Draw Was Fittin' Result To Thriller

FOHENAGH AND CASTLEGAR MUST TRY AGAIN

BY the display of thirty stalwarts from Fohenagh and Castlegar, at Pearse Stadium, on Sunday, Galway hurling has been restored to its former glory. This, the final of the County Senior Hurling Championship, ended all square after sixty minutes of play that was palatable indeed to the most exacting hurling taste. Fohenagh 2—8; Castlegar 1—11.

The by-line tells its own tale. Ten scores for Fohenagh as against twelve for Castlegar in a game that begun slowly, gathered momentum as it wore on, and finally ended in a blaze of glory. That the game should have finished in a draw was indeed the most fitting result. This was a great hour for Galway hurling in which many reputations were made. At times the combat was played with feverish intent and lighting speed, but not once throughout the hour was there an incident to tarnish the record of the combatants. Truly a credit to both sides and indeed a word of praise to one of Ireland's top referees, Mick Quaine, of Clare, for allowing the fluid nature of the game to go uninterrupted.

Fohenagh, rated the underdogs in this game, came through the ordeal with flying colours. The soothsayers had said that they would surely crack up when Castlegar turned on the steam but nay they revelled in the heat of it all. Indeed, there will be those who suggest that Fohenagh were slightly unlucky not to have stolen a march on Castlegar but be that as it may, a draw was the all round desired, and most fitting result to a great game.

For long periods the ball revolved between the two points barracaded by John Molloy for Castlegar and his opposite Murt Glynn of Fohenagh. In between, the hurling was fast, exciting, and at times reached near perfection heights. Nicholas Murray will be classified by many as the saviour of the Fohenagh side, for it was he who repeatedly sent his men into the hunt. This stylist was in peak form at centrefield and it was no great wonder that he tired near the end in this "scorcher."

Behind him there was the somewhat unorthodox but nevertheless most effective back man on view in Jim Moclair. Rarely was he beaten for the ball high up or low down. His carefree attitude earned him many admirers and much praise. Respective goalkeepers, John Carr and Frank Madden were in great saving mood. Paddy Egan, though matched in every tussle, came through to score four points for Castlegar. His bursts of speed left defenders trailing but somehow Fohenagh managed to curtail this brilliant player when danger threatened at the crucial stage.

SOME BLAME

Some of Fohenagh's forwards might well have taken some blame if this game had been lost to them for in the first half two or three "sitting ducks" presented themselves but were carried to safety by Seamus Cullinane and Tom Broderick. All mistakes were blotted out though, just before the half time signal when Liam Manning crashed home a great goal that hit first off the upright and then cannoned in off the upright.

At centrefield the duels between Castlegar's Pat and Kevin Shaughnessy and Fohenagh's Nick Murray and Mick Coen

John Molloy

broke just about even though Murray was called on to bear the greater portion of the burden for Fohenagh. Padraig Nolan, Paddy Egan and Tom Collins, proved a constant worry to Fohenagh and were it not for the tactical close marking hereabouts, the game might well have borne a more rosy complexion for Castlegar.

One must somewhat sympathise with Tim Sweeney for accomplishing so much and yet so little—he got five points—for it was he who caused havoc and destruction that spelled danger every time he got possession. But here again, close marking told the tale against a gallant Tim who rallied his side in the second half when the game seemed to be sliding from Fohenagh's grasp. P. J. Lally too, deserves special mention, he hurled with rare abandon and gusto throughout, his forrays into enemy territory in the closing stages might have been expensive but still they paid dividends.

FALSE START

Gabriel Egan, Eddie Abberton (hi spoint was a highlight), and Mick Coyne all played their respective roles with coolness and precision though matched against the hard hitting Jim Moclair, John Sweeney and Tom Moylett. Marty Glynn, Tony O'Gorman and the already mentioned Lally, staved off many raids especially in the second half when Fohenagh tried to hammer home a winner. The brothers, Frank and Tom Glynn made matters look easy for Fohenagh especially in the second half when the forward sextet recovered their equilibrium after a false start. Liam Manning, Aidan Murray

Paddy Egan

and Jer Sweeney proved stout opposition for Steve Francis, Seamus Cullinane and Tom Broderick.

