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DUBLIN CHAMPIONS. TIPPERARY HURLERS BEATEN. MOCKLER'S GREAT DISPLAY.

DUBLIN, 5-4 (19pts.); TIPPERARY, 4-2 (14).

Since 1889 Dublin had not won the All-Ireland Hurling Championship until yesterday, when at Croke Park they defeated Tipperary by 5 goals 4 points to 4 goals 2 points in the final of the All-Ireland series. To accomplish this they had to put in more brilliant hurling and keep up a faster pace than in any game of their career.

A fine day of sunshine, good ground, sympathetic crowd – the greater part of 12,000 people present – were factors in their favour, not that these operated against the Tipperary team, which was the same as that which won the Munster Championship. But what Dublin lacked was the confidence of the Southern champions, who had nine “All-Irelands” to their credit against the Metropolitans’ single victory (1889). Despite the fact that Collegians had made a splendid selection, which included several seasoned hurlers from the Southern counties who had qualified by residence in the capital, the opinion of good judges – not the crowd – was that Tipperary would win just comfortably. But what a surprise was in store! Dublin gave a display which astonished even their own supporters.

TIPPERARY'S BELATED RALLIES.

When the teams took the field, Tipperary, who, by the way, were accompanied (for luck) by their famous ex-captain, Mr. M. Maher, did not strike a keen observer as a fast lot, but in the match they proved they were. Dublin looked the better trained so far as physical appearance went, and in the actual match they showed better staying powers, as well as superiority in speed, striking, and combination, the latter particularly. Were it not for a magnificent rally by Tipperary in the latter stages – five minutes – of the first half, Dublin would, we think, have had a very easy win. Before Tipperary scored Dublin had put in 2 goals and 2 points and there was a touch of irony in the fact that Bob Mockler, who helped Tipperary to win the All-Ireland championship in 1908, was directly responsible for two of the scores with magnificent hitting.

Six mins. before the interval Tipperary got their first goal, and a min. before the short whistle blew they notched another. Dublin thus led at the interval by 2-2 to 2-0. In the second half Dublin gave a brilliant display, simply outclassing Tipperary, and putting on five scores (3 goals 2 pts) in succession after Tipperary's first point. In the last four minutes of the game Tipperary got 2 goals and 1 point, but one of the goals was the result of a bad mistake by Daly, the Dublin custodian, who otherwise played brilliantly.

CONSIDINE'S GREAT GOAL.

It is hardly necessary to say that the enthusiasm was unbounded. At times, indeed, it affected the players and made them wild in their methods. Part of the first half's play – after Dublin gained their big lead, was particularly of a scrambling nature. The passages, however, preceding Dublin's scores in the second half were of the most brilliant description. The overhead hitting of Mockler in defence, and combination between Considine and Burke on the Dublin right wing quite nonplussed the Tipperary men. Dublin's fourth goal by Considine will not readily be forgotten, as it was from a flying pass by Burke, and from 40 yards out near the touch line, he drove the ball at lightning speed into the net. Considine had come into the game early as a substitute for H. Burke (injured) and he became quite a hero.

THE PLAY.

First Half. – Tipperary rushed from the throw-in and forced a "70." Leahy driving wide. Mockler put Dublin attacking, but the Tipperary defence was good, and from the clearance Fitzgerald severely tested Daly in the Dublin goal. Stuart led another Dublin attack, which Power stopped. Hard play in neutral ground followed until M. Hayes and Mockler opened out for Dublin. Neville shot wide. At the other end Hayes and Daly saved the Dublin posts in turn, while Leahy shot wide. Donovan and Burke headed a Dublin rush. The latter shot, and O'Meara cleared his goal finely. Dublin had a free just over the centre in their own half and Mockler with a perfect delivery scored the first point in 9 mins. Fitzpatrick made a vain effort to get through for Tipperary, but Donovan cleared, and Mockler sent further off. Dublin played strongly and O'Meara had to concede a "70" from Burke's shot. Again Mockler's unerring aim produced a point. Tipperary looked like doing something tangible. Donovan, however, proved a great spoiler of movements before they developed real danger. Leahy shot wide, and then Mockler let Dublin down. In exciting play H. Burke was hurt, and he retired, letting Considine on. Tipperary were soon attacking again when Collison shot wide. Afterwards the Dublin defence came out of a gruelling with honours. Daly brought off a marvellous save by running along the goal-line towards touch and juggling the ball on his hurley. A sudden change took place as Considine and Moore led up to a Dublin attack, in which Mockler participated. Considine placed to Phelan, who netted

