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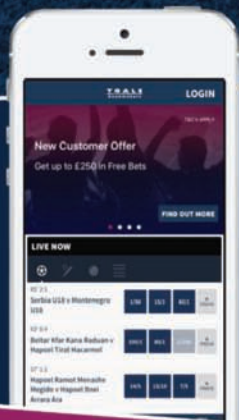
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## Sponsor's welcome...

I would like to welcome you all to the Ballymena Showgrounds this evening for the Toals Bookmakers County Antrim Senior Shield Final.

There has been some great action throughout each round of the Senior Shield so far. Both Crusaders and Ballymena have produced some great performances and we arrive this evening looking forward to an exciting final between two deserving finalists.

Football forms a huge part of our business and we are delighted to be involved in the sponsorship of the County Antrim FA and their four competitions.

I would also like to thank Robert Fenton, President of the County Antrim FA, and all associated members for their efforts in welcoming us as sponsors again for the 2017/18 season.

Toals Bookmakers are privileged to sponsor this prestigious competition and we wish finalists Crusaders and Ballymena United the very best of luck this evening.

**Gary Toal**  
Managing Director

## How they reached the Final...

### Ballymena United



<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Ballymena United</b> .....	3-0 .....	H&W Welders
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Ballymena United</b> .....	1-0 .....	Glentoran
<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>Ballymena United</b> .....	3-0 .....	Ards

### Crusaders



<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Crusaders</b> .....	4-0 .....	Donegal Celtic
<b>Round 2</b>	Cliftonville .....	2-3 .....	<b>Crusaders</b>
<b>Semi-Final</b>	<b>Crusaders</b> .....	1-0 .....	Carrick Rangers





# Welcome to the Toals Co Antrim Shield Final

Congratulations to both teams on reaching the Toals Co Antrim Shield Final . I would like to thank our sponsors Toals for their sponsorship of the Competition and also the Secretary of the Co Antrim FA Bernard Thompson for the hard work he has put into this competition . Hopefully we will see a final that will provide excitement and goals .

Best wishes to both teams .

**RONNIE MILLAR**

**Chairman of the Senior Shield Committee**



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# President's Message

by **Robert Fenton**  
**President, Co. Antrim & District F.A.**

A VERY warm welcome to all for the second year in succession to the Ballymena Showgrounds for the Toals Co. Antrim Senior Shield.

Once again, we are indebted to the local council and Ballymena United FC for hosting the biggest competition within the association and with United involved, it adds an extra dimension to the game with strong home support guaranteed.

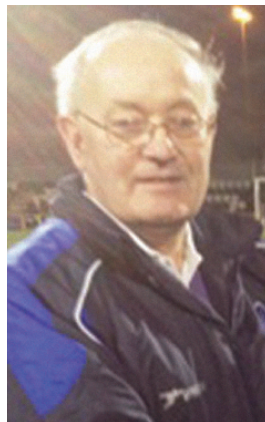
And of course, this event holds a special place in the heart of David Jeffrey whose first of a record 31 trophies in his 17-year spell in charge of Linfield, was this magnificent Shield.

David would be the first to admit that equalling that Windsor Park achievement is unlikely, but it won't stop the big man from trying. He already has brought one cup to the Showgrounds - the League Cup - and another Shield success would certainly be very welcome to him and the club.

Opponents Crusaders are out to make amends for defeat by Linfield here 12 months ago and they go into the game as favourites in view of their current form which has seen them regain dominance in the Irish League title race.

The Seaview boss Stephen Baxter, like

David, is a winner and the pair have enjoyed many football jousts in the past, always in the right spirit with no quarter asked or given. Tonight promises to be a competitive encounter and the best of luck to both teams who have always upheld the best traditions of the association.



We also trust the match officials will have a night to remember and enjoy the occasion.

Thanks go to secretary Bernard Thompson and the Senior Shield Committee chaired by Crusaders's Ronnie Millar and all those helping tonight in whatever capacity, for their contribution in ensuring another successful season for the competition.

It's great to see the BBC once again, streaming the game live online which means it will have a world-wide audience via social media.

