the break when Lucy Marie O’Flynn broke through the St. Peter’s defensive line to go one on one with the keeper but her shot went agonizingly wide. Caoimhe Walsh was anticipating a shot on goal but the tight St Peters Defence denied her on many occasions. The defensive strength of the Mulroy with Roisin Mc Elwaine, Orla Mc Gonigle, Zoe Green, and Lianne Boyce ensured no gaps were left open.

After a scoreless first half it only took four minutes for the deadlock to be broken in the second period . Cork’s Orla Higgins with a great run to go one on one with an onrushing Mulroy goalkeeper , before striking her effort into the far corner. An off side appeal was denied, this changed the face of the game. St. Peter’s doubled their lead on 56 minutes when Danielle Hayes made a wonderful run down the left wing and sent in a cross which lobbed McBride and into the open net. St Peters had another chance to get her name on the score sheet after breaking through the Mulroy defence but she was not able to keep her shot on target. Things got better for St. Peter’s after Orla Higgins crossed to Emma Harrington who remained composed to score from close range just after the hour mark.

Mulroy began to pick up the tempo to try and get back into the game. Lianne Boyce picked up the ball 20 yards out and shot over the bar on 66 minutes. Two minutes later the lively and alert left foot of Zoe Green came close to pulling a goal back for her school when she turned just inside the box but her shot was blocked bravely by O’Sullivan. Aiofe Mc Devitt never failed to show determination and was always first to the ball. A move between herself and Mariosa Friel on 80 minute allowed Michelle Doherty produced a lifeline for Mulroy after the St. Peter’s goalkeeper collected a cross, but instantly, spilled it to Doherty to knock home. This proved to be nothing more than a consolation goal as seconds later the final whistle sounded. Miss Fiona Temple congratulated the team after a hard fought game. " it might not have been Mulroy's day on the pitch, but the effort of the team has to be commended. It is outstanding to see such talent within a small group of students. We are so proud of each of them in Mulroy College."

**Mulroy College, Milford: Carla McBride, Roisin McElwaine (**Rosheen McGinley, 61)**, Zoe Green, Lianne Boyce, Orla McGonigle**,**Mariosa Friel (Grainne Friel, 57), Aoife McDevitt, Lucy Marie O’Flynn, Michelle Doherty, Amanda Callaghan, Caoimhe Walsh,**
**Subs**: Louise Lynch, Clare Friel, Rebecca Ryan, Orla Sweeney
**Team manager and coach**: Aisling McAteer, Paul McGovern