

Carmmore Go On A Scoring Spree

Carmmore 4-14
Athlery 0-5

PLAYING as if every stroke was crucial, each shot at goal was a test of character and each score was a triumph. Carmmore proceeded to humiliate Athlery in the county senior hurling championship at Pearse Stadium on Sunday and put themselves in the running for a place in the quarter finals. Only Turfoughmore can now deny them that honour.

Their defence functioned with amazing co-ordination and gave no openings to a shaggyish Athlery forward division. Athlery had to field without P. J. Molloy who was confined as a result of an operation on his nose to having a mentor's role, the county star, whose recent spell in hospital will keep him out of the game for two months, was a big loss to Athlery and except for Tom Cloonan and Pascal Healy the team gave a very poor display.

Jimmy Hughes was coolness personified in goals while veteran Padraig Fahy reminded all present of that proven ability that once made him one of the county's top forwards. Athlery opened with a flourish and Mixie Donoghue picked off a point in the third minute. Two minutes later Sean Murphy levelled from a free and after seven minutes Martin Grealish tapped a rebound to the Athlery net.

In the tenth minute Pascal Healy stroked a neat 65 metres free high between the Carmmore posts and it seemed as if something was about to happen to upset Carmmore's designs. Unfortunately for Athlery this threat was, like the Lough Ness monster, more shadow than substance.

A goal by Carmmore's James Noone was followed by a Sean Murphy point. Pascal Healy lofted another 65 over the Carmmore bar but Carmmore now hit back even harder with scores from Brian Fox 1-1, Fergus Madden 0-1 and Sean Murphy 0-1, leaving the interval score at 4-5 to 0-3 in Carmmore's favour.

Billy Caulfield moved outfield from Athlery's goals after the interval in a bid to strengthen the forward division and Mattie Gannon went into goal. But three minutes into this period, Sean Murphy blasted a powerful shot to Athlery's net. Athlery put on a spurt and looked as if they might surrace to their expected form. Pascal Healy swapped points with Padraig Fahy but Athlery's centrefield pair of John Burke and Pierce Coffey could neither curb their opposites nor keep their own forwards supplied. James Noone and Martin Grealish (2) added further points for Carmmore and the answer of Gerry Holian's point did nothing to halt the march of the Carmmore men. Brian Fox, Padraig Fahy (2), substitute Jim Cummins, and Martin Grealish scored points with singular ease before the end.

Carmmore: Jimmy Hughes, Tom Fox, John Fox, Martin Sheridan, Michael Hanley, Tom Lenthian, Malachy Hanley, Fergus Madden 0-1, James Walsh, Brian Fox 1-2, Sean Murphy 1-3, Eamon McDonagh, Martin Grealish 1-3, Padraig Fahy 0-3, James Noone 1-1. Substitute Jim Cummins 0-1 for Noone.

Athlery: Billy Caulfield, Jarlath Cloonan, Tom Cloonan, Tom Page, Ger Waldron, Pascal Healy 0-3, Dermot Monahan, John Burke, Pierce Coffey, Ger Holian 0-1, Mixie Donoghue 0-1, Michael Gardner, Vincent Kelly, Mattie Gannon, Jack Shea.

Referee: Joe Mitchell, Kinvara.

Carmore Bring Loughrea Gallop To Abrupt Halt

Carmore 3-9 :: Loughrea 2-8

by JOHN McINTYRE

LOUGHREA SENIOR HURLERS surprising gallop to Sunday's stage of the County Championship was halted at the third last obstacle in the title race by a much improved and more experienced Carmore side in an uninspiring Quarter Final tie that only came to life in the closing minutes at Kenny Park, Athenry.

Having performed so admirably in reaching the knock out stages undefeated, Loughrea's display was frankly disappointing, particularly in the second half when the 'chips were down' and apart from brief periods in the opening thirty minutes they failed to reproduce their splendid group form.

