

World of Sport

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What Price Glory?

"It's win at all costs now, isn't it?" mused a rueful Liam McHale after being sent off in Sunday's All-Ireland Senior Football Championship against Meath in Croke Park. While his remark was pertinent to the controversial and error-ridden football final it also applied to the Minor Hurling final replay between Galway and Tipperary which the Munster Champions were prepared to win at all costs.

Back Room:

After every big GAA match nowadays JBD, we invariably hear that the losing team's Manager/Selectors/Backroom boys, were responsible for the losing side's defeat. And so it was on Sunday. In the Minor Hurling final replay, Galway's 'Brains Trust' had let the team down by not protesting over the forced change of venue from Cusack Park, Ennis to Croke Park and then by agreeing to a Munster Referee when a Munster team was involved in the final.

Side-Line:

While Galway's backroom boys were at fault in both of those instances, the Side-Line during the game were also found wanting. When it became apparent from the opening minute that the 'Market' assigned by Tipperary to eliminate the threat of Galway's scoring ace, Eugene Cloonan, who was unceremoniously 'flattened' for the first of four times through the medium of sending-off tackles, the Athenry player should have been switched immediately to another forward position and thus render his appointed marker redundant.

Failed:

Galway's 'Brains Trust' failed to take the necessary and obvious counteraction and with the Cork referee economic in the use of his new whistle, Tipperary were awarded the freedom of Croke Park and accepted that to win a title which Galway should have won in the drawn match. Kenny Parker, Athenry.

Law & Order:

Dear JBD, It's all over now and Galway have lost another All-Ireland that was there for the taking if they got a fair 'Do'. That there is neither Law nor Order in Croke Park was brought home to me on Sunday when Galway were awarded a free in the right corner and Eugene Cloonan stepped up to take it. As he did so, a Tipperary side-liner ran out to within seven yards of the Athenry youth and shouted 'you'll miss it.' Although this interruption as planned distracted Cloonan for the moment as he glanced around at the loud-mouth he then to his credit struck the free for a perfect point. The Arch.

Disrepute:

Dear JBD, Over the years we have heard of certain people in the GAA bringing the



Members of the winning team at the GOAL Golf Classic at Oughterard were: Gerry Rabblite, Fursy O'Dea and Sean O'Toole with John Treacy and John O'Shea of GOAL.

Association into disrepute. Some - not all - of such offenders are punished in varying degrees for their offences against the Association's code of conduct. It will therefore be most interesting to see what if any action will be taken against the Gladiators from Meath and Mayo who indulged in the worst brawl ever to disgrace the green sword of Croke Park, during Sunday's All-Ireland final replay.

President:

If we are to take it that the Association's President Mr. Jack Bootman, was giving the official line during an RTE interview when he side-stepped condemning the disgraceful brawl on the grounds that he did not wish to preempt whatever action the GAC would take in the matter, it is anyone's guess as to what will be done to the offenders.

The Dub:

In another TV programme, Dublin TD Tony Gregory who lives near Croke Park, when asked for his reactions to the brawl in which several of the men involved were seen to kick opponents, quoted Brendan Behan as saying: "Rugby is a gentlemen's game played by gentlemen; soccer is a gentleman's game played by gentlemen and Gaelic is a gentlemen's game played by gentlemen." Was the Deputy justified in broadcasting such strong sentiments JBD? N. Galway viewer. (The Ballot Box may in time answer your question - JBD).

Sad End:

A huge attendance at Listowel Races on Wednesday were stunned and dismayed as Ireland's leading steeplechaser Life of a Lord,

owned by Mr. Michael J. Clancy of Spiddal, shattered a foreleg and collapsed to the ground, in front of the Stand. As his gallant mount stopped, his distraught rider Charlie Swan leapt off his back and minutes later the Vet arrived to put the stricken animal out of his misery and pain.

Two Plates:

Trainer A.P. (Aidan) O'Brien said that it was terrible to see such an accident happen to the 10 year old with which he had won the Galway Plate two years in succession. Life of a Lord had won more than £177,000 and at the rate of steady improvement which he had been showing he could have possibly doubled that with the Aintree Grand National, next Spring and bring the world's greatest chase honours to Ireland for the first time in over 20 years.

