



Trinity College, Dublin 2-11
Hope University, Liverpool 0-7

DU Gaelic Football Club at Trinity College claimed their first Trench Cup title since 2006 following a 10-point win over an all-Ulster Hope University, Liverpool side on Saturday at the NUI Galway sports grounds in Dangan.

The teams were evenly balanced in the opening stages and just a point separated the teams at half-time.

Luke Turley opened the Trinity College account after six and a half minutes with a pointed free, which was cancelled out a minute later with a similar effort from Antrim native Francis Cassidy. Fermanagh Senior star, and Sports Scholarship student, Tomas Corrigan led by example as the captain pushed Trinity College ahead with a 13th minute point, which was followed up 40 seconds later with a score from Offaly's Paul McPadden.

Dublin's Barry O'Rorke and Corrigan pushed Trinity College to a 0-6 to 0-4 lead after 26 minutes, but a third Cassidy point ensured a 0-5 to 0-4 interval score-line.

O'Rorke netted the opening goal within two minutes of the restart, and from then on there was no looking back for Trinity College, who added three unanswered points to take a 1-8 to 0-4 lead after 38 minutes, with Westmeath's Darragh Daly and Corrigan on target.

Down duo Fergal Doyle and Michael Higgins along with Cassidy helped cut the gap to five points with eight minutes remaining on a 1-9 to 0-7 score-line.

However, Trinity College showed little mercy in the closing stages registering 1-2 without reply with St Brigid's, Roscommon clubman Cathal McHugh and Corrigan adding points, before a 59th minute Turley goal was the icing on the cake for this Trinity College win.

Corrigan skippered his side to a unique Championship-League double, after the Dublin City Centre side had captured Division 2 league honours after an extra-time battle with IT Blanchardstown before Christmas.

Ryan Casey and TCD Graduate, who was appointed as team manager this year was thrilled with the result. He thanked the GAA Development Officer and Down Senior Footballer Conor Laverty for his support with bringing the team to unprecedented success this year. They deservedly play in Division 1 for the next season.