In hindsight, they have only themselves to blame for this reversal as at the interval the East Galway men seemed to be coasting to a comfortable success and with wind assistance to come a repeat of their convincing group victory over Carmore looked inevitable.

However, Loughrea did not play with the same flare and urgency on the resumption and allowed what had been a largely outplayed Carmore back into the game. Indeed by the thirty eighth minute Carmore had succeeded in wiping out their opponents half time advantage of four points.

In any event one can only ponder what the outcome would have been had not Loughrea suffered two cruel blows in the first half. A head injury to Iggy Clarke who was having a fine game at midfield, reduced considerably his influence on the proceedings from the twenty eighth minute onwards, while an injury to full back Jim Curley forced his retreat at the break.

As a consequence Loughrea's rhythm was seriously disrupted and the resulting reshufflings in their ranks led to a disheartened showing in the second half and there is little doubt the injuries to two such key players was an unfortunate contribution to their downfall.

Nevertheless one cannot take away from Carmore's ability to recover from a poor opening and they played much better hurling in the final half with their forwards making more headway against the Loughrea defence, which was in obvious disarray following Curley's departure. And although the Carmore attack did not pick off scores with any great degree of proficiency, they at least worried their markers into giving away frees, three of which

were converted by Jimmy Noone in the vital early minutes of the second half.

BAD MISSES

In contrast the Loughrea free takers—first John Leahy and later Peter Murphy—were uncharacteristically off target from a number of scorable place balls with the result that for all their territorial advantage Loughrea only led by four points at half time.

Carmore started in dream fashion when County under 21 panellist Martin Grealish scrambled a delivery from useful left half back Malachy Hanley to the net after only two minutes of play. Loughrea hit back with points from corner forward Gerry Conway and John Leahy (free) prior to Leahy levelling matters in the eighth minutes when he was on hand to take advantage of a badly hit free by Carmore's Martin Sheridan.

And they took the lead midway through the half when Gerry Conway expertly placed full forward Gerry Maher for a fine goal. Jimmy Noone reduced the deficit with a pointed free, following a foul on Sean Murphy—the first time in the game that the wily veteran had managed to obtain possession, a tribute to the spoiling work of Loughrea centre half back Martin Bruton.

Iggy Clarke was on target from a long range free in the twenty-third minute before John Leahy, making amends for some wayward free taking, flashed over a delightful point having left his marker for dead with a devastating burst of speed shortly afterwards.

Midfielder Jimmy Walsh kept Carmore in touch

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collection of the pitch. A few very disgruntled supporters even went home.

Eventually the turnstiles were opened, but there was such an influx of people they were just unable to cope. Indeed at the main entrance a queue of a small door was opened and only ticket holders were being allowed entry, one very frustrated supporter, who had no ticket and was willing to pay, vented his anger by striking a top Hurling Board officer.

On enquire, I learned that the reason for the late inspection was because it had only just stopped raining. Later I walked around the pitch and while admittedly there were some muddy areas, there seemed little justification for a late and lengthy inspection.

Meanwhile, further dissent has been expressed throughout the county at the fixing of the Senior Hurling Championship semi-finals for different venues on Sunday next. The Castlegar-Carmore confrontation will take place in Pearse Stadium, while the clash of Kiltormer and Tommie Larkins has been fixed for Duggan Park, Ballinasloe at the same time. Surely the hurling followers is worthy of more consideration, since the vast majority would have been anxious to see both games if not at the same venue, then certainly at times that did not clash.

South Galway Athletes' Clean Sweep

The South Galway Athletic Club athletes who produced such excellent performances in recent weeks at County Championships gave further outstanding displays in the Connacht Regional Championships at Roscommon on Sunday.

They won fifteen gold, 19 silver and 12 bronze medals and made a clean sweep of the girls under 13 and girls under 14 discus events taking first, second and third places in each of the events.

