



SPORTS AND PASTIMES



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GREAT COUNTY FINAL.

Gort Worthy Champions.

Tynagh Eliminated After Splendid Display.

Gort, 4 pts. 4 pts.; Tynagh, 3 pts. 1 pt. County Galway hurling at its best was characteristic of the senior county hurling final between Gort and Tynagh, played at Kenmore, Galway, on Sunday. The game was fast, scientific, and vigorously contested, and a fitting finish to the series of games in which the other contestants for county honours were eliminated. Gort, by their splendid display, especially in the second half, deserved their victory. Tynagh were gallant losers.

IN PRECIS.

Members of Galway's county team figured prominently in the game. Gort had the greater advantage in this respect, but some of the Tynagh players who have not yet come into the inter-county limelight gave splendid displays. Tynagh opened the scoring with a point, but a few minutes later Gort went ahead with a goal. The game in the first half was a neck and neck struggle, with brilliant flashes of play arousing the spectators to a fever-pitch of excitement. Gort turned over a point lead, and in a very short time put up a very formidable score. The run of play was now going altogether against Tynagh early in the second half, and then came a surprise. Tynagh flashed in two goals in quick succession and reduced Gort's lead considerably. Time was drawing to a close. Tynagh strove hard to reduce the arrears, but failed. Gort added to their scores, and put the laurels beyond the reach of Tynagh some time before the end.

THE PLAYERS.

Gort's superiority was noticeable principally in their forward division. Their tactics here completely souphussed the Tynagh defence. The two principal workers in this division were Deely and Vaughan. Deely gave one of these displays which well earned his position on the county selection. He has an attractive style, and plays with a seemingly effortless ease. He was responsible for not a few of Gort's scores. Vaughan gave a magnificent display all through. Whenever the ball came into his section of the field the Tynagh goal was in danger. He fought his way through the Tynagh defence with a dash and vigour that did not brook opposition, and sent in shots that gave the Tynagh goalkeeper no chance. Keenan, though not so aggressive, did much valuable work, and was a valuable contributor to Gort's victory. Icklan, another county hurler, played a great game behind Deely. Others prominent for Gort were Hardiman, Carty, Howard and Linnane.



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TYNAGH'S INSPIRATION.

For Tynagh Harney was by far the most prominent figure. In the opening half he out-shone on the centre of the field and fed the forwards well. Many of the movements which kept danger for the Gort goal were initiated by him. Derivan and Burke also gave very good displays. Ignatius Harney was well watched in the second half, and did not get the opportunities which he availed of in the opening exchanges. The result was the Tynagh forwards were not given so many opportunities to test the Gort defence.



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Gort towards the end were having the best of the play in all departments.

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The four teams to reach the semi-final of the championship were Gort, Woodford, Tynagh and Ballinderreen. Tynagh eliminated Woodford by 4 goals 2 points to 3 goals, 1 point in their replayed game at Loughrea a few weeks ago. On the same day Gort and Ballinderreen met at Gort. The home team in this match were the favourites, and their display was a tribute to their followers' judgment. The final scores were: Gort, 5 goals, 6 points; Ballinderreen, 2 goals, 1 point.

Gort, in all their matches leading up to the final, gave great displays, and established themselves as warm favourites for the county honours. Tynagh were no way despaired. They also had a large following, but the bulk of opinion favoured the southern team.

The weather was ideal for the match, and there was a crowd estimated at about 2,000 present. Sharp to time the teams were set in motion by Mr. Stephen Jordan, T.D.

Tynagh showed the stuff they were made of by breaking away shortly after the throw-in and sending over the Gort crossbar for a minor. The hurling from the start was keen, and close tacking was the order. Gort got on the ball soon after Tynagh's score, and responded with a major. The attack which resulted in this score was initiated by Howard. Deely received on the wing, and sent a lovely shot between the Tynagh posts.

Deely again secured from a pass, but not being in a favourable position, crossed over to Keenan, who sent wide. A strong attack on the Tynagh goal followed a 70 to Gort. Vaughan secured possession from a melee, and sent over the Tynagh crossbar to put Gort a clear goal ahead. A free was awarded to Gort after a passage near the centre. Harney sent well down to the Gort goal, and the ball was shot between the posts to even the scoring at a goal and a point each. Tynagh got the better of the midfield exchanges following the return, and Harney secured and sent wide.

GOOD DEFENCE.

