

JUNIOR HURLING

Granagh Retain The Title

FINAL OF WEST LIMERICK CHAMPIONSHIP

(From Our Correspondent).

A large crowd turned in for the eagerly awaited match between Granagh, holders, and Ardagh, the challengers, at Rathkeale on Sunday last, and were somewhat disappointed at the display, because Ardagh could not cope with their more experienced opponents, and the game became too one-sided to arouse much interest amongst the average spectator.

They fought gallantly but unavailingly to the final whistle, and though the score was mounting up against them all the time they never seemed to abandon hope. It would not be easy to assess the Granagh form on Sunday's display, because at no period of the game were they pressed so hard as to afford a test of their merits in the various departments.

A BIG FACTOR IN GRANAGH'S WIN.

At midfield Granagh dominated, although Mick Barrett made a great attempt to hold up Ned Chawke, but the understanding which existed between the midfielders and their neighbours was sufficient to keep the ball crossing and eased the rucks which developed now and again. Barrett got in some very effective work, too, and some of his long drives were responsible for putting the Ardagh forwards in action, but they were altogether too light to cope with the heavy back line which Granagh possessed. Granagh's field craft was a big factor in their victory, and they had Ardagh guessing many times while they brought the ball down field.

To Ardagh's goalkeeper, M. Enright, must go the credit for keeping the game from becoming a rout, and had he been better protected by his backs the scores against them would not be so heavy, but time and again he was rushed before he could effect a clearance.

An injury to Jim Egan in the early stages weakened the Ardagh defence, although Hogan, who replaced him, played well. All in all, however, Granagh carried too many guns, and the Chawke brothers (4), P. Walsh, Mullane, Fitzgerald and the others, were able to shake off the opposition and hold their lines or make a successful raid on the Ardagh goal.

Barrett, Charlie Mullins, who did not strike his usual form; Egan, Flynn, Ambrose and Magner were the pick of the Ardagh side.

MINOR FOOTBALL.

Prior to the hurling match, Ballysteen played off the minor football tie with Kilkoleman. The game was notable for anything in the nature of high-class football, although the young fellows went at it with a will. Kilkoleman were, however, a better balanced lot, with more height and weight, and this constituted a big advantage in the football game particularly amongst minors.

A strong wind blew across the pitch and the players as a result bunched a lot along the midfield line but at times there were some good open bouts of play. In the early stages of the first half Ballysteen were having a slight advantage and turned over with a lead but Kilkoleman settled down to their game and from a melee in front of the goal they rushed through a goal. Brouder put over a point to secure the lead and shortly after the right wing forward tapped in a lovely ball. Ballysteen rallied again and gave the Kilkoleman defenders an anxious time; they eventually succeeded in notching a point. Kilkoleman came away again and from a weak clearance off the goalkeeper the ball was banged to the net. The last score of the game was a point, leaving the final score:—

Kilkoleman—3 goals 3 points.
Ballysteen—5 points.

TEAMS.

Ballysteen—S. Gallagher, P. Mann, P. Culhane, J. Roche, D. Collins, W. Rananhan, D. Rananhan, D. Collins, M. Hayes, J. Nestor, M. Collins, M. Sheehy, E. Kenrick, J. Holland, M. O'Shaughnessy, M. Murphy, M. Rananhan, J. Walsh.

Kilkoleman—J. Fitzgibbon, M. Histon, J. O'Connor, P. Enright, J. Neville, J. Fitzgerald, D. Mulcahy, T. Greaney, M. Hanley, J. McMahon, P. Murphy, T. McHugh, J. Mullane, T. Brouder, J. O'Connor, J. Lynch, P. Dore, N. Haugh.

GRANAGH V. ARDAGH.