Twenty five members of the club qualified for the All-Ireland finals. They are: David Casey, Colin Casey, Mary Stanford, James Fahy and Niall Clabby from Gort; Michael Curtin, P. O'Sullivan and Theresa Mahon from Kiltartan; Gerry Burke from Crossford; John Dooley, Nora Dooley, Mary Dooley and Nuala Healy from Peterswell; Shelly Carey from Derrybrien, Christy Broderick from Ballyturn and Marie Cooke from Kilbeacanty.

CARNMORE BRING LOUGHREA GALLOP TO ABRUPT HALT

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with a nice point on the run, but it was Loughrea who finished the half in style with points from frees by Peter Murphy and Iggy Clarke. For the second half Loughrea introduced Ferdie Whelan for the injured Jim Curley. This forced Martin Bruton to switch to full back and also led to Iggy Clarke's move to centre back—a position not suited to his undoubted talents. Whelan entered the fray at midfield.

It did not take Carnmore long to exploit the disorganisation among the Loughrea defenders who were forced to concede frees to prevent scores. However, they were made to pay for their indiscretions as Jimmy Noone pointed three frees in the first seven minutes of the second half and they equalised a minute later when full forward Padraic Fahy robbed Bruton and passed to Sean Murphy, who turned quickly to shoot over a well constructed point.

DECISIVE ROLE

Brendan Commins, later to play a decisive role in the game's destiny, replaced Brian Fox in the Carnmore attack before they took the lead in the eleventh minute when midfielder Fergus Madden pointed following a good run by Galway football star Seamus McHugh.

Loughrea, now struggling throughout the field, worked up the field where Gerry Conway obtained possession thirty yards from the Carnmore posts. He took off on a solo run before crossing the ball to the lurking John Leahy who crashed the ball past the Carnmore goalkeeper Jimmy Hughes. They stretched their lead further when Peter Murphy was on target from a free.

The off-form Patsy McDonagh was replaced by Michael Tierney and with twelve minutes remaining Loughrea looked the more likely to advance to the semi finals. However, Carnmore dominated the closing quarter and they equalised when the alert Padraic Fahy finished the rebound of a save by goalkeeper Christy Daniels from a shot by Sean Murphy to the net.

Both sides had their chances to notch up further scores but it was Carnmore with their "tails up" who seized their chance four minutes from the final whistle—a crossfield ball by Fergus Madden was pulled on by substitute Brendan Commins, whose shot somehow beat Christy Daniels between the Loughrea posts for a rather softish goal. Seamus McHugh had the insurance score when he pointed just on full time.

This was a game that was spoiled by bunching in the middle of the field and Carnmore will need to show immense improvement for their semi final clash against Castlebar and will also have to overcome their tendency in recent games of starting slowly. On Sunday, Loughrea lacked the experience and maturity to take advantage of their opponents' weakness in this regard.

Jimmy Hughes had an outstanding game between the Carnmore posts and made a number of vital saves in the second half. Malachy Hanley was his side's most impressive defender, while full back John Fox was fairly successful in curbing the movements of Loughrea's Gerry Maher.

MIDFIELD PROBLEMS

Midfield had its problems but both James Walsh and Fergus Madden began to shine once Iggy Clarke made his departure from the scene. In attack Seamus McHugh caused problems for the Loughrea defence with his bursts of speed in the second half, while Sean Murphy also made more headway after the interval, no doubt benefiting from Martin Bruton's enforced change to the full line. Corner forward Martin Grealish looked lively throughout but promised more than he delivered.

Loughrea hardly expected to advance to the quarter finals in their first campaign in the senior hurling championship since the early '70s and with a bit more luck could have qualified for the semi finals. Next year they should represent a more formidable challenge to the top teams, but will need improvement in the full back line and at midfield.

Martin Bruton (first half), Jim Curley (until his retirement) and Jack Mahony were Loughrea's best defenders, although Brendan Mahony opened promisingly but as the game wore on came off second best in his duel with Seamus McHugh.

