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## **Salesian Secondary College vs Ardscoil Na Mara**

Ardscoil na Mara started the match off strong with 3 points from Luke O'Brien within the first few minutes, the first score being from a free awarded to Kai Wilmott. Before long Salesian Secondary College got into the game and put several scores on the board against Tramore. However our defensive half back line of Eoin Hayes, Luke O'Brien and David Jordan made these scores difficult for the opposition. Between the three, there were numerous blocks and balls sent up the line. DJ, in particular, dominated the half back line while Luke O'Brien helped out the forwards with a total of 4 points for the first half.

Conor Butler and Kai worked well together in the middle of the field to get possession of the sliotar. Both players sent great balls into the forwards giving Niall Long and Chris Kavanagh a chance to score three points between them. These scores were responded to quickly each time by the Pallaskenry team but once again our backs put up a fight. The full backline of Keith Flynn, Leon O'Brien and Michael Lonergan worked tirelessly to defend the goal. What stood out were clearances from Leon, several more from Keith and a catch from Mike.

The first dramatic half ended with a scoreline of 7-6 to Salesian Secondary College.

The boys were pumped up for the second half after an inspirational talk from Mr. Hatton and Mr. Mansfield. The first notable event was when the full forward Ian Thompson ran at the goal his score sadly to be denied by Salesian defence. Two frees were awarded to Kai which allowed Chris Kavanagh to add two points to the score board. This did not deter the Limerick spirit as they continued to bang points over the bar.

An overall outstanding performance from goalie Jack Larkin as he defended the danger zone fearlessly. After 10 minutes of the second half Jack Meaney came in for Paul Condon after a tough battle. Lorcan Lynch was subbed in for Cian Corbett who tackled hard for 45 minutes. By now the Limerick lads had dominated the game and had a three point lead. Although a point from Meaney kept Tramore in the game. Throughout the Second half there were further clearances from Mike, Eoin and Keith and also a superb catch from Keith close to the goal line. Lorcan made an attempt to level the game as he charged into the Pallaskenry defence, unfortunately his efforts were futile.

Chris Kavanagh laid off a fabulous pass to Meaney and before we knew it the ball was in the back of the net. This was an outstanding combination of Kavanagh and Meaney which put the boys hearts back in it as the game was now level. The next sub to come in and influence the game was Cian Rellis who took the position of Niall Long. Shortly after this Limerick scored another point which put them on point ahead. A desperately needed score by Luke, from a free won by Cian Rellis, leveled the teams for the third time. As soon as the goalie pucked the sliotar out the referee blew the final whistle. The final score was Salesian: 0-13 Ardscoil Na Mara: 1-10.