A free to Granagh followed the throw-in, but Enright saved in the Ardagh goal and Granagh then sent wide. W. Chawke sent down the puck out but Barrett trapped the return drive and sent well up the field, but Walsh returned and in a melee near the Ardagh goal J. Egan received facial injuries which obliged him to retire. Hogan came on in his place. From a free Granagh moved in but Ardagh cleared. Barrett put Walsh in possession and Granagh had the opening goal. Enright brought off a great save a minute afterwards and Barrett sent well down. Granagh relieved and Martin Ambrose made a great solo run which put Granagh on the defensive. Two frees to Granagh taken by Chawke resulted in a point after Enright had saved the first shot, but Mullane nipped in to get the second and sent over the bar. Chawke trapped the puck-out and sent down and Enright got no chance when he was hustled with the ball into the net. Magner from a free opened the score for Ardagh with a grand point. Granagh pressed at this stage again and Enright conceded a 70, which Fitzgerald sent dead through to the goal, but Enright cleared in a fashion reminiscent of Paddy Scanlan, but Granagh were back again shortly and forced another 70, which Enright saved again. Mullane, however, was in again and banged home a goal.

A free to Ardagh was cleared and Granagh bounding away had a further goal after Enright had stopped a rasping shot. Martin Ambrose sent well up for Ardagh and Granagh gave away at 70, which Magner sent well in but it was subsequently sent wide. C. Mullins now had an innings and he parted to J. Flynn, who had a point. Stack next stemmed a Granagh attack but they were soon back for a goal, which they followed up soon after by another, to leave the half-time score:—

Granagh—6 goals 2 points.
Ardagh—2 points.

SECOND MOIETY.

Ardagh put more dash into their play during the second half hour and the scoring was much closer. Granagh with their commanding lead may have eased off somewhat too. Ardagh pressed from the throw-in but sent over, but Granagh were away like lightning and had a goal which was disallowed. Their real attack was beaten off and C. Mullins had hard luck when his shot went astray. From a free Fitzgerald added a point for Granagh, to which Ardagh replied with a sustained attack and Flynn forced a 70. Granagh cleared but Barrett secured possession and sent down a long shot over the bar. Fitzgerald added another point for Granagh and the same player put Stephen Chawke in possession and he sent to the net. This was followed by a point soon afterwards.

Granagh were still forcing the pace and Ardagh had to concede a 70, which P. Walsh sent well in, but the backs stood up well and cleared. Walsh broke two Ardagh raids before Magner, securing, sent over Ardagh's second point in this moiety. Granagh had a free which Walsh

IMPORTANT STATEMENT RE MATCHES

Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Chairman, presided at a meeting of Limerick County G.A.A. Board held on Saturday last. Also present were—Messrs. S. O'Connell, Secretary; L. Scanlan, Assistant do.; M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer; J. A. Guerin, Chairman, South Board; L. Jones, N.T., Croom; W. Naughton, Treaty; F. Lyddy, Claughaun; P. Fitzgerald, Caherline; P. Normoyle, Ballybrown; J. Glynn, St. Patrick's.

At the outset of the proceedings the Chairman said his first duty was to congratulate the county senior and minor hurling teams on their recent victories at Croke Park. To win an All-Ireland at any time was a big thing but to win it from Kilkenny at Croke Park was certainly something to be proud of. Kilkenny had a great G.A.A. history and were second to none in their artistry and tactics on the field but they had to give in to Limerick. He tendered his very sincere congratulations to Kilkenny on the very fine manner in which they played the match and on the way in which they accepted defeat.

Continuing, the Chairman said that the minor team was also deserving of hearty congratulations. Antrim up there in the North were denied the chance of many good games but they gave a great account of themselves despite this fact.

TRIBUTE TO TRAINER.

To Mr. M. A. Lawlor, the trainer of the Limerick teams, went the best thanks of all for the manner in which he carried out his duties. He had both teams in great fettle and was in no small way responsible for their victories.

Proceeding, the Chairman tendered thanks to the military authorities for placing lorries at the disposal of the teams on their return to Limerick. The reception committee, at very short notice, arranged a very pleasant function for the team, and carried out their job in excellent style. When the teams arrived in Limerick everything was in apple-pie order—in fact things could not have been done better. The Shannon Rowing Club were also deserving of the thanks of the Gaels of the city and county for placing their magnificent premises at the disposal of the team for training purposes. The members of the Garda, Local Security Force and local bands were also deserving of thanks for the part they played in making the reception to the teams such a success.

