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KILM ACUD CROKES: (back i-r) Andrew Fox, Califum Pearson, Paddy Flaherty, Nathan Nolan, Tom Fox, Gavin English, Conor Casey, Kevin Creasey, Andrew McGowan, Ben Shovlin, Tom Curran, Michael Frawley, Harry Kelly, Eoghan Lally; Groot, I-ry Andrew Fox, Adam O'Neill, Graham Fallon, Michael Mullin, Conor Kelly, Clan O'Connoe, Aidan Jones, Sam Shovlin, Dan O'Brien, Ryan Murphy, Sam Daly. In front is Clan Manning and Paddy Scally.



BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S: (back, I-r) Bryan Kirwan, Cian Murray, Alan McGrath, Warren Egan, Barra McGarry, Luke O'Donoghue, James Holland, Llam Flaherty, Cathal O'Dea, Claran O'Brien, Oisin Carolan, James Madden, Clan Mellett, Tom Hanffin, Ross McGrath, Mark McName (Front 1-7) Brian Bobbett, Dave Gillheaney, Brian O'Shea, David Leech, Adam Camey, Darragh Gogan, Colm Basquel, Stephen Ward, Clan Murray, Mikey Dunne, Flonn Maguire, Conor Deane, Ken Wiggieworth.

Champions ease into U21 decider

	DUBLIN UZIFC'A' SEMI-FINAL		
	KILMACUD CROKES		
	Rónán Mac Lochlainn		

KILMACUD Crokes dominated from start to finish when crushing local rivals Ballyboden St Enda's by 15 points in a disappointingly one-sided Dublin Under 21 'A' Football Championship semi-final at Silver Park on Saturday afternoon.

A tight encounter was expected, especially given the manner in which Boden had beaten a talent-ed Na Fianna outfit seven days previously, but it never materialised as the greater athleticism and organisation of the hosts completely blitzed their opponents.

In truth, the margin of victory could well have been greater with Ballyboden's attack failing to im-press, apart from a late and ultimately futile brace of points from play by Barra McGarry.

The remainder of their scores from play arrived through points from their half-back line, which struggled at times in terms of their primary duties, as Kilmacud probed calmly and intelligently through the efforts of Dan O'Brien, Tom Fox and Andrew McGowan. What little possession Ballyboden managed to

muster around the middle third, it generally led

to turnovers, while Kilmacud goalkeeper Kevin Creasay delivered a positive display between the sticks to thwart St Enda's on the rare occasions that

they threatened.
It was evident from the moment that Tom Fox put Crokes a point clear in the second minute that the hosts were operating at a greater intensity than their opponents.

Frees from Cian O'Connor and Callum Pearson added to their lead and although Murray kicked Boden's sole score of the half in the seventh minute, the visitors were largely chasing shadows as they fell further behind following points from O'Connor, Pearson and Ben Shovlin.

Pearson and Ben Shovlin.

Darragh Gogan kept his side in contention with
a fine save to deny Sam Shovlin but he proved powerless to prevent Kilmacud from stretching their lead thanks to well-taken points from Pearson and McGowan.

A disallowed goal by Adam Carney added to their

collective frustration and St Enda's entered the break nine points in arrears (0-10 to 0-1), as Pear-son kicked two late points to confirm his team's supremacy.
The holders seemed happy to absorb some

early Ballyboden pres-MATCHFILE

sure upon the resumption, but visiting keepe Gogan was forced to make another excellent block to thwart O'Con-nor in the 39th minute. However, his side

lacked punch at the opposite end and their fate was sealed in the 56th minute as Pearson fed O'Connor for a facile goal to put the finishing touches to a superb team display by Crokes

