

# STEVENSON FINALS

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# **PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

## **MERVYN LOGAN**

**Firstly, I would like to welcome everyone here to these finals today.**

**Secondly, particular congratulations are sent to the teams, each of which has done well to get here and I look forward to seeing some exceptional hockey.**

**Thirdly, I believe that a number of people need to be thanked: namely the players themselves, the staff and coaches at each of the schools for their dedication and hard work, Ulster Hockey for running these competitions, match officials, parents for their investment – financial and otherwise and Banbridge Hockey Club for use of these facilities.**

**This is a fabulous pitch and all at Banbridge Hockey Club should be congratulated for providing these superb facilities.**

**Hockey is a wonderful sport and each of you can take much credit for moving the game forward. Team sports are particularly good at developing friendships and, with Masters' Hockey developing as well as it has been over the last 10+ years, these friendships indeed could be lifelong friendships. Best of luck to everyone, play well but most importantly, enjoy yourselves.**

**Yours in sport,  
Mervyn Logan  
Ulster Hockey President**

# **VICE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

**MARGARET MCKNIGHT**

**On behalf of Ulster Hockey I would like to give you all a warm welcome here to Banbridge Hockey Club, on this chilly day, for the Finals of the Stevenson Cup and Bowl, previously known as the Superleague.**

**Today's teams are the pride of their respective schools and thanks must go to their teachers and coaches who have helped prepare them for their Final today. I would like to wish all the players good luck and may they play well and enjoy their hockey.**

**Today's teams and supporters have travelled from around Ulster and we anticipate some exciting contests and plenty of encouragement from around the sidelines. Thanks must go to all who have helped in anyway to organise and run today's matches.**

**With 7 different schools represented here today it is evident that the standard of hockey throughout the Ulster Branch is high and as evident from results from Irelands Masters in New Zealand last week, Hockey is a sport we can continue to enjoy at a high level well into middle age.**

**Yours in sport**

**Margaret McKnight**

**Ulster Hockey Vice President**



# STEVENSON FINALS SCHEDULE

## TUESDAY 3RD AND THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024

U14 STEVENSON BOWL FINAL - TUESDAY @ 12:00



LURGAN JHS VS DROMORE HS



U14 STEVENSON CUP FINAL - TUESDAY @ 14:00



RAINEY ENDOWED VS BANBRIDGE ACADEMY



SENIOR STEVENSON BOWL FINAL - THURSDAY @ 12:30



FOYLE COLLEGE VS DROMORE HS



SENIOR STEVENSON CUP FINAL - THURSDAY @ 15:00



PORTADOWN COLLEGE VS ROYAL SCHOOL ARMAGH



# U14 FINALS PREVIEW

TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

Tuesday afternoon sees the U14 Stevenson Cup and Bowl finals taking place at Havelock Park.

In the Bowl, Lurgan Junior High School meet Dromore High School with both sides having qualified via semi final wins two weeks ago.

Lurgan JHS qualified with a 2-0 win over Cookstown High School.

After a tense opening quarter, Lurgan were awarded a penalty stroke but missed their chance to take the lead following a good save from the opposition goalkeeper.

However, just five minutes later, they got their goal as a penalty corner was slipped right before Mia Gault picked her spot to make it 1-0 to her side.

With two minutes of play remaining, the result was confirmed as Maddie Magee doubled the Lurgan lead as she placed through the Cookstown goalkeeper's legs.

They now face Dromore High School who qualified with a 5-0 win over Glenlola Collegiate.

With 19 minutes played, Dromore were awarded a penalty corner and Zoe Kennedy got the games opening goal with a straight strike before Erin Barnes doubled her sides lead.

Just a minute into the second half, Dromore added a third as Alex McClintock found a yard of space in the circle before firing her effort into the bottom left corner.

Two late goals in as many minutes from Kennedy and Barnes saw the scoreline quickly brought to 5-0 as it eventually finished.

Speaking ahead of the final, Dromore captain Erin Barnes said her side are excited to play in the final.

"We are excited to play in our first Stevenson Final against Lurgan Junior High. It is going to be a tight match but we hope that our hard work and training will pay off."



Meanwhile, coach Iain Watson praised the efforts of his side in the competition so far.

This is an incredibly tight nit group of players that love to play attacking passing hockey.

They have worked incredibly hard and have improved greatly throughout the season.

We look forward to playing in what is sure to be a very competitive final.

In the U14 Stevenson Cup final, Banbridge Academy take on Rainey Endowed School.

Banbridge Academy relied on penalty run-ins to get to the final as they beat Victoria College Belfast.