Though that great club-man John Molloy, held the threads together for Castlegar at centreback he had good and plentiful service from John Corcoran and Tom Egan. In all, this was a thrilling spectacle, would that one could recapture it all in detail here. Those feverish moments in the dying minutes of last Sunday's finest chapter in Galway hurling will be talked of for many a day. One never knows there might be a repeat, is it too much to hope for? We think not, and we hope likewise.

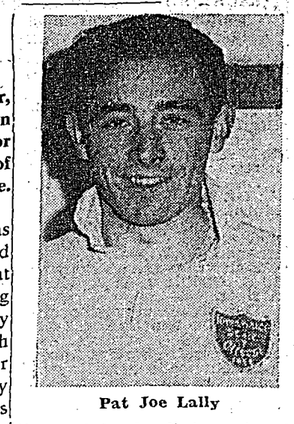
THE PLAY

Castlegar opened in fine style but were wide twice in quick succession before John Molloy opened their account with a pointed free. Nick Murray was wide from a free and as Tim Sweeney doubled on a Glynn delivery he was also wide. Eddie Abberton put Castlegar two points up as Fohenagh wasted good chances. John Molloy halted a great run by Murray and delivered to Paddy Egan who shot Castlegar into a three point lead.

Good backline combination by Fohenagh resulted in the ball arriving to Murray via Sweeney and the former opened Fohenagh's account with a point. From a forty yards free Tim Sweeney put his side at two points and Frank Glynn added a third. Tom Collins put Castlegar at four points and a John Molloy touch made to measure for Pat Shaughnessy standing alone resulted in another point for "Cashel." Tim Sweeney was next in the picture when he dropped over a good point. Paddy Egan sent wide after a great run and at twenty-four minutes, Tim Sweeney made it level pegging.

FOHENAGH LEAD

Again it was Sweeney who after a great run slightly overbalanced and shot wide. Seconds later he was on the target with a point from 40 yards to put Fohenagh ahead for the first time. Paddy Egan was upended as he went goalwards and from



Pat Joe Lally

the spot he levelled scoring at 0-6 each. Tom Collins scored in the next minute to put Castlegar ahead again 0-7 to 0-6. Manning was in hard luck when his sizzling effort banged off the crosbar and hit the upright only to be scrambled away. Just on half time Nick Murray doubled on a long ball from the wing and while backs and forwards groped about Tim Sweeney came rushing in to send to the net. At half time Fohenagh led by 1-6 to 0-7.

Madden was called on after the resumption to save a good drive and Lally close by, combined well to effect a good clearance. With five minutes spent Nick Murray had a Fohenagh point to put them a goal ahead and now the fat was really in the fire. A minute later, Gabriel Egan finished a good run over the bar to narrow the gap and hereabouts, Tim Killilea replaced Coen for Fohenagh. Paddy Egan and Nick Murray were now emerging as the two outstanding figures afield.

CASTLEGAR LEAD

Twelve minutes of the second half had passed, when Kevin Shaughnessy narrowed the gap for Castlegar with a point. Seconds later as backs and forwards battled for possession Tom Collins crashed home a goal for Castlegar to put them ahead 1-9 to 1-7. John Sweeney injured was replaced by Paddy Carroll and seconds later Padraig Nolan put Castlegar three points up from a free.

A great run by Tim Sweeney was halted by Seamus Cullinane and with Fohenagh putting every reserve into the game now, Nick Murray steered the ball into the net and all was level again, 2-7 to 1-10. Paddy

Tim Sweeney

Egan sent wide as excitement rose and players fell over in trying to snatch a lead either way. With twenty-one minutes gone. Tim Sweeney was again on the mark when he hit home a good point to put Fohenagh into the lead again. A "70" to Castlegar was sent in by Molloy and the ever watchful Paddy Egan bounded forward to put Castlegar's tally at 1-11.

