

FOOTBALL à
Intermediate
Group One Round Two

Making ripples

Clooney/Quin 1-8
Cratloe 0-9
at Shannon



THE door has swung open for Clooney/Quin after their surprise win over Cratloe on Saturday evening. Having been beaten by Ballyvaughan seven days previous, Clooney/Quin turned their season around with a two point win over one of the favourites for the intermediate championship.

It was a goal mid way through the first half that provided Clooney/Quin with the foundation and inspiration to secure their first points of the season. A well taken effort by former Kerry goalkeeper Declan O'Keeffe edged them into the lead and they didn't relinquish it for the remainder of the game.

Mike McNamara was in fine form on the half-back line and in midfield the underdogs managed to take the game to Cratloe. It's the first sign of potential being fulfilled in Clooney/Quin since they made the semi-final of this competition two years back.

In a tight game with poor conditions, Clooney/Quin managed to close the game out with some fine free taking from Christy O'Brien. A late rally by Cratloe didn't materialise into anything tangible and it was Clooney/Quin that held on for this big win.

For Cratloe, defeat means they have to get a result against an unbeaten Ballyvaughan side when they meet in the round.

Match Details

Clooney/Quin Ronan Gallagher (7), Ger Leamey (7), Victor Leyden (8), Shane McNamara (7), Mike McNamara (8), Cathal Egan (7), Malachy Murray (7), Fergal Lynch (7), John Vaughan (7), Johnny O'Brien (7), Pat Gardiner (7), Adrian Fleming (7), Christy O'Brien (8) (0-6, 6f), Declan O'Keeffe (8) (1-0), Cathal Hannon (8) (0-2). **Subs** Patrick Reynolds for Johnny O'Brien, Fergal Doyle for John Vaughan.

Cratloe Jamie Joyce (6), John O'Halloran (7), Michael Carey (7), Pearse deLoughrey (7), Martin Ogie Murphy (8), John O'Gorman (7), Joe O'Connor (6), Kevin Browne (7), Brian Phelan (7), Sean Collins (7) (0-1), Aidan Browne (7), Sean Chaplin (8) (0-3), Damien Browne (7), Padraig Chaplin (7) (0-2), Liam Markham (7) (0-3). **Subs** Barry Duggan (8) for Joe O'Connor.

Man of the match Mike McNamara

Below: Clooney/Quin's Cathal Egan.



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Ballyvaughan reach the semi's



Ballyvaughan 1-9 - Naomh Eoin 0-8



at Miltown

Eoin Brennan

BALLYVAUGHAN almost threw this one away. Leading by 1-6 to 0-5 at half time, they disappeared for the second period and only for the ineptitude of the Naomh Eoin forward line in front of the posts, they could have been in real trouble. In the end it was corner-forward John Martin who earned them a semi-final spot with six points in a comprehensive performance which saved Ballyvaughan's blushes.

Naomh Eoin had nothing to lose after going down to Cratloe in round one but despite displaying plenty of pride, their forwards couldn't convert at vital times, hitting twelve wides in total even though they were aided considerably by referee Vincent Killeen who for some unknown reason, played forty minutes in a suspenseful, charged second-half.

Ballyvaughan led the way and opened the scoring four minutes in from a John Martin free which was cancelled out two minutes later by an impressive Seamus Boland effort. Naomh Eoin then took the lead when Lorcan Lynch pointed but their advantage was short lived as Ballyvaughan thundered back with a goal through James Hynes in the eighth

minute. The midfielder came close minutes earlier when his incisive run almost ended with a score but this time his run proved more fruitful and after receiving a slick handpass from Jack Queally, Hynes blasted the ball to the top right hand corner to leave the score 1-1 to 0-2.

This score should have lifted Ballyvaughan but instead they sat back and let Naomh Eoin advance at them. For the next fifteen minutes, it was all Naomh Eoin as they attacked in waves and the ball rarely crossed the halfway line. Points from Michael Liddane and Pat Foley followed but it was scant reward for their dominance as they also hit six wides in this period.

Eventually, Naomh Eoin tired and in a whirlwind phase, Ballyvaughan hit a purple patch of four points in as many minutes, three from the boot of Martin and one from Jack Queally. Liddane then hit back and scored a fine opportunist point but it was Ballyvaughan who went into the interval the happier after an inspirational score from Kieran Casey who made a fantastic overlapping run from corner back to leave the half time score 1-6 to 0-5.

Ballyvaughan rang the changes at the interval in a bid to reinvigor-

ate the forward line, bringing in Jason McDonagh and Kevin Carrucan but it seemed to backfire as Naomh Eoin took the initiative once again. Bolland pointed from a free in the 36th minute but this was to be the last score for fifteen minutes as both teams failed miserably to convert chances. As the game wore on, Naomh Eoin looked more and more likely to score but Michael Liddane, Seamus Bolland and Pat Foley were repeatedly frustrated in front of the posts.

Frustration from both sides almost spilled over from time to time but eventually in the 51st minute, a Pat Foley free put just two between the sides. However they couldn't capitalise on that score and as time ran out, it was Ballyvaughan and John Martin in particular who extended their lead with two innovative scores in the 58th and 59th to leave the score 1-8 to 0-7.

It seemed all over but neither side was prepared for the extra ten minutes which the referee added on and another Boland free made the injury time period extremely tense. But it wasn't to be as Naomh Eoin constantly hit brick walls and the win was assured in the 69th minute by substitute Jason McDonagh to send

the Ballyvaughan following home satisfied.

A 100 per cent record sees Ballyvaughan into the latter stages with a game to spare but they will need to concentrate for the full sixty minutes if they hold any aspirations of achieving glory this year.

Above: James Hynes powers past Naomh Eoin's Pa Galney and Geroid Lynch during their clash in Miltown.
Yvonne Vaughan

Match Details

Ballyvaughan Damien McNamara (7), Mark Walsh (6), Phillip Monks (7), Kieran Casey (0-1) (7), Mark O'Loughlin Capt. (7), Sean McNamara (7), Setanta Moran (7), Raymond Casey (7), James Hynes (1-0) (7), Cian Walsh (6), Stephen Hynes (6), Phelim Kyne (7), John Martin (0-6 3f) (8), Cillian Mahon (6), Jack Queally (0-1) (7) **Subs**: Kevin Carrucan (6) for Walsh, Jason McDonagh (0-1) (7) for Hynes, Diarmuid Greene for Monks

Naomh Eoin John Keating (7), Thomas Hanrahan (6), Martin Haugh (7), Kieran Keating (6), Michael Considine (7), Tony Doherty (7), Pa Galney (7), Dermot Keating (7), Lorcan Lynch (0-1) (6), Michael Liddane (0-2) (7), Martin Fennell (6), Seamus Boland Capt. (0-3 2f) (7), Mark Magner (6), Pat Foley (0-2 2f) (7)

Man of the Match
John Martin (Ballyvaughan)

Match Official Vincent Killeen (Doonbeg)