

FOOTBALL **U** Cusack Cup Semi Final

# Kilmurry get over the line to reach final



Kilmurry/Ibrickane 1-6 - Liscannor 0-5



at Hennessy Memorial Park, Miltown

TJ Flynn

FRIDAY evening was as much about the misses as the points, as much about preventing opportunities as creating them and so there were vast barren periods which went scoreless.

Kilmurry/Ibrickane managed just one score in the first half, Liscannor managed only one in the second with each going 37 and 42 minutes respectively without putting anything on the board.

But in the end, this was a semi-final so in that sense, the game was purely defined by getting over the line and while the hour's football lacked any real bite and penetration, that probably had more to do with the fact that this is still just the league and not the championship.

Leaving Miltown though, Liscannor must have realised that they could have a final to prepare for this week. They dominated the opening half – particularly in terms of possession and also in terms of physicality – but once they scored their fourth point after 16 minutes, they didn't add to it until the last minute of the game.

That, basically, is why Liscannor don't have that final on their minds today.

And though they were on top in the opening half hour, Kilmurry had a goal to their credit, a solo effort from Michael O'Dwyer after five minutes after he picked up a long ball from Steven Moloney.

Then Liscannor went to work and began to control midfield but even when they established their lead they didn't build on it and given Kilmurry's form this year – the win on Friday gives them a 16 from 16 record – that was inevitably going to get punished.

Liscannor tacked four wides on the trot a couple of minutes either side of the 20-minute mark – each wide was

kickable – and in the second half, a couple of substitutions and some slight tinkering helped swing things in Kilmurry's favour. Enda Coughlan was moved to midfield, Johnny Daly – carrying a hamstring injury – was brought in close to goal and Peter O'Dwyer's presence around the middle provided further options moving towards the Liscannor goal.

It still took Kilmurry a dozen minutes of the second start to draw level, but once they did, they continued to push forward and the openings came.

Daly added to Coughlan's equaliser and some bad misses from Liscannor gave the game a feeling that this was destined for Kilmurry.

Late on, Shane Callinan received a second yellow and Mark McCarthy took advantage of the space inside but by then, Kilmurry were four in front and a second final in the space of a fortnight was theirs.

**U** Match Details

**Kilmurry Ibrickane** Ian McInerney (7), Marty McMahon (8), Paul O'Connor (7), Brendan O'Neill (7), Declan Callinan (7), Brendan Moloney (7), Shane Hickey (7), Keith King (7), Martin Cahill (7), Michael Hogan (7) (0-1), Enda Coughlan (8) (0-2, 1 free), Steven Moloney (7) (0-1), Michael O'Dwyer (7) (1-0), Mark McCarthy (7), Paul O'Dwyer (7), Subs Aonghus Corry (7) for Callinan, Evan Talty (7) for O'Neill, Johnny Daly (8) (0-1) for Paul O'Dwyer, Peter O'Dwyer (7) (0-1) for King

**Liscannor** Alan McDonagh (7), Michael Foley (7), David McDonagh (7), Shane Callinan (7) (0-1), Niall Considine (7), Dara Blake (7), Ronan Slattery (7), Brian Considine (7), Alan Flaherty (7), Alan Clohessy (7) (0-1), Thomas McDonagh (7), Kieran Considine (7) (0-2), Thomas Murphy (7) (0-1), Joe Considine (6), Thomas Kerins (7), Subs Declan McDonagh (7) for Joe Considine.

**Man of the Match**  
Marty McMahon (Kilmurry Ibrickane)

**Match Official** Kevin Walsh (Wolfe Tones)



Kilmurry Ibrickane's Evan Talty takes a tumble under the challenge of Liscannor's David McDonagh.

Yvonne Vaughan

FOOTBALL **U** Division 3 Semi-Finals

# Clondegad book their place



Clondegad 0-12 - Michael Cusacks 1-08



at Corofin

Eoin Brennan

UNBEATEN throughout their league campaign this year, Clondegad were hot favourites to reach the Division 3 final but they were made to sweat all the way by a dogged Michael Cusacks side who stubbornly clung on right up to the final whistle.

