

dominate with points by Kinsella and Niall O'Leary leaving them five clear by the 11th minute.

Gradually, the visitors began to offer a threat of their own with Nathan Doran driving forward from midfield as Lillis kicked three points on the bounce to reduce his side's arrears.

Indeed, their situation could well have been more favourable but goalkeeper Neil O'Hanlon saw his penalty well saved by opposite number Niall Murray after the influential Lillis was fouled when closing in on goal.

PACE

The interplay and pace of the home attack still allowed them to keep Clontarf at arm's length with Jones, Robert Russell and Kinsella adding points as the half progressed.

Doran and Liam Ennis replied for the visitors but a late point by Kenny ensured Kilmacud a healthy 1-8 to 0-7 interval lead.

Rory Clarke and Jones traded points in the early stages of the second-half before Clontarf began to exert control of affairs, galvanised by MacNamee's fisted goal in the 33rd minute.

A brace of Doran frees saw them regain the lead for the first time since the 2nd minute and they moved further ahead thanks to Cian Walsh and MacNamee.

Crokes bounced back and looked to have seen out the match thanks to Kinsell's goal but Lillis denied them at the death



Kilmacud Crokes' goalkeeper Niall Murray saves a penalty from Clontarf goalkeeper Neil O'Hanlon. *Pics: Caroline Quinn*

MATCHFILE

SCORERS – Kilmacud Crokes: C Kinsella 1-2, H Kenny 0-3, P Flaherty 1-0, D Jones 0-2, P Leonard, N Nolan, N O'Leary, R Russell, A Quinn 0-1 each. Clontarf: N Doran (0-3f), K Lillis (0-2f) 0-4 each, E MacNamee 1-1, R Clarke, T O'Flaherty, J Polion, P Smyth, C Walsh, L Ennis 0-1 each.

KILMACUD CROKES: N Murray, M Mullin, S Gillan, A Kelly, B Carr, L Flatman, P Leonard, N Nolan, N O'Leary, R Russell, D Jones, A Kelly, H Kenny, P Flaherty, C Kinsella. **Subs:** A Quinn for Flaherty (14), R Smith for Leonard (32), N Brady for Russell (52), A Landon for Kelly (58). **CLONTARF:** N O'Hanlon, M Byrne, C Doran, S O'Shea.

N Doran, P Smyth, S Walsh, K Lillis, R Goode, T O'Flaherty, E MacNamee, L Ennis. **Subs:** C Walsh for Ennis (29), R Clarke for McCullagh (29), N McCaffrey for O'Shea (51), J Polion for O'Flaherty (51). **MENTORS** – Kilmacud Crokes: Robert Behan, Tomás O'Flaharta. Clontarf: Papi McCaffrey, James Gahan, Brendan Smyth, Declan Gahan.

REF: Shay Farrelly (Ballinteer St John's) **WIDES:** Kilmacud Crokes 3 (2+1), Clontarf 5 (3+2). **CONDITIONS:** A calm day, perfect for football.

PLAYER OF THE MATCH: Nathan Doran (Clontarf).

Byrne and Soraghan kick Olaf's

ROUND-UP: DUBLIN MFL1 Rónán Mac Lochlainn

NAOMH OLAF impressed from the opening whistle as they comfortably accounted for St Brigid's by 0-20 to 2-7 in their Dublin Minor Football League Division 1 clash at Russell Park on Sunday morning.

Central to their victory

was the performance of Adam Byrne with the attacker adorning a superb personal display by kicking eight points over the hour, with three from placed balls.

Glenn Soraghan was another attacker to impress as he kicked six points in total to augment other scores by Luke Doran

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