Last but not least, a collection will be taken on behalf of our charity the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and all donations will be gratefully accepted for this wonderful and essential organisation.

Enjoy the occasion and a safe journey home.





# Ballymena Pen Pictures

by Roy McGivern

**1. Ross Glendinning Goalkeeper: Age 24** – Joined United initially on loan two seasons ago from Linfield before making the deal permanent. Was a member of last season's League Cup winning side and has claimed the number one jersey this season with some assured performances. 52 appearances

**18. Conor Brennan: Goalkeeper. Age 23** – Conor was signed at the start of this season and has competed with Ross Glendinning for the keeper's slot. Has experience in England with Leicester City and more recently with Raith Rovers and Kilmarnock. Has just signed a full time deal with Greenock Morton and this will be his last game in the Ballymena United squad. 10 appearances

**2. Tony Kane Defender/midfielder: Age 30** – Joined the Sky Blues in 2011 and has made over 250 appearances. Versatile player who can operate in either defence or midfield. Free kick and penalty expert who scored 19 goals last season. Was a member of last season's League Cup winning side and already has 2 Shield winners medals with Ballymena. 259 appearances, 38 goals

**3. Emmet Friars Defender: Age 32** – Emmet joined United at the start of this season and made his debut in the Europa League game in Norway. Solid defender with a lot of Irish League experience. He has had injury problems this season but has recently returned to the squad.

**4. Kyle Owens Defender: Age 25** – Kyle was one of David Jeffrey's first signings when he came from Knockbreda. Had a great first season last year and has gradually been recapturing that form in recent games. Will come up against his brother Jordan who plays for Crusaders. 69 appearances, 12 goals

**8. Stephen McAlorum Midfielder. Age 31** – Strong combative midfielder who was signed from Glentoran last summer. Stephen has had to wait until recently to make his debut having suffered injury problems all season. Has already shown signs of his qualities and could be a vital

player in the second half of this season. 4 appearances.

**9. Cathair Friel Striker: Age 24** – Signed from Championship side Limavady United in 2016, Cathair had a fantastic first season with the Sky Blues when he was top scorer with 23 goals. Pacey and strong, he has scored some great goals and until a recent injury he had formed a lethal partnership with fellow striker Johnny McMurray. 75 appearances, 36 goals

**10. Kevin Braniff: Striker. Age 34** – Classy player with a wealth of Irish League experience. Signed for United last January and scored on his debut in the Irish Cup. Great vision and touch and could be a very influential figure in this CAS Shield final. 26 appearances, 8 goals

**11. Conor McCloskey; Midfielder. Age 25** – Conor was signed from Carrick Rangers at the start of last season and won a League Cup winners medal. Quick winger with an eye for goal, he scored with a fantastic strike to seal the win in that final against his old club Carrick Rangers. 62 appearances, 10 goals

**12. William Faulkner: Midfielder. Age 27** – William was signed by previous United manager Glenn Ferguson. Although lightly built he is strong on the ball and can create and score goals. Was a member of the League Cup winning side last season and also has a Shield winners medal with United. Has had injury problems this season but has recently returned to action. 90 appearances, 11 goals

**16. Matthew Shevlin: Striker. Age 19** – Local lad Matthew burst on to the scene when he scored on his debut at the age of sixteen. Spent some time on loan last season with Ards before returning to claim a striking role recently with Ballymena. Strong and fast, he gives defenders lots of problems. 51 appearances, 12 goals

**19. Kofi Balmer: Defender. Age 17** – Still at school, Kofi has belied his years with some very assured performances in the heart of defence this season. Announced his arrival last season with a goal on his debut against Coleraine.



