

# Malahide give Templeogue a tough grilling before Goodson Cup advance

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By Niall Scully

WHEN THESE two sides meet again, there won't be a ticket to be had.

Their 14 Premier League clash in Malahide finished 3-3, and back in Gannon Park on Saturday, the Goodson Cup tie produced another belter.

It was a pity the cameras weren't there to see it. It was thrill-a-minute stuff, laced with pace, strength, courage and skill.

Twice, Templeogue had to get up off the floor as they found themselves behind at 2-0, and 3-1. Remarkably, it was 3-3 at the break.

Malahide began with menace. They took the game to the visitors. And they caused problems everytime they attacked.

Templeogue were certainly rocked. They weren't given any time to compose their poetry, but when it mattered most they had an ace on the deck in Steven Kinsella.

He scored a hat-trick, but he did a hundred other things as well. And he was the major reason Templeogue marched on.

Steven has speed and, when necessary, he's well able to go past people. He can also give the simple pass. He has two cultured feet, and his work-rate over the 70 minutes was just outstanding.

As a spectator remarked: "It's in the blood." Steven's Dad, Alan, the former Dalymount Park favourite, manages the team with Eric Stokes.

"The lads had to show character," mused Eric. "They were up against it, but twice they managed to come back.

"Fair play to Malahide. They began very well. They made it difficult for us. We always find it tough out here. But I think once we began to get on the ball a bit more, we showed that bit of quality."

## POLISH

Malahide gave Templeogue no time whatsoever in the first period. Yet after the tea, Templeogue began to produce the tins of polish.

"We are very disappointed, especially after we were 3-1 up so close to half-time," admitted Dave Whelan, on the Malahide management with Ronnie Feeney, Ken Maguire and Cian Cleary.

"It's a pity we didn't hold that lead until the interval. But still it was a wonderful performance from the lads. We are proud of them. It was a cracking game. Templeogue are a super side."

The fixture attracted quite a bit of interest. There were a cluster of scouts in the building. It was dry, but a cool breeze blew in off the sea.

As ever, you could have played subterfuge on the surface. The hosts attacked the Portmarnock end. They were two-up in side eleven minutes.

Nathan Seery, from a pass from Ross Nally, knocked in the first of them in the third minute

before, direct from a right-wing corner, Darragh Leahy curled in the second.

Within a minute, Kinsella replied with a neat finish. Yet on 15 minutes, Ross Nally skipped away to slide in the third following Seery's delivery.

Templeogue had some serious thinking to do, yet they were level at the break with two goals in three minutes. In the 32nd minute, Kinsella's strike from the left of the box found the target, and then Adam White's 35-yarder whistled in.

The Tymon Troops felt relief to go in all square. In the second half, they tightened the bolts on the back door, with Darragh Gibbons ruling the sky.

Templeogue edged ahead when Cian Walsh nudged in five minutes into the restart. Three minutes later, Eoin Stokes made it 5-3.

That looked to be that. But twelve minutes from time, Sean Boyd nipped in to make things interesting again.

Yet who were Templeogue going to call - King Kinsella, of course, as he glided in for his hat-trick seven minutes from the finish. And right on the bell, Steven almost got his fourth. The Da will have to bring him to Eddie Rocket's

**MALAHIDE UNITED:** Dylan Fitzpatrick; Paul Curtis, Sean Finnerty, Eric Whelan, Darragh Leahy, Sean Boyd, JJ Nolan, David O'Neill, Jonathan Lunney, Nathan Seery, Ross Nally, Conor O'Byrne, Neville Keegan, Ben Quinlan, Ross Maguire, Louis Pike.

**TEMPLEOGUE UNITED:** Conor Kearns; Sam Morrison, Darragh Gibbons, Dara Corcoran, Adam White, Shane Hanney, Eoin Stokes, Cian Walsh, Conor Davis, Steven Kinsella, Stephen Hanley, Simon King, Adam Maher, Ieuan Hopkins, Rory Collins, Jake Reddy.

**Referee:** George Victory (right).

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**LAHAHIDE UNITED FC:** Back row, from left: Louis Pike, Ross Nally, Darragh Leahy, Sean Innerty, Dylan Fitzpatrick, Sean Boyd, Jonathan Lunney, Conor O'Byrne, Eric Whelan. Front row: David O'Neill, Ben Quinlan, JJ Nolan, Neville Keegan, Nathan Seery, Paul Curtis, Ross Maguire.



**AMPLEOGUE UTD:** Back row, from left: Simon King, Eoin Stokes, Shane Hanney, Cian Walsh, Conor Kearns; Steven Kinsella, Darragh Gibbons, Dara Corcoran, Stephen Hanley. Front row: Conor Davis, Adam White, Adam Maher, Sam Morrison, Rory Collins, Ieuan Hopkins, Jake Reddy.