

Corinthians u-18s prove too strong in decider

CORINTHIANS 13

GORT 3

CORINTHIANS u-18s took on Gort in the league decider on Sunday in the Sportsground. The match was played in front of a sizeable crowd by two very committed teams. Corinthians took the lead by winning their own lineout ball and mauling the ball to the five yard line. When the move broke down, scrumhalf Gareth O'Sullivan squeezed over in the corner. Danny O'Riordan was just wide with the conversion.

Ten minutes later Gort were penalised for an infringement at a ruck and O'Riordan made amends with his kick at goal. Playing into the strong breeze in the second half Corinthians came under pressure from a determined Gort side, but their defence never looked like being breached due to some fine work by *Shane Dixon, Eoghan Kenny, David Lloyd and Joey Merrigan.*

After twenty minutes of the second half Corinthians broke from their own 22 and with some fine interplay between backs and forwards, Val Baynes scored a well justified try in the corner. Gort replied with great courage but Corinthians were just too well organised in defence.

Players who stood out for Corinthians were Johnny Madden, Ronan Loughney, Adam Duffy, Killian McGovern, James Buckley and Henry Daly. Corinthians now progress to the all Ireland competition in April for which they look capable of winning on yesterday's form.

Corinthians panel: Jonathan Maddne, Frankie Leonard, Joey Merrigan, Val Baynes, David Lloyd, Adam Duffy, Eoghan Kenny, Ronan Loughney, Gareth O'Sullivan, Barry O'Sullivan, Shane Dixon, Killian McGovern, Henry Daly, James Buckley, Danny O'Riordan. Reserves: Mike Kelly for Merrigan, Barry Aherne for Madden, Sean Byrne for Kenny and Donal Nee for Daly.



Eoin Corcoran presents the U-18 Player of the Year award to Paul Flaherty at the Renmore AFC soccer club awards presentations held in the Huntsman Inn recently.