Strong in the air and reads the game well, he is now an established member of the team. 14 appearances, 1 goal

**21. Jim Ervin: Defender. Age 32** – Captain. Vastly experienced player who was signed from Linfield where he won countless medals and honours. Jim has been in great form this season and is an inspirational leader. A League Cup and County Antrim Shield winner with the Sky Blues, Jim's experience will be a big factor in this final. 156 appearances, 2 goals

**22. Steven McCullough: Defender. Age 23** – Steven was signed last summer from Carrick Rangers and has established himself in the left back position. Good defender who likes to get forward and has a strong shot both from free kicks and open play. 26 appearances, 1 goal

**24. Fra McCaffrey: Midfielder. Age 24** – Fra was signed from Glentoran by manager David Jeffrey last season. Skilful midfielder who can also score goals. Fra has had a good run in the team recently and will be a vital member of the squad for this final. 40 appearances, 6 goals

**25. Caolan Loughran: Defender. Age 23** – Another local lad who has been given his chance by manager David Jeffrey. Tall defender who was a League Cup winner last season. Caolan has only recently returned to the squad

after he sustained a bad shoulder injury in a game earlier this season. 33 appearances, 2 goals

**26. Joseph McKinney: Midfielder. Age 23** – Joe has been with the club for a year after joining from Ards. Strong midfielder who can also play as a striker. Played in both legs of the Europa League tie against Norwegian side Odds BK last summer. 40 appearances, 3 goals

**27. Johnny McMurray: Striker. Age 23** – Fast skilful striker who terrorises defences with his pace. Until his recent injury, Johnny looked to have recaptured his great form of last season when he scored 17 goals and formed a lethal partnership with Cathair Friel. Formerly with Cliftonville and Warrenpoint Town, Johnny has become a big fans favourite at the Showgrounds especially with some spectacular goals. 56 appearances, 20 goals.

**Lee McCune: Midfielder. Age 18** – Lee made his senior debut in the recent Irish Cup game against Moyola Park when he came on as a sub. Pacey midfielder with an eye for goal who has been impressing in the Under 20 Development team.

**Ciaran Dobbin: Defender. Age 18** – Defender who also made his senior debut as a substitute in the Irish Cup game a few weeks ago. Very good on the ball and likes to get forward. Has been playing well for the Development team.



Ross Glendinning



Conor Brennan



Tony Kane



Emmet Friars



Kyle Owens



Stephen McAlorum







Cathair Friel



Kevin Braniff



Conor McCloskey



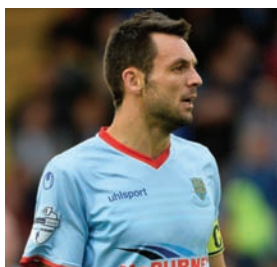
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# Ballymena United F.C.

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Tonight's team panels...

# Ballymena United F.C.



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- ☐ Joseph McKinney
- ☐ Johnny McMurray







Tonight's team panels...

# Crusaders F.C.



- ☐ Sean O'Neill
- ☐ Billy Joe Burns
- ☐ Mark McChrystal
- ☐ Howard Beverland
- ☐ Colin Coates
- ☐ Philip Lowry
- ☐ Sean Ward
- ☐ Michael Carvill
- ☐ David Cushley
- ☐ Declan Caddell
- ☐ Jordan Forsythe
- ☐ Ross Holden
- ☐ Michael Dougherty
- ☐ Craig McClean
- ☐ Jordan Owens
- ☐ Matthew Snoddy
- ☐ Jamie Glackin
- ☐ Brian Jenson
- ☐ Paul Heatley
- ☐ Gavin Whyte
- ☐ Rodney Brown
- ☐ Jonny Bonner



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# Crusaders Pen Pictures

by Greg Braniff (all photos by Stephen Hamilton)

**1. Sean O'Neill** – Goalkeeper who signed from Dungannon Swifts in 2011 and made his debut in a Europa League tie with Fulham. A pivotal member of the 2015 and 2016 title winning squads, Sean returned to action in December following a shoulder operation which kept him out of the first few months of the season. Sean is a former Northern Ireland Under 21 and 23 international and represented the Irish League against Manchester United in 2012.

**2. Billy Joe Burns** – Defender who joined the club from Linfield in 2014 and is widely regarded as the best right back in the Irish League. Billy Joe's impressive performances during the 2015/16 title winning season saw him named both Ulster Player of the Year and NIFWA Player of the Year. Scored against Donegal Celtic in the First Round of this seasons Shield and his league goal against Linfield last month was named as Decembers goal of the month by the NIFWA.