History:

History was made at Cusack Park, Ennis on Saturday when for the first time ever, Scotland beat Ireland at home, in a Senior International Shinty match. Four of Galway's senior County players, Tom Helebert, Nigel Shaughnessy, Michael Coleman and Paraic Kelly, shared in the unexpected set-back. Seventy years ago in the 1920's Galway players, Ignus Harney and Mick Dervan both Tynagh, figured on the Irish team which defeated Scotland in Shinty in the revived Tailteann Games.

Good Show:

Despite Connacht's threatened demise as an interprovincial side, the fifteen men in green who took on Ulster in their own fortress at Ravenhill, Belfast on Saturday, put up a very

good show. After making the running, for much of the 80 minutes, Connacht faded towards the finish and lost by the narrow margin of 5 pts. on the score 32 - 27. Outstanding for Connacht was Blackrock full-back Brian Carey who did his prospects of higher things a power of good, with a magnificent all-round display.

Home-Bred:

Amongst Connacht's sparse home-bred contingent, Barry Gavin at No. 8 showed himself to be another great prospect. His work-rate was truly tremendous and he battled it out bravely to the bitter end when most of his teammates had had enough. Eric Elwood with a splendid tally from place kick - 5 penalties and a try - made a notable contribution to Connacht's cause with 22 points. It is manifestly unfair that a player of his service and quality may be outside the big money-earning bracket to be enjoyed by lesser men in the game.

Development?

There was an unexpected development for Ulster's Development XV at Ravenhill where Connacht's 'A' XV caused a sensation by beating the homesters development XV by 55 pts. to 43. Connacht's scorers were: O. Cobbe 2 pen. 2 con. 1 dr. gl., E. Molloy 3 con. 1 pen. M. Kieran 2 tries, M. Reilly, D. Reddan, R. Lee and P. Boland 1 try each. Ulster: N. Dick 3 tries, R. Wilson, S. Cowan, G. McCluskey try each, S. Cleve 5 cons. 1 pen.

Magnificent Seven:

Italian-born Frankie Dettori became the first jockey ever to ride all seven winners on the card at a British race meeting when he performed the feat at Ascot on Saturday. The accumulative odds of the seven winners were an astonishing 25,095 to 1. Followers of the brilliant young rider were reported to have won upwards of £9 million from the Bookmakers with one punter in Dublin winning £130,000 for a £20 bet and another in Cork with £110,000 for a £15 wager. One backer in Morecombe, England was reputed to have collected over £500,000 for a £60 combination of bets on Dettori's seven mounts. Saturday, 28th September, 1996 will long be remembered as "The day the bookies wept!" JBD.

Goners?

Dear JBD, Although the Galway footballers gave Mayo as good a game in the Connacht Championship as Meath did in the All-Ireland, not a single Galwayman was selected on the Rest of Ireland team to play the new champions at home in Navan on Tuesday. Mayo in contrast supplied five. Does that suggest that the Galway team to a man are 'goners' as of now? Orammore. (There must be a huge supply of 'goners' around as in all 23 other counties as well as Galway were not represented on the Rest of Ireland side - JBD).



Pictured at the Lady Presidents Day in Connemara Golf Club were, Lady President Anne Buell and Captain, John Byrne presenting first prize in the mens section to David Morimer (1) who won with a new course record 67 gross.

Around the Golf Clubs

Bailinrobe

Ladies - Gala Gay sponsored by Royal Tara, Rob House Fast Foods and Brenda O'Connor; 1, Geraldine Neville, Athenry 35 pts; 2, Angela Murphy 34 pts; gross, Angela Gill 26 pts; 3, Margaret O'Sullivan, Oughterard 33 pts; 4, Ina Hennelly, Claremorris 33 pts.

Category 1: Margaret Lavelle, Athenry 23 pts; Category 2: Mary Gannon, Tuam 32 pts; Category 3: Rose Dooley, Bailinrobe 31 pts.

Competitors had to contend with heavy rain and strong winds. Competitions sponsored by Tienan Electric, Bailinrobe. Ladies: 1, Helen Ryan; 2, Barbara King; gross Maura Joyce; 3, Frances Burke.

Category 1: Angela Murphy; Category 2: Nuala Guckian; Category 3: Ann Treacy. First Nine: Imelda Hughes; Second Nine: Emer Feerick.

Gents: 1, Vivian Duffy; 2, Tom Treacy; gross John Staunton; 3, Vincent Walsh.

Rathcarreen Cup Matchplay: 1, J. J. Gannon Junior; 2, Brian O'Lochlainn. Birmingham Cup: 1, John O'Shea; 2, Frank O'Dea.