the ball. At the end of a Tipperary rush M. Leahy shot wide. Neville, for Dublin, had a nice try cleared by Doherty, but immediately regained possession and scored a goal. Tipperary made a great spurt after this. From a free by Leahy, Skelly rushed the ball through for their first goal. Two 70's to Tipperary followed, and Collison goaled off the second, amidst a scene of wild enthusiasm. Although they attacked again hotly, they could not further reduce Dublin's lead and the interval came with the score: Dublin, 2-2; Tipperary, 2-0.

Second Half, - The resumption was quiet. J. Leahy soon scored a point for Tipperary from a free. Two wides for Dublin caused their supporters anxiety. Daly cleared the Dublin goal well later, and a free gave needed relief to the Metropolitans. Doherty repulsed a Dublin attack and Leahy put his forwards in possession without avail, the chance being missed. Mockler, Considine and Phelan at this stage put in some grand

execution. The first named scored a goal, and in the next minute was the means of breaking up a Tipperary rush. Burke, receiving, placed for Considine, who took the ball on the run and shot a magnificent goal. It was hard luck on Tipperary that W. Dwyer was forced to retire injured. O'Donnell being on to fill the gap. Before Tipperary could settle down Mockler placed well for Phelan, who also found the net. Dublin were constantly in possession now. F. Burke with a great shot added a point. Then Daly in the Dublin goal performed a great save, and Ryan, who hustled the Tipperary forwards effectively throughout the game, completed the clearance of the Dublin lines. Considine and Moore helped to gain further ground, and the Tipperary posts had a narrow shave from Cleary's shot. Dublin were still having the mastery, and Stuart had a fine drive turned wide. The goal deliveries of Tipperary were invariably of great length, and from one of them Hyde saved. Leahy stopped his clearance and shot wide.

Fitzpatrick (Tipperary) was hurt and replaced by P. Dwyer. After a minute's delay Dublin were pressed, and Daly (goal) and Hyde brought off saves amid tremendous cheering, which broke out afresh when Burke and Phelan broke through in combination, and the latter scored a point. There was a slackening of pace on Dublin's part - perhaps involuntary - and Tipperary spurted. Skelly had a great shot stopped by Daly, who, however, could not prevent P. Dwyer getting possession and shooting a goal. Dublin forced a "70." which Mockler placed finely. The ball went wide from the scrimmage. Tipperary came away immediately, and Collison placed a nice point, which was immediately followed by a goal from M. Leahy, who rushed Daly when he stopped a shot and was slow in clearing. This was the last score of the match. Dr. Ryan, the Dublin captain, was carried shoulder-high to the pavilion, where cheering was long continued by the Dublin supporters.

Mr W. Walsh (Waterford) as referee was most painstaking, and got through his task with satisfaction to all.

THE TEAMS.

Dublin - T. Daly (goal), J. Hyde, Dr. J. M. Ryan (capt.), J. O'Donovan, F. Burke, O. Stuart, J. Phelan (Collegians), R. Mockler, T. Moore, J. Cleary, H. Burke, M. Neville, M. Hackett (Faughs), P. Kennefick, M. Hayes (Rapps-Comms.).

Tipperary - J. Leahy (capt.), J. Power, W. Dwyer, J. Nagle, P. Leahy, J. Doherty, R. Walshe, W. Dwyer (Boherlahan), H. Skelly, M. Leahy (Thurles), J. Shanahan (Killenauc), S. Hackett, J. O'Meara (goal) (Toomevara), J. Collison (Moneygall), J. Fitzpatrick (Two-Mile-Borris).