**3. Mark McChrystal** – Experienced defender who joined the club in the summer after returning home after a successful spell playing in England with Tranmere Rovers and Bristol Rovers where he was captain. A former Northern Ireland Under 21 international, Mark has settled well in the Crusaders defence playing either at centre half or left back.

**4. Howard Beverland** – Howard joined the club in the summer of 2016 after nearly ten years at his hometown club Coleraine. Howard is a classy centre half whose impressive first season at Seaview saw him named as the clubs Player of the Year and was also shortlisted for the Ulster Player of the Year award. Howard has scored once this season so far ironically against former club Coleraine back in November.

**6. Colin Coates** – Experienced defender who has now made over 500 appearances for Crusaders which is a remarkable achievement for a player whose loyalty to the club has been rewarded with the fact that he has led the club to all the major honours available in the Irish League. Colin scored Crusaders second goal in the 2010 Shield Final and has also scored against Ballymena in both league meetings so far this season.

**7. Philip Lowry** – Attacking midfielder Lowry joined the club in the summer of 2016 after

leaving Portadown having previously played for Linfield and Derry City. Unfortunately, Phillips season has been hampered by a broken arm sustained in the quarter final win over Cliftonville. However Phillip returned to the squad for the Boxing Day victory over Cliftonville at Seaview.

**8. Sean Ward** – Versatile defender/ midfielder who joined Crusaders in the summer after leaving Linfield. Sean predominately played at centre half during the early months of the season but has featured more in midfield as the season has progressed. As well as representing Northern Ireland at Under 21 and 23 level, Sean also captained the Irish Universities side in 2007 in Bangkok.

**10. Michael Carvill** – Attacking midfielder who joined Crusaders in 2015 from Linfield and is rapidly approaching one hundred appearances for the club. Michael's first goal for the club was against Levadia Tallinn in the 2015 Champions League tie in Estonia which helped the club progress to the second qualifying round. Michael also scored in this year's Europa League tie with FK Liepaja but sustained an injury in the shield quarter final over Cliftonville which has kept him over the winter months.

**11. David Cushley** – Another attacking midfielder who joined Crusaders in 2016 from Ballymena United after manager Stephen Baxter fought off a number of clubs to secure his signature. David who has also played for Lisburn Distillery is renowned for scoring spectacular goals and boosts a ferocious shot from either the dead ball or open play. David scored a brace in the First Round win over Donegal Celtic and scored a penalty in the Quarter Final win over Cliftonville.

**12. Declan Caddell** – A tough tackling and combative midfielder, Declan is now one of the most experienced players in the Crusaders squad having made over three hundred appearances for the club since making his debut in 2007. Like Colin Coates, Declan has won every major honour available during his time at the club. Declan was with Hearts as a youngster before returning home to sign for Crusaders.

**14. Jordan Forsythe** – Another attacking midfielder who has a knack of scoring spectacular goals, Jordan joined the club in 2015 from Bangor





Sean O'Neill



Billy Joe Burns



Mark McChrystal



Howard Beverland



Colin Coates



Philip Lowry



Sean Ward



Michael Carvill



David Cushley



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Jordan Forsythe



Ross Holden



Michael Dougherty



Craig McClean



Jordan Owens



Matthew Snoddy



Jamie Glackin



Brian Jenson



Paul Heatley



Gavin Whyte





having previously played for Lisburn Distillery. Jordan made his hundredth appearance for the club this season and scored one of the finest goals seen at Seaview in recent years in the league win over Linfield in September when he curled a terrific shot past Roy Carroll after a superb piece of control.

**16. Michael Dougherty** – Experienced goalkeeper who is in his second spell at Seaview and provides vital back up for Sean O'Neill and Brian Jensen. Michael has played for a number of Irish League clubs throughout his career and is also a renowned goalkeeping coach with his own academy and the Club NI programme. Michael played in this seasons Shield victories over Donegal Celtic and Cliftonville.