NEVER SAW ANYTHING LIKE IT.

Concluding, the Chairman tendered thanks to the people of the City and County of Limerick for the magnificent reception they accorded to the victorious teams. He personally had never seen anything like it before, and some old residents of the city and its neighbourhood had told him that they never had seen such a demonstration since the days of Daniel O'Connell and his monster meetings (applause).

Mr. L. Jones, N.T., Croom, associated himself with the Chairman's remarks, and said that both teams were deserving of what had been said about them. However, he thought that the officials of the Board were also very worthy of a word of praise for the part they played in Limerick's victories. He would like to say that the Rev. Chairman was in no small way responsible for bringing the minor championship title to Limerick. In the past they often smiled about his interest in the minors, but he had certainly justified that interest now. He congratulated him very sincerely on his work and he hoped that he would be spared long to give his valuable help to the G.A.A. (applause).

Mr. J. A. Guerin, chairman, South Board, and other delegates, associated themselves with Mr. Jones's remarks.

The Chairman and officials suitably replied.

TO BE PLAYED ON SHORT NOTICE.

In connection with future matches to be played under the auspices of the Board,

The Chairman announced that for the next few months he was afraid all matches would have to be played on very short notice. This position was brought about because of the fact that there would be Army and Local Security Force manoeuvres every Sunday and members of the different teams might be called upon to participate in the manoeuvres. If they were going to continue with the championships each team concerned would have to be satisfied with two or three days notice. The Board would give teams as much notice of games as possible but they could not guarantee any specific period.

Mr. J. Glynn said that two or three days notice was very little to give teams. Chairman—We cannot help that.

The matter was not further discussed.

A FINE SPORTING SPIRIT.

Mr. T. Naughton, who refereed the 1939 junior football final between St. Patrick's and Mountcollins, said that the game was played in a fine sporting spirit.

The Chairman congratulated St. Patrick's on winning the game. West Limerick, he added, had always been the home of football in the county, and this must be the first time for a long period that the junior football final went to the other side of the county. He congratulated both teams on their display.

Mr. J. Glynn returned thanks on behalf of St. Patrick's team and complimented Mountcollins on the manner in which they played the game. He also thanked the Gaels of Newcastle West for the way they received the teams.

A letter was received from the Central Council in connection with the National Football League.

After a brief discussion Mr. L. Scanlan proposed and Mr. F. Lyddy seconded, that Limerick would not enter for the Football League, as it proved to be a great draw on the financial resources of the Board in the past.

The motion was adopted. The meeting unanimously agreed to enter for the National Hurling League on the same lines as last year.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

On the proposition of the Chairman sympathy was extended to Mr. M. Neville, Kilkenny, and Mr. W. F. Lee, Castleconnell, on their recent bereavements, while on the motion of Mr. J. Glynn sympathy was passed with Mr. Denis O'Driscoll, Corbally, on the sad death of his son, Thomas.

Before the proceedings concluded the Chairman announced that the next meeting of the County Board would be held on Saturday, October 5th.

placed well but this did not get through, and when J. Flynn put over a point from a free the final whistle went, with the score:—

Granagh—7 goals 5 points.
Ardagh—5 points.

Mr. P. Brennan, Rathkeale, had charge of both games.

The teams were:—

Granagh—P. Walsh, E. Chawke, S. Chawke, W. Chawke, J. Chawke, P. Power, J. Enright, P. Sheahan, J. Harnett, J. Fitzgerald, J. Hannon, J. Hannon, P. Fitzgerald, M. Storrin and M. Mullane.

Ardagh—M. Enright, J. Egan, W. Barrett, P. Hough, J. Magner, M. Sheahan, M. Ambrose, M. Barrett, T. Naughton, C. Mullins, J. Flynn, W. Stack, J. O'Connor, M. Fitzgerald, M. Hackett, J. Hogan (sub.).