Iggy Clarke was having a splendid outing prior to his unfortunate injury in the closing minutes of the opening half. Gerry Conway worked hard in attack and created both goals, while John Leahy took his scores well, but marred a fair display with his poor free taking. Gerry Maher and Peter Murphy were not as prominent as usual, while John Boland is still clearly hampered to a great degree by his knee injury.

Carnmore scorers: J. Noone 0-5, all frees; M. Grealish, P. Fahy and B. Commins 1-0 each; S. McHugh, F. Madden, J. Walsh and S. Murphy 0-1 each.

Loughrea scorers: J. Leahy 1-3, 0-1 from frees; G. Maher 1-0; I. Clarke 0-2, both frees; P. Murphy 0-2, both frees and G. Conway 0-1.

Carnmore: Jimmy Hughes, Tom Fox, John Fox, Martin Sheridan, Michael Hanley, Michael Lenihan, Malachy Hanley, Fergus Madden, James Walsh, Seamus McHugh, Sean Murphy, Brian Fox, Martin Grealish, Padraic Fahy, Jimmy Noone. Subs.: Brendan Cummins for Brian Fox.

Loughrea: Christy Daniels, Pat Brogan, Jim Curley, Paddy Leahy, Jack Mahony, Martin Bruton, Brendan Mahony, Iggy Clarke, Patsy McDonagh, John Leahy, John Boland, Peter Murphy, Michael McCormack, Gerry Maher and Gerry Conway. Subs.: Ferdie Whelan for Curley (injured) and Michael Tierney for McDonagh.

Referee: Michael Quaine.

Roscommon then had the opportunities to obtain the winning score but it would have been a travesty of justice had they deprived Galway of a share of the spoils.

Corner back John Fallon was Galway's most accomplished player and he received good support in defence from Rodger Kiely (second half) and Davy Walsh in the first half. Goalkeeper David Colbert was sound although. Indeed the Galway defence was basically sound with Gerry Brennan recovering well from a poor opening when switched to full back.

The Galway midfield partnership of Gerry Mullan and Peter Greaney dominated for the most with Greaney's workrate being particularly praiseworthy. In attack, Tom McHugh in particular, Brian Barrett and Martin Commins achieved most — a department which needs improvement for the replay.

Gerry Dolan, M. J. Martin, Tom O'Brien, Pat Gaynor and to a lesser degree Paul Earley and Raymond Regan played with most aplomb for the title holders.

Roscommon scorers — T. O'Brien 0-4 (0-2 from frees), R. Regan, S. Flynn, S. McNeill and E. Walsh (free) 0-1 each.

Galway scorers — T. McHugh 0-4 (0-2 from frees), B. Barrett and M. Commins (frees) 0-2 each.

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Road Race On Inis Mor

One of the featured events in Patron Inis Mor — being held on the largest of the Aran Islands from July 2nd to 4th — will be the six mile road race on the Sunday (1 p.m.).

The event is open to teams of eight as well as to individuals and a large number of Gaeltacht Clubs, in particular, are expected to enter. The local club Einne GAA Club will field a team. Enquiries can be made to Aine Tierman at 099-61228.

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MURPHY GUIDES CARNMORE TO THRILLING WIN

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CARNMORE 2-10
TURLOUGHMORE 2-9

PLAYED at a feverish pace right from the throw-in, the second half at Pearse Stadium on Sunday was a pulsating encounter of two evenly matched teams and, while Turloughmore were defeated by a last minute point from the hurley of former county star Padraig Fahy, Carnmore almost caused their own downfall through the same poor marksmanship that had dogged their efforts during their defeat by Loughrea in the first round of the County Senior Hurling Championship series.

This was a hard fought match with neither side conceding an inch and following up concessions on the scoreboard with similar scores of their own. While there was no obvious rancor, there were innumerable punishing exchanges as players gave as much as they themselves had to take.