Clondegad started well with the aid of the breeze and were 0-6 to 0-1 ahead by the 22nd minute but after playing the majority of the football, they still only found themselves a point ahead at the break after Michael Hynes turned his man and soloed through for the game's only goal in the 26th minute.

Clondegad emerged with renewed intent on the turnover and points

from Podge McMahon, Owen Griffin and Kieran Browne pushed them four ahead by the 39th but Cusacks rallied and with Patrick Hynes finding his range with some long range efforts, they hit three unanswered points to cut the deficit to just the minimum.

That Clondegad went onto complete the victory stemmed from one player – Garry Brennan – who gathered six successive kick-outs in the following five minutes and from that crucial possession, Clondegad yielded two points to put them three clear.

Cusacks did battle on and Michael and Patrick Hynes clawed back late points but time was against them and Clondegad held on for the narrowest of victories.

**U** Match Details

**Clondegad** Declan Flynn, Eddie Murphy, Paddy O'Connell, Flan Enright, Kevin White, Brian Carrigg (0-1), John Griffin, Garry Brennan (0-1), Cormac Murphy, Shane Brennan, Paddy Breen, Kieran Browne (0-2), Kenneth Kelly (0-2), Podge McMahon (0-3), Owen Griffin (0-3) **Sub** Flan King for Griffin (Inj)

**Michael Cusacks** Eoin Farrell, Gerry Conway, Ollie Conway, Michael Connors, Noel Conway, Niall Hehir, Paudie McGuane, Kenneth Hynes (0-1), Fintan Conway, Shane Lee, Patrick Hynes (0-4 1f), Blaine Earley (0-1), Michéal Jordan (0-1), Michael Hynes (1-1 1f), Sean Brosnan **Sub** James Hynes for Brosnan

**Man of the Match**  
Garry Brennan (Clondegad)

**Match Official** Damien Fox (Wolfe Tones)

# Tones are through



Wolfe Tones 1-8 - Ballyvaughan 1-7



at Ballyline

Joe Ó Muircheartaigh

**U** Match Details

WOLFE Tones came from six points down to advance to the Division 3 after an entertaining tussle with last year's intermediate champions on Thursday night. It looked bleak for the 2007 senior championship semi-finalists after 20 minutes after Ballyvaughan raced into a 0-6 to no score lead.

However, the Tones came alive with six unanswered points to leave the side level at half time. The second half developed into a ding-dong affair with a Ballyvaughan edged three clear thanks to Jason McDonagh's goal. Wolfe Tones, despite kicking 18 wides over the hour, stormed back with points from David Reidy, Chris Dunning and a Mick O'Connell goal to edge home by a point.

**Wolfe Tones**

Paul Touhy, Shane McGirl, Declan Collins, Alan Downes, Daniel Gallery, Brendan Hughes, Chris Dunning (0-2), John Bridges (0-1), Joe McGauley, Mick O'Connell (1-2), Barry Murphy (0-1), David Dunne, Alan Hehir (0-1), Jamie Roughan, Gary Leahy, Sub Stephen Monaghan for Dunne, Eoin Danagher for Monaghan, David Reidy (0-1) for Hehir.

**Ballyvaughan**

Jamie McNamara, Mark Walsh, Ciaran Casey, Setanta Moran, Mark O'Loughlin, Paul McDonagh, Killian Mahon, Raymond Casey, James Hynes, Jack Queally (0-1), Cian Walsh (0-2), John Linnane, John Martyn (0-4), Jason McDonagh (1-0), Kevin Carrucan, Subs Tomas Francis for Carrucan, Pat McCarthy for Linnane, Kevin Carrucan for Queally.

**Man of the Match**  
Mick O'Connell (Wolfe Tones)

**Match Official** Michael Rock (Ennistymon)