Derivan defended well from a smart wing attack by Gort. Glynn beat Harney on the ball at centre, and put Vaughan in possession, but a wide resulted. Gort returned to the attack after the delivery, and Deely sent wide. From a Tynagh attack initiated by Harney, Gort conceded a 70. The shot, taken by Harney, led to some awkward moments for Gort. Relief came with a wide. Carty figured prominently in breaking up a Gort attack, and sent up to Deely. A pass across to the opposite wing put Vaughan in possession, and the ball was sent over the Tynagh crossbar to give Gort the lead again. The play was fast and lively at this time, and the ball was kept travelling from end to end of the pitch. No further scores were scored by either team before haltime. Both teams were showing a fairly even balance.

GORT—1 goal, 1 point.
TYNAGH—1 goal, 1 point.

A decided improvement in the Gort team's play was noticeable on the change-over. Greater determination marked their efforts, and the players who had figured prominently for Tynagh in the first half were not given much scope in this moiety. Tynagh got away from the throw-in and sent wide from a fast attack on the Gort goal. They returned again from the puck-out and again sent wide. Gort came out now to take control of the game, and apart from the attacks which gave Tynagh two goals in quick succession, had the best of the play from this on. Keenan secured from a pass from centre, and sent over a point for Gort, and a moment later a goal was flashed into the Tynagh net.

Gort midfield players had the best of the play in their division now, and played favourably for their forwards lines. Two wides were registered for Gort in quick succession. Howard played a great game at this period, and was one of the most prominent players on the field. After a few midfield exchanges Gort again broke away and sent out another wide. Tynagh took up the running again now, and made a hot attack on the Gort goal, but were repulsed. Returning, they forced Gort to concede a 70. The shot was taken by Harney. A melee ensued in front of

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ASSOCIATION.

CONNACHT CUP LEAGUE.

Macks Defeated.

Town's Three-Goal Victory.

The meeting of Galway Town and Macks in the Connacht Cup League was one of the most eagerly looked forward to games of the season in Galway, and one which was the subject of much speculation in local soccer circles during the past few weeks. The tie was played off on Sunday last at South Park, Galway. Town played a reliable game all through, and ran out easy winners on the score of three goals to nil.

From the kick off the ball was sent to Donoghue, who dribbled up and sent to Hynes. A pass across put J. Keenan in possession, and a great drive from the latter put Town a goal up within a minute of the start. The score took Macks by surprise. They set down to a smart attack now, but J. Askew, the Town goalkeeper, was equal to the occasion, and saved from several dangerous shots sent in. The play got a little bit out of control at this period.

The Town returned to the attack, but were met by a great defence, in which A. Hynes was outstanding. Despite the great efforts of O'Loughlin and Keenan, Town was unable to increase their lead. From a melee just outside the Town goal, the referee had to order off a player from each team. The half-time whistle came shortly afterwards, leaving the scores:—

GALWAY TOWN 3 goals.

MACKS Nil.

On the resumption, Town set up a hot attack on Macks goal, and from a perfect centre by C. Donoghue, O'Loughlin increased Town's lead. Play got very robust now, and the referee was tested beyond his capabilities in trying to control the game. Spectators were inclined to encroach on the pitch, and made matters very difficult. Town continued to attack, and from a left wing movement McElhone received from J. Keenan and sent into the net for Town.

Although three goals behind, Macks still played with great life. Noone, getting the ball at centre, sent to Ward, who rushed between the backs and got into a favourable scoring position. J. Askew made a great save and sent the ball round for a corner. His performance was greeted with great applause by the very large attendance. There was no further scoring by either team, and Town got a 3-goal victory.

For the winners, Askew was brilliant in goal, and J. Brennan gave a fine performance on full back. Town had a perfect half in Fahy, Owens and Keady, and were ably supported by a brilliant forward line, of which J. Donoghue and O'Loughlin were outstanding. For the losers, Flynn was good in goal. He got little chance to stop the balls that got past him. Noone was the pick of the defence, and Service and O'Brien were the best of a rather weak forward line.

The teams were:—
Galway Town—Askew, Brennan, Bowers, Fahy, Owens, Keady, C. Donoghue, McElhone, O'Loughlin, J. Donoghue, J. Keenan.

Macks—Flynn, Hynes, Kenny, Cox, Quinn, Noone, O'Brien, Service, Ward, McDonagh, Mannion.

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City Defeat Rangers.

City had a three-goals victory over Rangers in the second round of the Connacht Cup, played at South Park, Galway, on Sunday. The ground was in a sodden condition, and good football was impossible. City fielded their team at full strength, while Rangers came on with four or five substitutes.