Maisie Nicholl originally gave Banbridge the lead following a well-worked penalty corner before a VCB forward equalised with a deflection at the near post.

With very few chances for either side for the rest of the fixture, it took penalty run-ins to separate the teams with Banbridge Academy running out 2-0 winners

Speaking ahead of the final, coach Julie Sallie

said her team have surpassed their expectations.

"As a coaching team we have been pleasantly surprised by our young and relatively inexperienced squad.

Their fight, drive and defensive resilience coupled with some individual brilliance going forward has stood us in good stead thus far. "

However, we are aware that Rainey Endowed are very strong and dangerous on the break and that is something we will have to hope our girls can manage.

#### Team captains

"After going out at SemiFinal stage last year, we are so pleased to have made the final this year.

It's been a learning curve this year but we've enjoyed the challenge.

We are particularly impressed at how well the yr 8 and 9 have been able to gel with us and now feature as the main starting team."

Their final opponents Rainey Endowed School played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in normal time against Killicomaine Junior High School.

It didn't take long for Rainey to open the scoring as Rois Gribbin picked her spot with just five minutes on the clock to give her side an early lead.

Ten minutes later the side doubled their lead as Ellie Rutledge reacted quicker to a save from the Killicomaine goalkeeper before scoring the rebound whilst Alexa McCrea added a third just moments later.

Despite their comfortable lead, Rainey were unable to hold on as three goals in ten minutes saw Killicomaine draw level.

Poppy Hannath opened her sides scoring before two goals in two minutes from Darcey Wilson and Hannah Rodgers set up a tense final quarter.

However, following a goalless period, the sides relied on penalty run-ins where it was Rainey Endowed who came out on top.



Ahead of the game, coach Judith Quiqley said it will be a great experience for her side.

"Playing in a final is a great experience for the girls to be part of and one they will remember for a long time.

A great squad of girls who can't wait for the challenge ahead. Good luck to all the teams playing on Wednesday."

Team captain Alexa McCrea also added that Banbridge will be tough opposition.

"We are delighted to have reached the final of the Stevenson U14 Cup after a great start to the season.

Playing Banbridge Academy in Banbridge is going to be a difficult game but one that we are very much looking forward to.

Best of luck to both teams!"



# LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL VS DROMORE HIGH SCHOOL

## U14 STEVENSON BOWL FINAL



### LURGAN JHS

NO.	NAME.	
1	ELLA HAGGAN	(GK)
24	MOLLIE DYNES	
11	SHANIA ERVINE	
8	SOPHIE HARRISON	(C)
9	LUCY BROWN	
2	EMILY SILVA SHAW	
7	KACEY DILLON	(VC)
6	LYDIA NEILL	
3	MIA GAULT	
5	LUCY WILSON	
10	MADDIE MAGEE	
18	EMILEE WHITE	
12	PENNY SPEER	
16	ELIZA OWEN	
20	HEIDI MCTERNAGHAN	
4	POPPY WILLIS	
	LYDIA DEVLIN	(GK)



### DROMORE HIGH SCHOOL

NO.	NAME.	
	SARAH MORTON	(GK)
	GEORGIA SPENCE	
	CHLOE LYNCH	
	ZOE JOHNSTON	
	OLIVIA EWART	
	ZOE KENNEDY	(VC)
	REBEKAH CARTMILL	
	EMILY MCELROY	
	MOLLY MCKEE	
	ALEX MCCLINTOCK	
	ERIN BARNES	(C)
	HANNAH SCANLON	
	ANNA HOOK	
	ANNIE JOHNSTON	
	TALIA RANKIN	
	MADISON BRATTY	







# RAINEY ENDOWED VS BANBRIDGE ACADEMY

## U14 STEVENSON CUP FINAL



### RAINEY ENDOWED

NO. NAME.

1	CHARLOTTE LUNEY	(GK)
2	ANNAMAGEE	(GK)
3	ZOE CASKEY	(VC)
4	ROSIE LEACH	
6	ROIS GRIBBIN	(VC)
7	ALEXA MCCREA	(C)
8	SABIA BELL	
9	SOPHIE HOUSTON	
10	LEXI SCOTT	
11	GEORGIA CAPPELL	
13	AVA RUTLEDGE	
14	BETH LOCKETT	
15	ELLIE RUTLEDGE	
16	CLAUDIA TURKINGTON	
18	BLATHNAID BELL	



### BANBRIDGE ACADEMY

NO. NAME.

