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## CORK HURLERS.

CHAMPIONS AFTER 15 YEARS.

DASHING DISPLAY IN DUBLIN.

**CORK.....6-4. DUBLIN.....2-4.**

Despite the continued withholding of special train facilities, the crowd at the All-Ireland Hurling final yesterday numbered over 20,000. The ground was fully taxed to hold all the people who came to see Dublin and Cork battle for premier hurling honours. Judging by the display of enthusiasm at the finish, there were hundreds of Cork supporters amongst them and these rushed on the field and carried several players shoulder-high out of the ground. They had reason to feel very proud of the team which represented the Southern capital for its display was one of the best ever witnessed in Croke Park. Speed, dash, sure tackling and stopping and accurate hitting were the outstanding features, and notwithstanding the great vigour of the game there was, we are happy to state, not a single accident to a player.

So completely did Cork assert themselves early in the game that the enthusiasm of the Dublin crowd – which from its great bulk would have been heard far and wide – was never given an opportunity of displaying itself in a high key. The cheers and applause which greeted the great saves by Daly in the Dublin goal were naturally in restricted tones. But the Cork supporters went wild with joy as goal after goal was driven through the rocking Dublin defence. Hats were waved and jigs danced. This almost delirious excitement might not unnaturally have spread to the players who provoked it by their splendid success. But, except in one or two instances, the hurlers never wavered from their steady game, and they literally swept Dublin before them until they had put up a safe and winning scoring margin.

## GAME AT A GLANCE

### FIRST HALF

Frees 70's Wides Overs Goals Points

Cork	2	0	6	4	4	2
Dublin	2	0	3	4	1	1

Cork Scores – Goal, 9 mins.; goal, 14 mins.; point, 20½ mins.; goal, 25 mins. 20 secs.; goal, 20 mins. Dublin – Point, 3 mins.; goal, 20 mins. Two goals scored by Cork disallowed.

### SECOND HALF

Frees 70's Wides Overs Goals Points

Cork	3	4	4	2	2	2
Dublin	1	0	4	3	1	3

Scores – Cork – Point, 2 mins.; point, 5 mins.; goal, 9 mins.; goal, 10 mins. Dublin – point, 3½ mins.; point 17 mins.; goal, 24 mins.; point, 28 mins.

Dublin, although showing none of the brilliance that helped them to overcome Kilkenny, stood up manfully, but they were clearly outpaced and outplayed. Mockler in the centre field, and Daly between the posts, played with a nil desperandum spirit that was edifying. The metropolitans made a great fight in the last quarter of an hour, when their task was hopeless owing to Cork's big margin, but their work always lacked the method of Cork's. Dublin's forwards were not so incisive, nor their defence so resourceful, with the single exception of Daly, in goal. Spells of ground play in the match were extraordinarily frequent, and in this phase of tactics especially Cork showed great superiority.

The Cork players, who were drawn from ten clubs, trained specially at Youghal. The Dublin players went no further than Terenure, the Collegians headquarters, where the bulk of the team were practically at home. They were favourites at the start, and their defeat is the third or fourth surprise of the G.A.A. championships this year.

The Artane Band in addition to playing the teams around the grounds before the match, performed a pleasing selection during the interval. The arrangements in the hands of the Central Council secretary, Mr. L. J. O'Toole, were admirable on the whole, but if the games are to be accurately recorded by the Press better accommodation will have to be provided.

## THE PLAY. DUBLIN OPENS THE SCORING.

Dublin played for the city goal facing a strong sun. On the throw-in of the ball Tom Hayes and James Murphy let Dublin away, Considine shooting wide. Cork made tracks from the goal puck but the sphere was driven into touch in goal. A huge goal delivery put Dublin on the attack, when Moore and Considine participated. Dublin getting a free Mockler drew first blood by shooting over the crossbar. Play was at the centre when Cork was awarded a free. Ring sent in a nice ball which was eventually driven inches wide. From a second free to Ring, the ball again dropped wide. Murphy drove down for Cork, when Lucey sent over a nice cross, but Jack Ryan and Clery beat them off. Cork returned, and Dr. Ryan repulsed, and fast play between Neville and Considine resulted in a wide. Cork got away and Hassett sent to Lucey, from whom Daly made a marvellous save. The Corkmen returned, and a fast bout between Nagle, Gorman, and Lucy resulted in a goal, Daly misjudging the ball.