Every nerve was strained in the remaining minutes and try as they might Castlegar could not penetrate the Fohenagh rearguard. The last highlight of a great game was a master save by Frank Madden.

Fohenagh: F. Madden, J. Moclair, Jn. Sweeney, T. Moylett, T. O'Gorman, M. Glynn, P. J. Lally, M. Murray, M. Coen, T. Sweeney, L. Manning, T. Glynn, F. Flynn, A. Murray, J. Sweeney.

Castlegar: J. Carr, S. Francis, S. Cullinane, T. Broderick, T. Egan, J. Molloy, J. Corcoran, P. Shaughnessy, K. Shaughnessy, P. Nolan, P. Egan, T. Collins, G. Egan, E. Abberton, M. Coyne.

Ref.: Mr. M. Quaine, Clare.

Fohenagh Outclassed In Minor Final

IN the minor county hurling final Gort swept to a 6-17 to 1-4 victory and the scoreline tells its own sad and depressing tale. First time efforts paid dividends for Gort whereas Fohenagh indulged in picking and pocking. This was particularly true in respect of the forward line who must bear a good deal of responsibility for the hiding meted out. At the interval Gort led by 3-8 to 0-3 and thereafter the remaining scores came with undue monotony.

Star of the winning side was undoubtedly corner-fordward, Ml. Regan, who obtained 3-11 for the winners. Pat Quinn on the half-forward line had 2-3, Larry Forde 1-2 while Canning, Cooke and Coen had points each.

For the losers, Fintan Glynn had 1-2, Albert Quinn, 0-1 and Donal Carrol 0-1. The winners were well served in all departments but more especially in forward and back divisions. Quinn, Coen, the two Fords, Ralph Canning and Michael Regan set the Fohenagh backline a merry dance but eased off considerably at the end when the issue was beyond doubt. Murt Kelly in goal for Gort was sound, while Matty McGrath and Joe Stanford, were the pick of the backs. Paddy Cooke and Gerard Burke controlled matters in the centre line and completely dominated the exchanges over Patsy Murray and Ml. O'Brien, the Fohenagh pair.

Though Ml. Lally allowed six goals to get past him, he brought off some noteworthy saves, especially in the second half, when Gort ran riot. Others to show up in a favourable light for the losers were Donal Carroll, Sean Carrig, Pat Kilcommins, Albert Flynn, Fintan Glynn, and Liam Gillian. Donal Carrol and Ml. O'Brien replaced F. Egan and B. O'Donoghue respectively.

Referee: J. Duggan.

Fohenagh: M. Lally, P. Kilcommins, M. Moylan, P. Coen, D Carroll, S. Carig, M. Mitchell, P. Murray, M. O'Brien, A. Flynn, F. Glynn, L. Gillian, M. Cummins, A. Cory, S. Monnellan.

Gort: M. Kelly, G. Gillespie, B. Gilmartin, M. McGrath, J. Quinn, J. Stanford, C. Glynn, P. Cooke, G. Burke, P. Quinn, P. Coen, L. Forde, J. Forde, R Canning, M. Regan.

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The event will consist of two heats and a final, and as the draw, at the time of writing, is not available it is not known which provincial representatives will oppose the other in such heats. The winners of each heat will then contest the final.

Connacht will have a fit and very determined eight to uphold the prestige of the province, and one which will give an excellent account of itself. Of the other three provincial contenders, Leinster (represented by Garda Siochana B.C.), holders of the title, would appear to be the most formidable. Munster will have as representatives Fermoy Rowing Club, and the Ulster standard bearers will be Bann Rowing Club.