Coming events: October 13, Ladies competition sponsored by Macks Bakery, October 20, End of Season Mixed Blitz.

Winter League - Ladies and gents, teams of 8, play on Saturday or Sunday. Please put your name on the notice sheet so that you can be included in the draw. Contact P. J. Moran at 092-41775 for further details.

Gort Lions Club

Gort and District Lions Club held a very successful Golf Am-Am in aid of a local charity at Gort Golf Course on Saturday last. Forty teams of four participated in the event which was sponsored by Joe and Sandra McInerney of the Lions Club.

These were the winners: 1, Michael O'Grady, Fr. Patrick Callanan, Maura O'Grady and Robin Lahiffe; 2, Mary Kealy, V. Forde, Celine Fahey and Bartley Hynes; 3, Kieran Keating, Michael McInerney, Martin Brennan and Jack Keaveney; 4, Willie Moran, Paddy O'Dea, Enda O'Dea and Ronan O'Dea; 5, Mike McGuire, John Lee, Tom Curley and Eugene Treacy.

Gort and District Lions Club President, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, handed over a cheque for £2,000 to Martin Collins, Chairman of the Committee set up to aid a local man who was seriously injured in an accident.

Loughrea

Results of competition 18 Hole Stroke. Sponsor: Corrib Fire Protection (G. Cannon); 1, Michael Earls 66 nett; 2, J. P. Cusack 69 nett (back 9); gross, Garry Madden 76 gross; 3, Michael Madden 79 nett. Category 1: Adrian Madden; Category 2: Barry Horgan; Category 3: Michael Daniels.

Saturday/Sunday, October 5/6, Fournal Betterball sponsored by Iggy's Bar (Athenry).

Club News: Michael Collins won the 1996 Golder of the Year. Social night Friday, October 11, 8.30 p.m. Video Quiz-Craic. All welcome.

Ladies results: Royal Tara competition, 1, Kay Dooley 45 pts; 2, Marie Morrissey 40 pts; gross, Mark O'Neill 20 pts; 3, Mary Ryan 38 pts. Category 2-1: Chris McNamara 38 pts; Category 2-2: Catherine McInerney 35 pts.

Saturday and Sunday, 5th and 6th October: 18 Hole Stroke sponsored by Glen C.

Oughterard

First National Building Society, 29/9/96. Stableford: 1, Eugene Lynam 40 pts; 2, Tom Hargrave 35 pts (back 9); gross, John Ferris 31 pts; 3, Joe Browne 39 pts.

Category 1: 1, Seamus Mitchell 37 pts; 2, Paul Oulley 36 pts; Category 8: 1, Damien Browne 38 pts; 2, Gerry S. Kelly 35 pts; Category C: 1, Cona Tannan 35 pts; 2, Padric Conroy 35 pts.

Padraig Pearces Golfing Society

The Society held its annual 'away' outing in Ennis Golf Club. A large entry enjoyed the hospitable reception and the challenging course offered by Ennis. Even the Gods smiled the departure of the final pair from the 18th green before unleashing a downpour.

Results: 1, net, Michael Burns; 2, Eugene Gershty; gross, Aiden Dooley; 3, net, Michael G. Kelly; 4, Kevin Dooley; 5, John Creaven; 2, gross, John Burns; 6, net, Martin Lyons.

First Nine: Padraig Kelly; Second Nine: John Kelly. Category 1: Tim Creaven; Category 2: Tom Mulvihill; Category 3: Killy Kilmarin.

Visitors Prize: Michael Lynch. Special Prize: Billy Creaven.

Tuam

Tuam Connacht Shield team won a dramatic final at Carrick-on-Shannon on Saturday in the second leg, winning by 31 to 11. With only one match to clinch the title, Tuam had to wait for the fourth pairing to seal the issue, with the final pairing on the 22nd hole. It was a great victory for Tuam, and ends a fantastic year in inter-club competitions. The team were Billy Winston/Jarlah Crasman, Jimmy Cleary/Joe Leuter Jnr., Michael Kaurin/Paddy Coyne, Billy Conniff/Richard Canavan, Vincent

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As the success of teams means extra expense to the club, it is expected all members will support the draw for valuable prizes, which takes place on October 27th.