Turloughmore started without Joe Greaney, who had received a dozen stitches in a wound during a recent inter-county game. During the second half he took over from John Doyle but his impact was negligible. In fact, Doyle himself was not having a bad game when substituted.

The abiding memory was the superb performance of Sean Murphy for Carnmore. If he continues to play like this the county senior selectors will have no alternative but recall this great-hearted player to the county team. Forget his 36 years. He could give a ten years advantage to many a player, because of his tremendous skill, commitment, strength and stamina.

His colleague from former inter-county battles, Padraig Fahy will be classed as the saviour of Carnmore because of his last minute point. Still, if there must be a winning score, that honour must go to Martin Grealish's goal seconds before the half-time whistle. This score was the bonus Carnmore needed, as it could just as easily have happened that a Turloughmore goal could have come at that stage.

This game flowed and ebbed like the Salthill tide, with just a ripple of scores to adorn the first half, but with a flood of most extraordinary scoring in the second period that continued the trend changing fortunes.

Carnmore are something of an enigma as they give the distinct impression that it was not their expectation to go so far in the County Cup this year. But let's not forget the impact those seasoned campaigners, Sean Murphy, Padraig Fahy and Jimmy Hughes are having on the younger players among them. This trio have initiated their young colleagues into the rigorous heat of top class hurling. Whether they can stand up to some

of the bigger teams has yet to be seen.

Carnmore, playing with the advantage of the sun were slow enough about coming to grips with the big Turloughmore players. After two minutes Gerry Burke put Turloughmore ahead with a point from a free. Carnmore missed an opportunity to equalise from a free but before long their appetite for scores became apparent.

Michael Lenihan landed a free in the path of Brendan Commins who proceeded to hammer in a low shot to the goalie, Mike Shaughnessy, who parried the effort. Padraig Fahy dived into the square in a big to finish home a goal but Shaughnessy did well to prevent this and there was a free out.

The big-hitting Lenihan dropped a Carnmore 65 free over the bar after 6 minutes. Within a minute Turloughmore's Pakie Hanley followed through sweetly on a 65 yards free stroke to recover Turloughmore's one point lead.

Gerry Burke and Sean Murphy exchanged points from frees in the 11th and 12th minutes and the early advantage enjoyed by Turloughmore began to fade in the wake of power play and wide-range running by James Walsh and Sean Murphy at centrefield for Carnmore. At the close of the first quarter Sean Murphy levelled the scores at 0-3 apiece.

At the start of the second quarter Pat Hurney was unlucky to see his splendid stroke rebound off the upright and the cool-headed Jimmy Hughes was on hand to clear his lines towards Michael Lenihan. Lenihan centred to Jim Noone who struck a crisp point giving Carnmore the lead for the first time. In the 18th minute Pat Hurley rifled a 75 yards free over the Carnmore bar to equalise.

Turloughmore surged upfield to regain the initiative and both Gerry Burke and Mattie Hurney were culpable in not scoring from easy positions. Carnmore's two centrefield players dropped back to aid the defence and Padraig Fahy moved out to the 40 in an effort to offset Turloughmore's tremendous pressure.

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Murphy Guides Cammore To Thrilling Win

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Sean Murphy grabbed the ball from a 50 yards free by Gerry Burke. Passing out to James Walsh, Murphy ran into space for a return pass from Walsh, and then floated a graceful shot straight between the Turloughmore posts from 70 yards out, to regain the lead.

Exerting fierce pressure in the dying seconds of the half, Cammore manoeuvred a set-piece of passing. Sean Murphy drove to Brendan Commins at the right corner and Commins got it across to Martin Grealish, this tall youngster shot straight and true into the net, giving Cammore an interval lead of 1-5 to 0-4.

Gerry Holland went out to centrefield for Turloughmore after the break and within two minutes Turloughmore had halved their deficit, with points from free by Gerry Burke and Pakie Hurney.