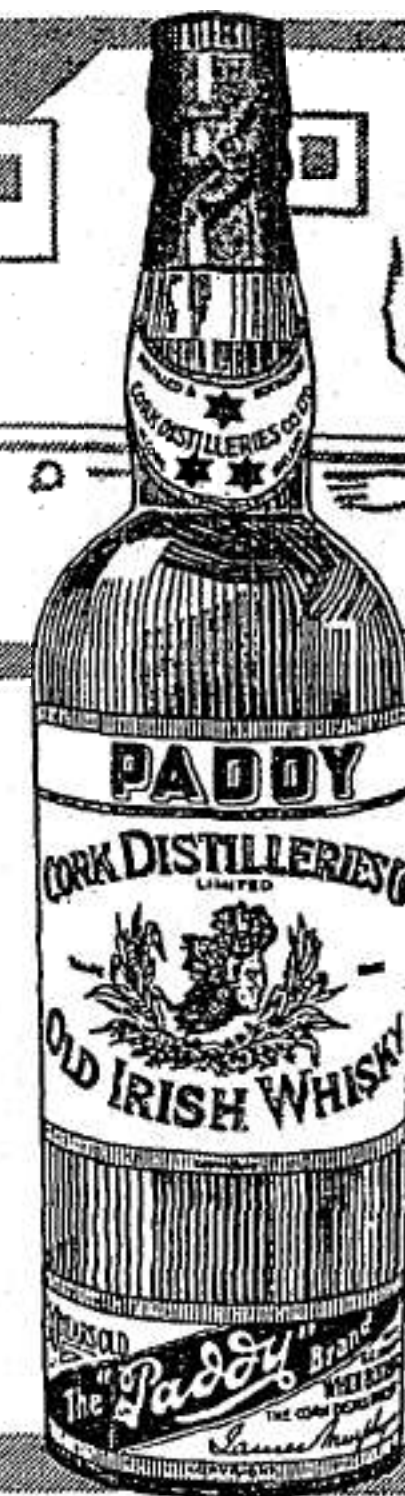


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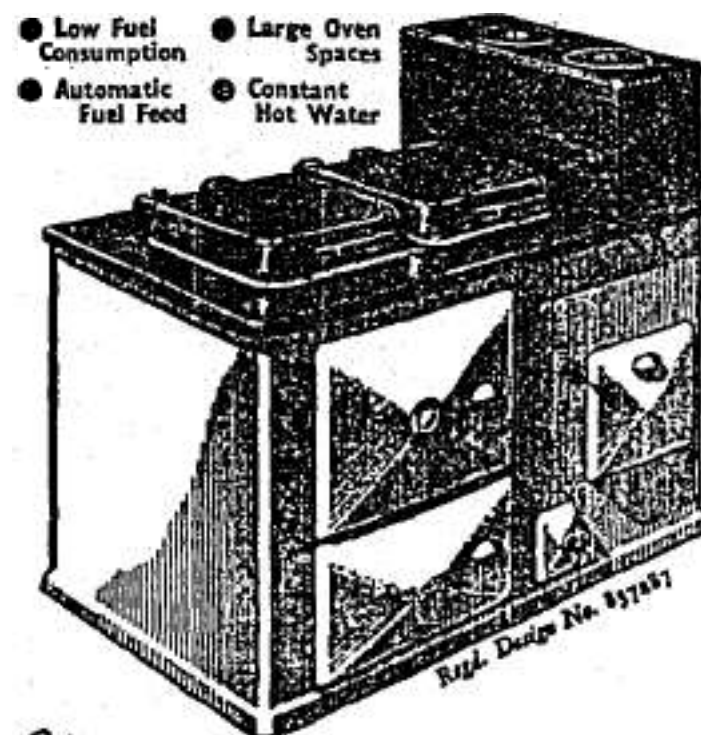
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