It was announced over the week-end that a famous German coach, Franz Klattkowski, will visit Ireland next week to give clubs here the benefit of his experience. Among the centres to be visited are Belfast, Dublin, Cork, Limerick and Galway—and the date, September 10th.

—A.J.K.

SYMPATHY

At a recent meeting of the Boleybeg Fianna Fail Cumann a vote of symnathy was passed with the Flynn family, Rahoon, on their recent bereavement.

ATHLETES FINE WIN OVER DERRY

GALWAY FOR ALL-IRELAND FINAL

GALWAY defeated Derry in the All-Ireland semi-final of the N.A.C.A. inter-county athletic championships by 113 pts. to 73 pts. at Ballina on Sunday.

Highlight of the programme was the fine double by the Derry City runner, Matt Smith, in the 880 and mile events. Great doubles were also scored by Galway's Eamonn Quinn (100 yds., 220 yds.) and Joe Duggan (discus and shot).

Galway scored a thrilling win in the relay—the last race of the afternoon. The ultimate winners dropped the baton on the second change and lost considerable ground while it was being retrieved, but on the third last leg, the Galway runner, Gus Gorman, put in a great burst of speed to snatch the lead and pave the way for a Galway win.

SENIOR

100: J. Callanan (Galway) and E. Quinn (Galway) dead-heated, 1: T. Hynes (Derry), 3. 10.4 secs.

220: E. Quinn (Galway) 1: J. Callanan (Galway) 2; T. Hynes (Derry) 3. 24.6 secs.

440: G. Gorman (Galway) 1: B. King (Galway) 2; N. Carlin (Derry) 3. 54 secs.

880: M. Smith (Derry) 1: N. Carlin (Derry) 2,: C. Murphy (Galway) 3. 2 mins. 7 secs.

Mile: M. Smith (Derry) 1; N. Carlin (Derry) 2: M. Mulrooney (Galway) 3. 4 mins. 39 secs.

3 Miles: M. Molloy (Galway) 1, T. Madden (Galway) 2; H. Ruane (Galway) 3. 15 mins. 39.5 secs.

Relay: Galway 1; Derry 2. no time.

High Jump: F. Stewart (Derry) 5 ft. 7 ins., 1; K. Joyce (Galway) 5 ft. 6 ins., 2: L. Mannion (Galway) 5 ft. 5 ins., 3.

Long Jump: M. Clancy (Galway) 22 ft. 1 in., 1; J. Condon (Galway) 20 ft. 3½ ins.; M. Craft (Derry) 20 ft. 3 ins., 3.

16 lb. Shot: J. Duggan (Galway) 40 ft. 10½ ins., 1; N. Hegarty (Derry) 38 ft. 6 ins., 2; K. Joyce (Galway) 33 ft. 6 ins., 3.

Discus: J. Duggan (Galway) 118 ft. 7 ins., 1; M. Hynes (Galway) 110 ft. 11 ins., 2; N. Hegarty (Derry) 108 ft. 5 ins., 3.

CYCLING EVENTS

Mile: M. Roddy (Derry) 1; B. Burns (Derry 2; M. Hynes (Galway) 3. 3 mins. 8.9 secs.

3 Miles: M. Roddy (Derry) 1, B. Burns (Derry) 2; J. Arbuckle (Derry) 3. 10 mins. 6 secs.

YOUTHS

220: E. Quinn (Galway) 1; L. Cheevers (Galway) 2; J. Hynes (Derry) 3. 25.2 secs.

880: G. Williamson (Derry) 1; G. Gorman (Galway) 2; C. Murphy (Galway) 3. 2 mins. 6 secs.

Long Jump: M. Clancy (Galway) 21 ft. 8 ins., 1; J. Condon (Galway) 20 ft. 8½ ins., 2; W. Glynn (do.), 20 ft. 7 ins., 3.

Javelin: G. Hasson (Derry) 147 ft., 1; J. Glynn (Galway) 129 ft. 9 ins., 2; M. Crast (Derry) 114 ft. 5 ins., 3.

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