### KENNEDY'S DASH.

In a Dublin move a foul spoiled, the resulting free putting Cork on the attack. This ended in the ball going inches wide. The pace was very fast, and Cork were just now doing best. A drive by Clery was nullified by Murphy. The Cork forwards swept in, Kennedy rushed Daly and the ball into the net. Jack Ryan made ground for Dublin, Jas. Murphy sending further, but a wide resulted. The Lee-siders were still holding the upper hand, and when Jack Ryan and Tom Hayes sent into Cork ground, Hassett nullified. Mockler, safe and untiring in the centre field, got in a grand drive to the forwards. They were slow, and Grey in goal cleared. Neville recovered the advantage, and the latter netted the ball.

Cork got away with the goal delivery, Kennedy shooting a point. The play was immediately at the other end, where Phelan shot wide. Once more play swung quickly around, and Hyde effected a great save. The Dublin custodian was deservedly applauded. Following another wide by Cork came a grand run along the wing by Hassett. He sent to Gorman in the centre. Hyde went to tackle the receiver, who slipped the ball past him to Kennedy, who was then left absolutely free to get in a lightening shot, which gave Daly no chance of saving. Kennedy shot the ball over the cross-bar in the next minute. The Leesiders were still holding the upper hand. First Hyde, and next Mockler, beat them off, but there was no keeping them out, and Kennedy wound up a fast attack by shooting into the net. Dublin now got on the attack, and although the forwards lacked combination they nearly scored a goal. Shaun Murphy made a marvellous save, and Cork, rushing down the field, Kennedy scored an offside goal. Cork continued the attack, and Kennedy scored another goal, which was ruled out for an infringement. This was shortly before the interval, which arrived with Cork leading 4-2 to 1-1.

#### **MOCKLER A MARKSMAN.**

On the restart, Cork got away. A foul pulled them up. Play was at the centre, when Cork got a free, and Hassett's puck went amongst the forwards who forced a "70" free. Hassett, with a grand puck, sent over the cross-bar. Dublin rushed away, and when a score looked promising, the ball was driven wide. Dublin were doing well just now. Taking the sphere off the ground, Mockler scored a great point from halfway. At the other end Cork forced another "70" free, off which Hassett scored a point. Fast play brought Dublin to the other end, when, in a sharp attack, Burke shot inches wide. Cork were immediately busy at the other end, when Daly came out twice in succession to save his posts. Still, Cork forced another "70." Dublin cleared but Ring returned. Daly, in trying to nullify a great effort by Lucy, dropped the ball which went into the net.

The cheering had scarcely subsided when Barry Murphy sent a flying ball into the net. A good drive by Mockler being returned by Hassett, the Dublin posts were surrounded. Hyde cleared, by the Leesiders returned, for Gorman to shoot wide. A free to Cork near the

centre put the forwards again in possession, Daly, leaving the goal fully 10 yards, effected a good save. The Dubliners forced their way down the field, and Considine shot inches wide. In the next minute Mockler, with a great shot, scored a point. This Dublin rally was resumed after Cork had paid an unsuccessful visit. They had certainly hard lines, as first Shawn Murphy and next Gray, in goal, saved what looked like a certain major score. Dublin were still fighting hard, and Gray was again called on. At this period many spectators were leaving the ground and hundreds did not see the ball rushed into the net for Dublin's second goal. Play was at the centre when M. Murphy put Cork again on the attack, but Hyde beat them off. They returned for Nagle, when a "70" free was forced. Hayes cleared the free, and then Cork had a wide. Dublin attacked in the closing minutes and Neville first, Sean Murphy and next Gray, in goal, saved.

#### **THE TEAMS.**

**Cork** – J. Kennedy (capt.), E. Gray (goal), J. O'Keefe (Carrigtwohill), O. Sheehan (Redmonds), P. Halloran, J. Nagle (St. Mary's), Sean Murphy, B. Aherne (Blackrock), M. Murphy (Rangers), J. Murphy (Cloughdur), R. O'Gorman (Midleton), F. Kelleher (Shamrocks), J. Hassett, O. Lucy (Collegians), D. Ring (Finbarrs).

**Dublin** – O. Stuart (capt.), T. Daly (goal), J. Hyde, M. Hayes, J. Ryan, J. Cleary, Dr. J. M. Ryan, T. Hayes, R. Mockler, J. Phelan, Jas Murphy, F. Burke, T. Moore, M. Neville, B. Considine.

Mr. W. Walsh (Waterford) was an efficient referee.