	MOLLIE MURRAY	(GK)
	LUCY STERRITT	(GK)
	MAISIE NICHOLL	(C)
	HEIDI HANSON	
	ANNABELLE BETTS	
	CHLOE BINGHAM	
	RUBY COUSINS	
	JENNY MCQUISTON	
	LILY MURPHY	
	MOLLIE TUMILTY	(C)
	EMMA RANKIN	
	ANNIE EMERSON	
	MAGGIE SUFFERN	
	ELLIE LOCKHART	
	LILA NICHOLSON	
	JENNIFER SOUTAR	
	DAISY DOUGLAS	
	JESSICA MCTURK	



# SENIOR FINALS PREVIEW

THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Thursday afternoon sees the finals of both the U18 Stevenson Bowl and Cup competitions.

Firstly, the Bowl final gets underway between Foyle College and Dromore High School before Portadown College take on Royal School Armagh in the Cup final

All four school sides qualified for the game with wins in the semi-final fixtures just three weeks ago and now return to Havelock Park to compete for silverware.

Foyle College qualified for the Bowl final with an impressive 4-1 win against Lurgan College.

That day, goals from Emma Alford (2), Lucy Thompson and Ella McLaughlin sealed the win and booked their spot in the final.

They now face Dromore High School who reached the final with a narrow 2-1 win against Glenlola Collegiate.

After a quiet start to the fixture, Glenlola took the lead in the 22nd minute as Matilda Urry reacted quickest to a loose ball in the circle following a penalty corner.

However, despite a solid defensive display, the Bangor school couldn't hold on to their lead as Amber Murphy levelled with a reverse strike into the roof of the net before Holly Stewart got the game winning goal with just three minutes of play remaining.

Dromore Captain Cliona Cochrane says the side are 'very excited' to be playing in this years final.

"As a team we have worked very hard to get to this position and are very excited for the challenge we will face in the final. Reaching the final of the Stevenson Bowl is a huge accomplishment for us.

This is a true testament to the hard work, commitment, and dedication that we as a team have put into this season so far.



"We look forward to the final and want to enjoy this day together as a team."

In the Stevenson Cup final old rivals Portadown College and Royal School Armagh go head-to-head once more.

The two school sides have met on a number of occasions in recent seasons and meet for a third final in the last 12 months.

Both the previous two finals have been won by RSA with narrow victories in last season's Belfast Telegraph Senior Cup and the Stevenson Cup.

Like the Bowl finalists, both sides qualified for this weeks final with wins at Havelock Park three weeks ago.

Portadown College booked their spot with a 2-1 win over Rainey Endowed.

Lucy Megaw opened the scoring after just four minutes as she reacted quickest to a save from Rainey goalkeeper Lola Henderson.

Just six minutes later the side were 2-0 ahead as Emily Adamson fired an effort from the top of the circle into the roof of the net and seemingly set her side on their way.

However, in the closing stages of the third quarter a late Rainey strike set up a nervy ending, but the side held out to progress.

Portadown College captain Rebekah Lennon says her side are looking forward to the final.

'I am so proud of how our squad have played to date and have prepared for tonight's final.

We are really looking forward to playing against RSA and relish the opportunity to face the current title holders in what should be a very competitive game.

We know the RSA girls well as a number of us play representative and club hockey together. Tonight, for a period of time, those friendships will be cast aside."

Team coach Beth Harper spoke of the hard work her side put in to reach this stage of the competition.

"We are very thankful and excited to have reached the final of the Stevenson Cup.

We have faced some exceptional opposition along the way and I have been so proud of the way that the girls have handled every task and challenge that they have faced to date.

They play with great composure, belief and teamwork and I am sure that this is why they have reached the final.

Their hard work on and off the pitch is paying off and we look forward to playing a familiar rival in RSA.

We expect a great contest and look forward to the challenge ahead"

They now face Royal School Armagh who reached the final with a victory over Methodist College Belfast with goals from Niamh Smith and Katie Herron.

The win not only cemented their place in the final, but gives them the opportunity to defend their title and they have now reached this stage for a third consecutive season.



Coach Greg Thompson says the win has brought a 'buzz' to the school.

"It is a fantastic achievement by the girls to reach their third consecutive Stevenson Cup Final, following a competitive group that included BRA, Wallace HS and Sullivan Upper, followed by knock-out wins versus Banbridge Academy and Methody.

The buzz around the squad and the wider school community is palpable and I'm sure it will be another competitive final against Portadown College. This is a very special group of girls who have continued to work incredibly hard after last year's successes and have a very clear drive to add more silverware."

Team Captain Grace McCool also added;

"To reach a third Super League final in a row is fantastic and a credit to the hard work we as a team and the coaching staff put in.

As a team we are extremely motivated to achieve our set goals and have another successful season.

We don't expect the final to be an easy game but we have prepared well and are excited for the match ahead."