**17. Craig McClean** – is a dependable left back who has made over two hundred appearances for the club since joining from Dungannon Swifts in 2012. He has scored just the one goal for the club in that time! a header against Ballinamallard United back in 2016. Craig was with Nottingham Forest as a youngster and also played in the Irish League for Ballymena United.

**18. Jordan Owens** – The clubs record goal scorer who is currently in his testimonial season at Seaview. Jordan is rapidly approaching 200 goals and 500 appearances for Crusaders since making his debut as a teenager back in 2007. Jordan won a full international cap for Northern Ireland back in 2011 against Wales and has also represented the Northern Ireland Under 21 and 23 sides. Jordan scored the winner in the 2010 final and also scored in last seasons final against Linfield.

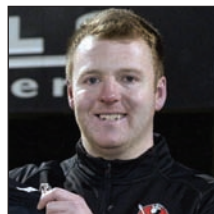
**19. Matthew Snoddy** – A product of the clubs youth system, Matthew is an all action midfielder who made his debut on the opening day of the 2011/12 season and was instrumental in the clubs All-Ireland trophy success of the same season. After a loan spell at Coleraine in the 2014/15 season, Matthew returned to Seaview and cemented his place in the centre of midfield during the title success of 2015/16 and is now approaching two hundred appearances for the club.

**20. Jamie Glackin** – Attacking midfielder who had been on Stephen Baxter's radar for a number of years and finally joined the club in the summer from Dungannon Swifts. Jamie made his debut against FK Liepaja in the Europa League back in June and has scored three goals so far this season including one against Cove Rangers in the Scottish Challenge Cup.

**21. Brian Jenson** – Veteran Danish goalkeeper



Rodney Brown



Jonny Bonner

who joined the club in the summer following the injury to Sean O'Neill. Brian played in the Premier League for Burnley during his career as well as playing for WBA, Crawley, Town, Bury and Mansfield Town. An imposing figure Brian made his debut in the Europa League against FK Liepaja back in June but is currently out of action following a knee injury sustained in December.

**22. Paul Heatley** – A marquee attacking player who has a goal scoring record of a goal every other game for Crusaders since joining from Carrick Rangers in the summer of 2012. Another player in the squad with a knack of scoring spectacular goals alongside his lightening pace and trickery. Paul was named Ulster Player of the Year and NIFWA Player of the Year in 2014.

**23. Gavin Whyte** – Another superb attacking player who is currently the Irish Leagues stand out player following an excellent goal scoring season which has seen named as NIFWA Player of the Month for both November and December. Gavin broke into the Crusaders squad at beginning of the 2014/15 season and was named Young Player of the Year as Crusaders won the Irish League title for the first time in eighteen years and is now approaching 150 appearances for the club.

**34. Rodney Brown** – Left back Brown joined Crusaders back in January from Coleraine but his early Crusaders career was hampered by injury. However, since the summer Rodney has become a pivotal part of the Crusaders squad wither at left back or left midfield. Rodney started his career at Linfield as a striker before being converted to one of the league's best left backs during his spell at Coleraine.

**36. Jonny Bonner** – Right midfielder who joined the club in the January Transfer window after leaving Finn Harps. Highly rated Jonny has also played for Letterkenny Rovers and Wexford Youths and will be a valuable addition to the Crusaders squad as they challenge for silverware on multiple fronts.



# Crusaders Football Club 2017-2018



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# Ballymena United Management & Staff



Team Manager:  
**David Jeffrey**

First Team Coach: .....Brian McLoughlin  
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Development Team Assistant Manager:.....Gareth Moody  
Sports Therapist: .....Gary Crosbie  
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# Crusaders Management & Staff



Team Manager:  
**Stephen Baxter**

Assistant Manager: .....Jeff Spiers  
Coaches: .....Roy McDonald, Marc Wilson and Charlie Murphy  
Chaplain: .....Rev. Ken White







# Senior Shield Roll of Honour

**Linfield (42 wins)** – 1898-99, 1903-04, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1916-17, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1931-32, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1937-38, 1941-42, 1952-53, 1954-55, 1957-58, 1958-59, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1972-73, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1994-95, 1997-98, 2000-01, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2013-14, 2016-17

