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LIMERICK WIN. ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONS. LIMERICK, 9-5 (32pts); WEXFORD, 1-3 (6).

Yesterday, at Croke Park, the final of last year's All-Ireland Hurling Championship was decided as above. There were between 9,000 and 10,000 spectators when the teams took the field. As to the game, it was disappointing, and proved the most uninteresting witnessed for many years. The Limerick team, which played as originally selected, gave a good all-round exhibition, and were superior in every phase of the contest. Wexford failed to fulfil the expectations of their followers.

After the contest, Alderman Nowlan, President of the Association, presented to Mr. W. Hough, the Limerick captain, the cup presented by the Great Southern and Western Railway. It may be stated that this is Limerick's second triumph in a hurling final, their previous win taking place as far back as 1897. The winning team are due to play the Dublin selection on Feb. 9th for the final of the National Aid Tournament.

THE PLAY.

LIMERICK WELL AHEAD AT INTERVAL.

Fogarty got away for Wexford on the throw-in, when the Limerick half missed, but Hough held them up and Limerick got going until P. Lambert cleared to the side line. Fogarty being fouled, Wexford were awarded a free. Leary's puck made little ground and Limerick came along for Barry to open the scoring for Munster by shooting over the bar. Limerick returned the goal puck, and McGonkey, getting possession, shot Limerick's second point. Wexford got the better of some exchanges at the centre, but the Limerick defence proved sound. Leary first, and afterwards Fortune, beating them off. Cummins was responsible for Wexford getting down, when Hough repulsed, and Troy made Limerick's third point.

Lambert and Murphy were conspicuous for Wexford, who could make little impression. Leary got hurt, and play was stopped for a short while. Resuming, Ryan got away, but Fogarty stopped him, and drive to Kavanagh, who scored a point for Wexford, after 10 mins. gone. Leary got in a good drive for Wexford: Hough repulsed cleverly and Barry and Ryan having made ground, Stafford conceded a "70." which Gleeson drove wide. Play was near the centre when J. Fortune missed a free, but Kavanagh sent it on, and Gleeson returned. Limerick, per McConkey, looked well for a score when Stafford in goal made a fine save. The Munster men returned, and W. Ryan beat Stafford for a goal. For a time Wexford defended well but Limerick were not to be denied, and the ball was rushed into the net. McConkey soon afterwards shot a good goal. Before Wexford could recover, D. Ryan scored another goal. W. Gleeson repeating the performance in the same minute. The back division of Wexford were just now very

busy. Leary, Murphy and Stafford getting through a lot of work. Cummins at last got through for Wexford, but Hough and Ryan headed a counter-rush, when a foul gave relief to Wexford. Lanigan held them up, and Barry sending to McGrath, the latter scored a grand point. Another free to Wexford gave further relief. Fortune and Neville working down and Cummins shot over the bar. Fogarty sending wide immediately afterwards. P. McInerney stopped Wexford, and Gleeson sent in a fast shot, which Fortune stopped. Gleeson sent in a fast shot, which Fortune stopped, but the ball went over for a "70." which was not improved upon. There was no further score before the interval, when Limerick led by 5-4 to 0-2.

LIMERICK'S EASY WIN.

Murphy came away for Wexford on resuming and Fagan getting possession a score looked certain until Murphy, the Limerick custodian, cleared. Lanigan and Ryan headed a Limerick

rush, when McConkey placed for McGrath to shoot in the net. The play just now was confined to the Wexford end, Limerick attacking with much vigour. A lengthy goal puck by Stafford was returned by Ryan, when Stafford made a great save, but Gleeson got possession and shot a great goal, after the ball had struck the cross-bar. Kavanagh headed a fine rush for Wexford, but McInerney held them up. M. Murphy and Fogarty made ground for Wexford. A foul unfortunately spoiled but Gleeson's free was stopped by Leary, and play was momentarily in Limerick ground. A free to Wexford and Leary sent down a grand shot which McInerney cleared. Roche and Neville got going for Wexford, who were again beaten off, and, Limerick gaining a "70." Barry got on and sent the ball into the net. In the next minute Wexford worked to the other end, where Kavanagh shot wide, Ryan doing the same for Limerick a minute later. After M. Leary had saved for Wexford they got along the right wing and gained a "70." free. Leary, with a splendid effort, sending the sphere into the net, and with ten minutes to go,

spectators began to leave the ground. A last bout by Wexford wound up in Murphy scoring a point. After this the Munster representatives again assumed the upper hand, McConkey scoring a goal, while a little later McGrath added on a point, the final whistle leaving Limerick easy winners. Mr. W. Walsh, as referee, performed the duties satisfactory.

THE TEAMS.

Limerick – W. Hough (capt). P. McInerney, D. Lannigan, R. McConkey, W. Gleeson, J. Keane, M. Rochford, D. Troy, T. McGrath, M. Murphy (goal), P. Barry, W. Ryan, J. Humphries, P. Kennedy, R. Ryan.

Wexford – M. Cummins (capt). M. Stafford (goal), C. Hyland, D. Kavanagh, P. Roche, J. Leary, J. Fortune, R. Walsh, M. Leary, J. Sinnott, J. Fogarty, M. Neville, M. Murphy, P. Fagan, R. Lambert.