Kilmacud turn on the power in last quarter to topple champions

AS if often the way with the fall of a champion, the end was quick and merciless as Kilmacud Crokes ended any hopes of a Ballyboden St Enda's quest for back-to-back titles in Parnell

Park on Saturday afternoon. The 1-14 to 0-9 win was a hugely encouraging result for Kil-macud, who finished in a completely dominant fashion, with Mark Vaughan and Paul Mannion starring up front, to ease home in what many expected to be a tight encounter through-

However, all the win, albeit impressive, guaranteed was a spot in tonight's SFC quarter-final draw with manager Gabriel Bannigan ensuring his youthful side don't get carried away with the result.

"What Ballyboden achieved last year was remarkable and they were worthy champions so we knew the calibre of team that they had.

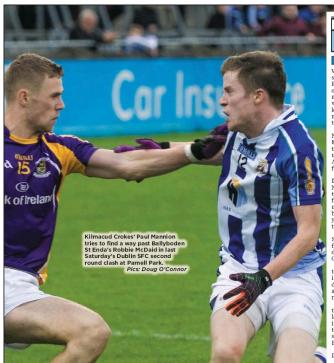
"When people saw the team list, maybe they thought that we may be risking too much with the young lads but they showed their character all the way through the match.

"But look, the season is only really starting again and admit-tedly, Ballyboden was a massive hurdle to get over but it's only

"We haven't won anything yet and that was what I was em-phasising to the players after the match," said Bannigan.

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## REVIEW: DUBLIN SFC SECOND ROUND

WHEN the draw for the second round of the Dublin Senior Football Championship was made over five months ago, a number of mouth-watering clashes stood out with Ballyboden St Endá's facing local rivals Kilmacud Crokes the most eagerly anticipated of all of them.

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which meant he missed out, but those kids have answered every question that we have asked of them and the effort that they have put in has been phenomenal. "When people saw the team list today, maybe they though that we may be risking too much with the young lads but they showed their character all the way through the match.

"I think there may have been a few nerves at the start and that is understandable and it took us a little bit of time to get going but in the second-half, they really showed their character and desire to get over the finishing line," he added.

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Of course, it wasn't just the young tyros like Cillian O'Shea, Andrew McGowan, Callum Pearson and David Campbell that were the key figures for Kilmacud over the hour.

Bannigan was also able to call on the enduring excellence of David Nestor between the sticks, with the goalkeeper making a cruicial intervention to deny Andrew Kerin what appeared a certain goal in the first what appeared a certain goal in the strain which will be the company of the comp

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won thee services basis to us in the second-half when introduced. "The last ten minutes, we were able to introduce Pat Burke as well and he gave us much-needed experience and we have a massive

experience gave us much-needed experience and we have a massive team spirit there.

"The blend between the young lads and the older players is working at the minute and the spirit that they have between them was for all to see in that final quarter, and they have done it all year for us and I never doubted that they would do it again for us on Saturday," concluded Bannigan