

# Newport's winning return

**Newport** ..... **3-14**  
**Ballingarry** ..... **0-11**

LAST year's County Intermediate champions Newport marked their return to senior championship action with a 13 point win over Ballingarry in Dundrum on Saturday in the Seamus O'Rain Cup.

Back at senior level for the first time since 2004, Newport had too much all round for Ballingarry and once they hit the front in the ninth minute with their first of three goals from Eamon McCormack and they never looked back thereafter.

The North side went onto lead at the break by 1-10 to 0-3, utilising the strong breeze to good effect but perhaps could have been further ahead at the interval with seven wides, compared to Ballingarry who went the entire opening half without hitting a single one.

But in Peter O'Sullivan they had a star, the wing-forward sending over four first half points all from distance.

To their credit Ballingarry were economical with their chances and the five attempts at scores they had in the opening half hour all yielded points with efforts from Dylan Walsh, Sean Doherty, Paul Butler, Gerard Fennelly and Ciaran Shelly.

Eight down at the break, Ballingarry needed a quick start to the second half if they were to reel back Newport. However, they could only man-

age a single point from play in the third quarter, scored by young Dylan Walsh.

Ballingarry were making little, if any, impression on the lead which was still at seven points with ten minutes remaining when the game went completely away from them.

Newport introduced Daniel Carew as a substitute and within a minute, with his first touch, the corner-forward rattled the Ballingarry net. Six minutes later, with the game over as contest, the super-sub scored his second goal, this time finishing after good work by Martin Carey.

This green flag finished the scoring with Newport thrilled with their impressive display built primarily on a great workrate throughout.

**Man of the Match:** Peter O'Sullivan (Newport)  
**Newport:** Michael Flannery; Conor Hickey; Conor O'Mahony; Andrew Hickey; Cian Flanagan; Sean O'Brien; Conor Floyd; Steven O'Connor; Darragh Carroll (0-6B); Peter O'Sullivan (0-4); Eoin Shinnors (0-1); Pa Ryan (0-1); Aidan Moloney (0-1); Martin Carey (0-1); Eamon McCormack (0-1).  
**Subs:** Daniel Carew (2-0) for Moloney (4B); Padraig Hogan for Shinnors (S2); Jordan Young for Hickey (S8 inj).  
**Ballingarry:** James Logue; John Edward Molloy; Dickie Norton; Keith Cloore; Ciaran Shelly (0-1); Paul Butler (0-1); Sean Doherty (0-1); Gerard Fitzgerald; Jack Fennelly; Ian Ivors (0-1); Gerard Fennelly (0-1); Adrian Cloore (0-4, 3L, 1GB); Trevor Ivors; Tommy McGrath; Dylan Walsh (0-2).  
**Subs:** Jamie Walsh for McGrath (S8 inj); John Walsh for K Cloore (FT); Daniel Fennelly for Ivors (4); Cillian Tuohy for G Fennelly (S2); Seanie Cahill for Fitzgerald (S7 inj).  
**Referee:** Martin Ryan (Moyno-Templetoohy)