

Franciscan College Gormanston 17 Wilson's Hospital 14

McMullen Cup semi-final

18th December, 2018

Gormanston College are into the McMullen Cup final for the first time in their history after a brave fightback against Wilson's Hospital played in Energia Park Donneybrook. Gormanston started slowly and were punished by a well drilled Wilson's Hospital team who are regulars at this stage of the competition. After 12 minutes Wilsons led 14-0 with two well worked tries. However, Gormanston didn't panic and slowly worked themselves back into the game. Approaching half time good work by the Gormanston forwards led to the awarding of a penalty which Josh McNamee converted to leave the score 14-3 to Wilson's at the break.

The second half belonged to Gormanston, as wave after wave of attack began to tire the Wilson's defence. The attrition told on both teams as management looked to their respective benches for reinforcements. After 52 minutes Gormanston finally breached the Wilson's defence with Peter Coscoran touching down in the corner after good work by Todd Lynch and Daniel Morgan.

Nine minutes later with the Gormanston pack rumbling forward, carries by Brendan Landers, Michael Ibrahim and Daniel O'Neill brought Gormanston with yards of the tryline before Kealan King finally put Gormanston ahead with their second try of the day. Josh McNamee converted again to given Gormanston a three-point lead which they didn't relinquish. The final whistle was greeted with scenes of jubilation from the travelling Gormanston fans as they marched into the final for the first time.

Franciscan College Gormanston Team:

B. Landers, N. Pederson (J. Downes 35mins), D.O'Neill, S. Garland, F. Twomney (M. Ibrahim 51 mins), T. Van Beek, A. Muheez, K. King, T. Lynch, D. Morgan, P. Coscoran, K. Van Beek, J. McNamee, J. Scannell (L. Mitchell 41 mins), A. King.

Scorers

Josh McNamee 1 penalty, 2 conversions.

Peter Coscoran 1 try

Kealan King 1 try