Sunday next: Fahy & Co. 18 Holes Stableford, Timesheet. Meagher Memorial Cups: The semi-final and finals must be played before Friday, October 11th, as the presentation for the above competitions will take place on that night.

The results of last Sunday's Club competition were: 1, Pat Quinn 40 pts; 2, Val Goarke 34 pts; 3, Peter Ryan 34 pts; 4, Bill Lyons 33 pts.

Bailinasloe

Competition Saturday, 5th and Sunday, 6th October: Gents 18 Hole Stableford sponsored by T. Lucas. Winter League commences Saturday, 12th and Sunday, 13th October. Teams of 3 to be put on notice-board in main foyer.

Draw for Club Championship posted on notice board. Semi-final to be played by 6th October. Final to be played by 20th October.

Results of Senior Captain's Prize (Mr. Tommy Larkin), 25th September, 1, Fr. Mossey Dillane 41 pts; 2, Bernie Larkin 40 pts; 3, George O'Dea 39 pts; 4, Albie Flanagan 38 pts; 5, Sean Keely 38 pts.

Ladies Section: Result of 18 Hole Fourball, 24th September: 1, Ronnie Keely and Dor Killeen 44 pts; 2, Pat Goan and Ellen Brown 41 pts.

Tuesday, 8th October: 18 Hole Stableford, members prize. Ladies Winter League commences Saturday, 19th October. Names and entry fees to be submitted to Ladies Locker Room by Friday, 18th.

Gort

Results, Ladies Open Day, 19th September, Fourball Competition: 1, M. Carey and A. Fahy; 2, M. O'Grady and Margaret Kelleher; gross, S. Kearney and J. Kavanagh; 3, M. Kealy and K. Tierney.

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford, Tuesday, Sept. 24: Category A: M. Carey 37 pts; Category B: Margaret Kelleher 40 pts; Category C: K. Reeves 32 pts.

Mens Singles Stableford, Sunday, Sept. 22: 1, J. Regan 41 pts; 2, D. Burke 40 pts; gross, P. Jordan Jnr. 30 pts; 3, O. O'Donnell 38 pts.

Mounthelaw

The Club competition was cancelled last weekend due to the tragic death of Anthony Reynolds. The course was closed all day Sunday as a mark of respect.

Anthony was one of the most gifted players at club level. The club extends its sincere sympathy to his sister Mary Hyland, relatives and friends.

Fixture: Saturday, October 6, 18 Holes Stableford.

Connacht West Senior Alliance

First outing of the year at Galway Golf Club, Sunday, 6th October.

Athenry

Mens 18 Hole Stableford, 29/9/96: 1, Sean Mannion 42 pts pts; 2, Gerry Leyden 38 pts; gross, Mark King 38 pts; 3, Michael Kenny 37 pts; 4, Dennis Slynne 37 pts; 5, John Reidy 36 pts.

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford 29/9/96: 1, Veronica Cronin 35 pts; 2, Maureen Lawless 34 pts (back 9).

Fixtures for next weekend, Oct. 6: 18 Holes Singles (GOV). Timesheets - 8 a.m. to 3.17 p.m. Ring 794466.

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Great weekend for Connemara sides

THE preliminary round of the FAI Junior Cup took place last weekend and on a great day for Connemara sides McDara and West Coast United had two excellent wins.

AGS Palace created the surprise of the day as they defeated West United. Although beaten credit Turlough Celtic for a good performance against Crescent with St. Patrick's equally impressive in their performance with Mervue.

McDara.....4
St. Bernards.....3

McDara who hadn't the best of starts to the League were always a goal better than the previously unbeaten St. Bernards at Terryland Park.

The Carraro based side led three times before Gearoid O

Conghaile fired home a late winner.

It was a drive from J. J. McDonnacha that took a deflection off McWalter that put them ahead with Micheal McDonnacha slotting home a penalty after he was taken down in the area and Micheal O Curraoine who got the third.

St. Bernards for their part equalised every time McDara went ahead with John Dunne, Ger Rabblite, Patrick Donoghue getting their goals.

Despite a late flurry they failed to reply to O Conghaile's winner.

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West Coast United.....3

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Burke completed a satisfactory afternoon when he fired home the third after a long clearance by 'keeper O'Malley just three minutes from time.

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Alan Grant and equalise through John Keane after James Gaffney's free kick came back off the crossbar.

They notched the winner in the first half of extra time when Willie Brogan fired home in a goalmouth scramble.

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