# FOYLE COLLEGE VS DROMORE HIGH SCHOOL

## SENIOR STEVENSON BOWL FINAL



### FOYLE COLLEGE

NO.	NAME.	
1	MILEY MOORE	(GK)
18	COLLEEN CAMPBELL	(GK)
2	LEAH GALLAGHER	(VC)
3	LYDIA SAYERS	
4	JESSICA COOKE	
5	ERIN MCGARRIGLE	
6	MILLIE SPENCE	
7	ESTHER LAWTHOR	
8	ELLA MCLAUGHLIN	
9	GRACE GUTHRIE	
10	ALEX PATERSON	
11	EMMA ALFORD	
12	LUCY CURTIS	
13	CORINNE YOUNG	
15	LUCY THOMPSON	
16	CLARA MCHUGH	
17	ROSIE MCHUGH	(C)



### DROMORE HIGH SCHOOL

NO.	NAME.	
1	LAURYN FAIRLY	(GK)
16	FREYA PATERSON	
6	LANA GRAHAM	
19	CLIONA COCHRANE	(C)
9	ZARA MCCORMICK	
3	BETHANY EWART	
8	ABIGAIL CARTMILL	
10	FAYE STEWART	
3	GEORGIA DAVIS	
2	CAROLINE CUNNINGHAM	
21	AMBER MURPHY	
2	HOLLY STEWART	
11	KATE MCCAMBLEY	
12	EMMY RICE	
4	ABBIE BELSHAW	
5	TIANNA STEENSON	



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# PORTADOWN COLLEGE VS ROYAL SCHOOL ARMAGH

## SENIOR STEVENSON CUP FINAL



### PORTADOWN COLLEGE

NO. NAME.

- 1 MAKYLA STEVENSON (GK)
- 2 KEELEY TELFORD
- 3 HANNAH DAVISON
- 4 EVIE THOMPSON
- 5 LUCY MEGAW
- 6 REBEKAH LENNON (C)
- 7 LEAH GALBRAITH (VC)
- 8 REBECCA OWEN
- 9 MAISY HANNATH
- 10 EMILY ADAMSON
- 11 HAYLEY MCALLISTER
- 12 GRACE ADAMSON
- 13 REBECCA FLAVELLE
- 14 MARTHA SPEERS
- 15 EMILY FINLAY
- 16 BETH EVANS
- 17 KATE HAFFEY
- 21 JESSICA FINCH



### ROYAL SCHOOL ARMAGH

NO. NAME.

- 1 LILY ALDERDICE (GK)
- 2 CHLOE PATTON
- 3 RHIANNA GILLESPIE
- 4 JONI CUNNINGHAM
- 5 KATE LIVINGSTONE
- 6 CADENCE GILLESPIE
- 7 NIAMH SMITH
- 8 DAISY NICHOLSON
- 9 GRACE MCCOOL (C)
- 10 SCARLETT TAYLOR (VC)
- 11 SOPHIA SIMMONS
- 12 KATIE HERRON
- 13 HANNAH REDMOND
- 14 MIA TAYLOR
- 15 FAITH JACKSON
- 17 MAGGIE SCOTT
- 18 GRACIE JOHNSTON
- 21 BETH THOMPSON (GK)







**Mr Robert Stevenson MBE, affectionately known as 'Stevie', committed his life to sport and contributed much to hockey in Ulster and Ireland, over many decades.**

**He was an Honorary Life Member of the UWHU and of the UHU. He watched the Senior Schools Cup Final, later known as the Belfast Telegraph Girls Schools Cup Final for over 60 years. He decided that a runners up award was needed in the final and presented his Stevenson Shield, annually and as recently as March 2022. Stevie founded the U18 Girls Interprovincial tournaments with the aim of promoting Irish hockey and he attended these and Kate Russell tournaments annually, until the last few years.**

**His first love was always Cookstown High School, where he was a teacher of Physics and later the Vice-Principal. As a younger teacher, he was in charge of hockey in the school and later was committed to Girls' hockey by umpiring, timekeeping and supporting for over 32 years. Margaret Henderson, his colleague at Cookstown High School, said that "a lot of what we achieved was because of his pride in the school and his everlasting and constant encouragement". He drove pupils, teachers and parents all over Ireland, as well as transporting young players to Ulster and Irish training if they had no transport.**

**Stevie 's pride for the west of the province was evident when he created the West of Ulster League in 1964 to 'bring hockey to the west'. He never failed to be at the annual 1st XI final to proudly present the medals and his trophy to the finalists and winners.**

**Stevie was known in hockey circles throughout Ulster and Ireland. He will never be forgotten by those who knew and admired him for his dedication to hockey.**