Hurney could have reduced the arrears a little further a minute later but failed from a 65 yards free. While the Cammore goalie was preparing the take the puck-out, Cammore's centre-half back, Mike Lenihan, was booked by the Referee for what might have been gratuitous comment. There was definitely no physical activity prior to this booking.

Cammore's Sean Murphy was remiss in the 4th minute in driving a 21 yards free just slightly above the bar level, allowing Michael Shaughnessy to bring off a valuable save for Turloughmore. At this stage Cammore were haunted by the fright of scoring.

Brendan Commins planted the ball in the net in the 35th minute fractionally after the referee had blown for a penalty. Stepping up to the shot, Sean Murphy looked as if he would blast it through. Instead, he shot softly and it was easily cleared downfield by Denis Burke.

Brendan Commins was showing more dash in the second half but couldn't get past the very capable Michael Shaughnessy in the Turloughmore goals. In the 10th minute Jim Noone calmly tapped over a Cammore point from a free leaving the score at 1-6 to 0-6.

During the next five minutes there were numerous near misses for both sides and at the start of the last quarter Jim Noone stretched his sides lead with another point from a free.

Turloughmore hit back when Padraig Burke hammered a penalty low to the net. The goalie seemed to have it covered but John Fox cut across Jimmy Hughes' way, allowing the ball to career into the net.

With only one point now between the sides, Turloughmore sensed their opponents' vulnerability. Gerry Burke charged down Jimmy Hughes' attempted clearance after the Cammore goalie had fumbled an easy delivery, but his shot to the net was disallowed in favour of a 21 yards free. Burke himself then shot high over the bar to level the scores at 1-7 apiece.

Disaster seemed to have struck Turloughmore in the 23rd when Sean Murphy floated a 65 yards free into the Turloughmore square. Mike Shaughnessy blocked it out, but unfortunately the incoming full-backs obstructed the clearance and pushed it back over the goal line. There was no one more delighted with the 'own goal' than Sean Murphy.

But hold everything! No sooner was the ball being pucked out than Turloughmore's Gerry Burke galloped through Cammore's defence to shoot a great goal through a forest of legs and hurleys, to level again at 2-7 each.

Minute 26 found Sean Murphy setting up Martin Grealish out at the left corner. From a virtually impossible angle Grealish drove the ball over the bar. Minute 27 saw Frank Burke fouled in transit and Pat Hurney levelling the scores with a point.

Excitement was by now electrifying. In the 28th minute Padraig Fahy was fouled as he

streaked to shoot at goals and Jimmy Noone with all the calmness in the world struck the ball between the Turloughmore posts. Immediately after the puck-out Turloughmore's Mattie Hurney latched on to a cross by Gerry Burke only to see his effort deflected over the bar by goalie Jimmy Hughes. Level again at 2-9 apiece.

Out came the ball quickly and Cammore's Malachy Hanley crossed to two well positioned forwards, Padraig Fahy and Brian Fox. Fahy got there first and against a welter of oncoming hurleys shot cleanly over the bar, this was in the 60th minute and there was no time left for a Turloughmore reply.

Cammore: Jimmy Hughes, Tom Fox, John Fox, Martin Sheridan, Michael Hanley, Michael Lenihan 0-1, Malachy Hanley, Sean Murphy 0-3, James Walsh, Eamon McDonagh, Martin Grealish 1-1, Brian Fox, Brendan Commins, Padraig Fahy 0-1, Jim Noone 0-2. (The second Cammore goal was an o.g.)

Turloughmore: Michael Shaughnessy, Kevin Holland, Michael Holland, Denis Doyle, Pat Collins, Eugene Carey, Denis Burke, John Doyle, Pat Hurney 0-5, Padraig Burke 1-0, Josie Holland, Gerry Burke 1-4, Gerry Holland, Frank Burke, Martin Hurney.
Referee: John Joe Corcoran