**Glentoran (25 wins)** – 1900-01, 1901-02, 1910-11, 1915-16, 1917-18, 1920-21, 1924-25, 1930-31, 1939-40, 1943-44, 1949-50, 1951-52, 1956-57, 1967-68, 1970-71, 1977-78, 1984-85, 1986-87, 1989-90, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2007-08, 2010-11

**Distillery (14 wins)** – 1888-89, 1892-93, 1895-96, 1896-97, 1899-00, 1902-03, 1904-05, 1914-15, 1918-19, 1919-20, 1945-46, 1953-54, 1963-64, 1985-86

**Cliftonville (10 wins)** – 1891-92, 1893-94, 1897-98, 1925-26, 1978-79, 1995-96, 2006-07, 2008-09, 2011-12, 2014-15

**Belfast Celtic (8 wins)** – 1894-95, 1909-10, 1926-27, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1942-43, 1944-45

**Crusaders (6 wins)** – 1959-60, 1964-65, 1968-69, 1973-74, 1991-92, 2009-10

**Ballymena United (6 wins)** – 1948-49, 1950-51, 1975-76, 1979-80, 2012-13, 2015-16

**Ards (3 wins)** – 1955-56, 1971-72, 1993-94

**Bangor (3 wins)** – 1969-70, 1974-75, 1988-89

**Glenavon (2 wins)** – 1990-91, 1995-96

**Black Watch (1 win)** – 1890-91. **Glentoran II (1 win)** – 1908-09.

**Queens Island (1 win)** – 1923-24. **Linfield Swifts (1 win)** – 1948-49.

**Newry Town (1 win)** – 1987-88. **Carrick Rangers (1 win)** – 1992-93.



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# Match Officials

## Andrew Davey (Referee)

I took up the whistle in 2007 at the age of 24. After a season and a half at junior football I then gained promotion to intermediate level. I have climbed the ranks of the Irish FA Refereeing ladder and in 2012 gained my ultimate goal of reaching the Senior panel of referees. During these 5 years I have been in charge of a number of high profile games and had the pleasure of being 4th official at the 2015/2016 Co Antrim Shield. I am honoured to be appointed to my first Senior Shield Final this season.



Andrew Davey

## Neill Gillespie (Assistant Referee)

It is an honour privilege and pleasure to be selected and involved in this showpiece senior final.

I have eleven years' experience officiating. I am currently in my third season as a Premier league assistant having spent three seasons as a Senior assistant at Championship level two years as an Intermediate referee and three as a Junior referee.

I was appointed to the Junior Shield Final in 2010 the Steel and Sons final in 2014 so it's very satisfying to complete the trio in 2018. Good luck to all three teams on the pitch tonight.

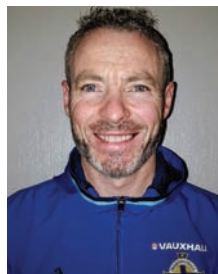
Let's hope for an entertaining game.



Neill Gillespie

## Mark O'Brien (Assistant Referee)

Mark, 45, started refereeing in the Belfast and District League in 2006. After success in junior football he decided to specialise as an assistant referee in 2010 following appointment to the Junior Shield final. He became a senior assistant referee in 2012 and has officiated in the Steel & Sons, and Senior Shield finals. More recently, in 2016, he was also appointed as assistant referee in the Tennent's Irish Cup Final. Mark has also gained valuable experience officiating on various exchange visits across Europe.



Mark O'Brien

## Raymond Crangle (Fourth Official)

Referee with 17 years experience, during which time I have been fortunate enough to officiate at every cup competition final the local game has to offer. Senior referee from 2008 and just this year retired from the international FIFA list after 7 years service. This will be my third involvement in the Senior Shield Final having refereed the showpiece in 2013 between Ballymena United and Linfield. Always an honour and a privilege to officiate at divisional association level with the County Antrim FA.



Raymond Crangle



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