

# CARROLL STINGER FOR KILL



**STANDING FIRM:**  
Kill's Joe Cusack  
(left) goes in hard  
against United's  
Kilian Kinsella

**A LATE strike from Jack Carroll helped SDFL table toppers Templeogue United book their place in the last 32 of the Under-15 SFAI cup with a hard-fought 1-0 win over Kill Celtic in Kill on Saturday morning.**

In truth this was a game Templeogue should have had wrapped up at half time as they created and missed chance after chance throughout the game.

However, to their credit they kept going to the last and they got their reward when Carroll struck to keep their excellent cup run going.

*Kill never really got going in the game: they started slightly better but once Templeogue got into their stride the home side struggled and never really had a chance in the game until the last two minutes.*

After a bright start from Kill that saw them create one or two half chances it was the away side who took control of the game and they really should have taken the lead with their first attack when James Dillon raced through on goal but had his effort tipped round the post by Daniel Logan in the Kill goal.

Logan was again called into action minutes later when James Dillon picked the ball up on the edge of the box before side stepping his marker and producing an excellent chip that was brilliantly tipped over the bar.

## **Top**

Templeogue really were well on top at this stage and they were creating some excellent chances as they got in behind the home defence at will.

It was James Dillon who was next to threaten as he hit a rasping volley from the edge of the box that clipped the top of the crossbar as it went just inches over.

Kill were really struggling to keep tabs on the Templeogue attackers and they were finding it hard to play any football of their own.

*They almost went in ahead at the break when in the last minute of the half a long ball to forward Eric Murphy controlled just inside the box and he hit a thumping effort just wide as the side went in scoreless at the break.*

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first as Templeogue created numerous chances and spent



**NARROW WIN:** Templeogue edged out Kill Celtic (below)



**WORTHY WINNER:** Templeogue's goal scoring hero Jack Carroll is congratulated by his goalkeeper Andy Jones

# Jack grabs late winner to keep United ahead of pack

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most of the half camped in Kill territory but it wasn't until the final few minutes that the breakthrough eventually came.

The Kill woodwork was again on hand to deny Templeogue after five minutes of the second half.

## Safety

Jack Carroll broke the offside trap and went in one on one before lobbing the onrushing keeper only to see his effort come back off the underside of the bar before being hacked to safety.

As the game looked to be heading to extra time the Templeogue managers decided to make some substitutions and these almost paid immediate dividends for the side.

A free Ben Gibson rose highest in the box and produced an excellent header that was brilliantly saved by Daniel Logan in the Kill goal.

The breakthrough though

finally came with five minutes left when from a long ball from defence saw Gibson rise highest to flick on into the path of Jack Carroll who controlled well and made no mistake in blasting home to give his side a more than deserved lead.

Almost inevitably though Templeogue began to sit back after going in front as they looked to hold onto their lead and this allowed Kill come into the game as an attacking force and could have proved costly.

## Chance

They had one great chance to draw level in the last minute when the ball fell to Michael Aboduriu 12 yards out but he dragged his shot wide when he should have really hit the target.

Templeogue though held on for a more than deserved win and on the evidence of this display they will be a hard team to beat in this competition.

If they can get some good home draws they really could go far this time around.

For Kill, though, it's back to Kildare league as they look to the win title.

**KILL CELTIC:** Daniel Logan, Jai Byrne, Joe Devlin, David Kavanagh, Jamie Dunne, Paul Walsh, Ben Holmes, Joe Cusack, Eric Murphy, Robbie McMaccen, Arron Meciw, **Subs:** Noah O Sullivan, Conor Mc Philips, Michael Aboduriu.

**TEMPLEOGUE UNITED:** Andy Jones, Scott Mc Kenna, Evan Doyle, Shane Corcoran, Keelan Loughard, Dylan Baker, Killian Kinsella, Jamie Dunn, Jack Carroll, Keane Jones, James Dillon, **Subs:** Ben Gibson, Aaron Connolly, Sean Byrne, Alan Stephens.

**FULLY FOCUSED:** Templeogue's Ben Gibson controls the ball

