

St Patrick's Academy 4-5 Abbey CBS 0-10

St Patrick's Academy made it through to the semi-finals of the Corn na nÓg on Wednesday afternoon after a seven point victory over Abbey CBS in Sherrys Field, Armagh. The match played in perfect conditions was a good contest with tight marking and tough tackles making it hard for both teams to show flowing football. The teams traded scores in the opening 12 minutes with Cormac O'Hagan and Mark Donnelly hitting points for the Dungannon lads. Abbey took the lead in the 13th minute with a well taken point. Dungannon hit the back of the Abbey net in the 18th Minute when an inch perfect pass from Patrick Quinn landed to an unmarked Donnelly in front of the Abbey goals which he finished well into the corner of the net to leave the Academy 1-2 to 0-3 up. Abbey responded with another point to reduce the deficit to the bare minimum. Abbey were close to a goal of their own in the 22nd minute but a brilliant point blank save from Enda McAleer kept the ball out of the Dungannon net. The Academy finished the half well with a second goal in the 24th minute. A hopeful long sideline ball from Ryan Coleman bounced in the Abbey box and Mark Quinn was the first to react to fist the ball to the Abbey net. A further point from a free from O'Hagan finished the half with St Pat's leading 2-3 to 0-4.

Abbey started the second half well and another great save from McAleer in the 33rd minute kept the Academy 5 points ahead. The teams traded scores again with Coleman with a free for the Academy. The Academy then hit a third goal of the game. A great catch from O'Hagan at centre half forward led to a great move which ended with Shea Gordan hitting the back of the net to leave the Academy well in charge. Abbey hit back with three unanswered points and entering the last 10 minutes there was still 5 points between the sides. Coleman added another point in the 52nd minute. Abbey hit back with another two scores to leave 4 in it. A final Academy goal in the 57th Minute finished the contest. A good pass from Quinn to substitute Daniel Kerr who made good ground through the Abbey defence to set up Gordan for his second goal of the day. The Academy played out the final minutes with 14 men after Tiernan Teague received a second yellow card. But the Academy held on for a 4-5 to 0-10 victory. The Academy now play St. Pat's Cavan in the semi-final early next week.

Team: Enda McAleer, Liam Rafferty, Jack Devlin, Kieran Holland, Tiernan Teague, Colin Campbell, Patrick Quinn, Brian Kennedy, Conor Hughes, Michael McKernan, Ryan Coleman (0-2), Mark Quinn (1-0), Shea Gordan (2-0), Cormac O'Hagan (0-2), Mark Donnelly (1-1). Subs used: Ethan Burns for Hughes, Daniel Kerr for McKernan.

Referee: Gerard Treanor