City won the toss, and elected to play into the Claddagh Hall goal. From the kick-off City attacked, and Cunningham sent inches wide of the posts. City completely dominated the play now, and it was not long until Cunningham, getting possession, completely deceived the Rangers' backs and sent in a goal for City. Rangers moved on the offensive, and Keegan getting possession, sent wide. This lucky escape made City play more warily. Cooke secured, and dribbled close in on the left wing, and scored with a left-footed shot. City turned over at half-time with two goals in their favour.

Rangers attacked on the resumption, and reduced City's lead with a score by Keegan. City got going now, and secured two further goals, per Cunningham and Noonan.

For City, Cunningham was outstanding at centre-forward, and was ably supported by Noonan and Cooke. Griffin was the best of the halves, and O'Grady was a sound full-back. For the losers, Griffin, in goal, could not be blamed for the scores that got through. P. Griffin, on full back position, defended well, and Noone gave a good display on the half line. J. Keegan, centre, was the best of the forwards.

The teams were:—
City—Cooke, O'Grady, D'Arcy, O'Grady, Griffin, O'Grady, Noonan, O'Neill, Cunningham, Cooke, Griffin.

Rangers—Griffin, O'Donnell, P. Griffin, Noone, Hare, Keegan, Higgins, Conlon, Kerrigan, Hynes.

BADMINTON.

Galway v. Hollymount.

Galway City Badminton Club travelled to Hollymount on Saturday, and had a very enjoyable evening. Hollymount were victorious by 9 games to 3. Results:—

MEN'S DOUBLES.

G. Houlihan and W. Hosford (G.) lost to E. Maguire and A. Nixon (H.).

C. Griffin and J. Casey (G.) beat Reardon and Dr. Flannery (H.).

J. Keogh and W. Whisker (G.) lost to B. G. Kenny and J. Browne (H.).

LADIES' DOUBLES.

Mrs. Braund and Mrs. Whisker (G.) lost to Mrs. Nixon and Mrs. Duncan (H.).

Mrs. Whelan and Miss Smyth (G.) lost to Mrs. Flannery and Miss Garvey (H.).

Miss Tennant and Miss Naughton (G.) lost to Miss Orr and Miss Garvey (H.).

MIXED DOUBLES.

G. Houlihan and Mrs. Braund (G.) lost to E. Maguire and Mrs. Nixon (H.).

W. Hosford and Mrs. Whisker (G.) lost to A. Nixon and Mrs. Durean (H.).

C. Griffin and Mrs. Whelan (G.) lost to W. Reardon and Mrs. Flannery (H.).

J. Casey and Miss Smyth (G.) beat Dr. Flannery and Miss Garvey (H.).

J. Keogh and Miss Tennant (G.) lost to B. G. Kenny and Miss Orr (H.).

W. Whisker and Miss Naughton (G.) beat J. Browne and Miss Harvey (H.).

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VICTORY.

Gort now went on the offensive, and Deely securing, sent over the Tynagh crossbar. Gort were now two clear goals in the lead, and well on the way to victory. Keenan was beaten for the ball in a Gort attack, and Tynagh broke away, to send wide at the other end. Gort again attacked, and after Vaughan being beaten for possession, Icklan secured and sent in a great goal for Gort. Tynagh attacked from a free taken by Harney, but another wide resulted. Tynagh registered another wide a few moments later.

Gort moved up the left wing from the delivery, and Icklan securing, crossed over to Keenan, who shot low between the Tynagh sticks. Gort had now a lead of 4 goals. Tynagh attacked from the delivery and flashed in a goal. Breaking away from the return they repeated the performance almost immediately. Full time was now drawing to a close, and their chances of securing sufficient scores to bring them up to the Gort figure were very slender. These were the last scores of the match, and soon afterwards the final whistle came, with the scores:—

GORT—4 goals, 4 points.

TYNAGH—3 goals, 1 point.

The teams were:—

Tynagh—A. Kelly, J. Power, Jack Dervan, M. O'Keefe, P. J. Burke, Jas. Burke, Wm. Shaughnessy, I. Harney, A. Burke, M. Burke, M. Glynn, Thos. Leahy, Pat Brien, Bob Mitchell, Harold Hogan.

Gort—John Deely, Coleman Cooney, Gerald Keenan, John Hardiman, Martin Hayes, Patrick Rock, Martin Brennan, Peter Howard, Stephen Carty, Jos. Glynn, Patk. Icklan, Thos. Vaughan, Patk. Linnane, M. Linnane, Thomas Staunton.

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