

Junior Title goes to the north - 30 October 1966

Galmoy 6 - 4

Dunnamaggin 1 - 10

Galmoy won their first Junior title at Nowlan Park on Sunday 30th October 1966, when they scored an impressive victory over Dunnamaggin.

This was a close hard-hitting, but sporting encounter, played in ideal conditions. Both teams were bidding for their first title, Galmoy have been longer on the scene and narrowly foiled on several occasions.

The opening exchanges pointed towards a Dunnamaggin win. They lead by two points at the end of the first quarter playing against the wind and seemed to be more confident in their approach. Two comparatively easy goals both scored by Billy Harte were to inspire the northerners.

The hurling was competitive and there was some splendid individual performers - Billy Harte and Joe Doherty for the winners and Ollie Harrington and Tom Ryan for Dunnamaggin. Jim ("Link") Walsh kept the Dunnamaggin back lines reasonably safe.

Galmoy fielded the same side that beat Barrow Rangers while Dunnamaggin brought on Tom Walsh a brother of Jims and a holder of an all Ireland Senior medal from the southern final. It was surprising that Tom was not switched to the Dunnamaggin defence in the second half, while he did get a flashy goal when he doubled on a ball delivered from a Colm Ryan 70.

Tom Ryan who played at centerfield in the first half and on the half back line in the second half kept Dunnamaggin in the game. He scored Dunnamaggin opening score and another before half time. Ollie Harrington contributed points in the 13th and 16th to leave the Southerners trailing by two points at half time.

Galmoy 2-3     Dunnamaggin 0-7

Dunnamaggin got a great start to the second half when Tom Walsh sent the ball to the Galmoy net in the 3rd minute. However Bobby Delaney put the northern side on the road to victory when he crashed home another goal. Tom Ryan reduced the gap with a free. Galmoy then put on the pressure and were rewarded with a Joe Doherty goal ; this left them 5 points in front.

Tom Ryan and Ollie Harrington both had points to reduce the gap to three points. A goal by Paddy Phelan in the 26th minute was to end the game as a contest, the same player scoring another two minutes later.

Colm Ryan gave a fine display on the half back line while Peter Moore and Jim Fitzpatrick also played well. Bob Doherty was to feature prominently at left full back. In spite of Joe Doherty's good work for Galmoy, the Dunnamaggin centerfield pair, Tom Ryan and Ollie Harrington, were on top.

Galmoy have succeeded at long last to win the Junior Championship and have merited the congratulations of even the Dunnamaggin supporters, after they got over the disappointment of defeat.

Dunnamaggin: P. Phelan, JJ. Meara, J.Walsh, R. Doherty, P.Moore, J. Fitzpatrick, C. Ryan, T. Ryan, O. Harrington, P. Butler, T. Forristal, T. Hughes, T. Walsh, W. Brownrigg, M. Mackey.

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