Gearldine League Round 1 2012

Division 4 Football League

Ballyvaughan 2:03 v Cooraclare 1:10

Venue: - Ballyvaughan Community Field

Date: - 24-03-2012

Referee: - Michael Mc Gann (Michael Cusack’s)

A total of 2:02 from play a personal contribution from James Hynes was not able to prevent this 3 point defeat to a lively second string Cooraclare team in this opening fixture in the Gearldine League Division 4 tie played at Ballyvaughan Community Field on the 24-03-2012.

A return to Division 4 for 2012, the first since 1998 when this league title was captured in fine style beating Lissycasey on a sunny August weekend on a score line of 1:07 to 0:04.

2012 league debuts handed to Killian Fahy and Cathal Irwin as a substitute was one of the main highlights of this game, as Ballyvaughan knew coming into this match it was going to be tough, we were second best all over the pitch and only rarely showed glimpses of the team we used to be when we competed in the senior championship seasons of 2008 and 2009.

Cooraclare made most of the running in a wind assisted first half to lead by 8 points to 1:00 at half time, despite conceding all those scores in the first half we did somehow manage to keep the heads up and as Killian Fahy was fouled a resultant penalty was awarded by referee Michael McGann and James Hynes blasted the spot kick straight to the roof of the Cooraclare net. Ballyvaughan though weren't going to go down without a fight and threw everything they had at Cooraclare in the final few minutes including 2 minutes of injury time. A mini rally was unearthed but soon to be quelled by the half time whistle of referee Michael McGann.

Balllyvaughan fought bravely and showed great attitude by battling hard at the start of the second half as it began in explosive fashion and at a way higher tempo and velocity to a horrible first half, which was ruined by handling errors, erratic shooting and missed opportunities. James Hynes added (1:02) from play and Lorcan Mahon also contributed with a fine score from play also which actually kicked Ballyvaughan in to a one point lead in the home stretch and last closing five minutes as at this stage it was like the first half as Cooraclare had not scored yet. 2:03 to 8 points was the score now at this point in time, with drama to follow.

Could Balllyvaughan hang on?

With both teams in need of points it came as no surprise that this game was decided in the final few minutes amid great excitement and no little controversy as the Ballyvaughan defense had to withstand a late bout of Cooraclare pressure which saw 1:02 conceded before referee Michael McGann took us out of our misery with the long whistle. A great effort by both teams especially in the second half and well matched at the end of the game which Cooraclare narrowly edged by 3 scores.

Ballyvaughan.

Damien McNamara, John Linnane, Kieran Casey, Cian Walsh, Phelim Kyne, Sean McNamara, Lorcan Mahon, Jamie Hynes and Raymond Casey, Adrian Nilan, Mark Walsh, John Mooney Hynes, Killian Fahy, Donnacha Mahon and Kevin Carrucan.

Scorers:-

James Hynes (2:02) (1:00 Pen, 1:02 Play), Lorcan Mahon (0:01 Play)

Subs:

Cathal Irwin for John Mooney Hynes.

Gavin McNamara for Killian Fahy

Cooraclare.

Cathal Murphy, Michael Considine, Don Garry, Kieran Hassett, Kevin Hedigan, Robert Ryan, Gerry Kelly, Justin Ryan and John Killeen, Kevin O’Looney, David Lillis, James Burke, Joe Martyn, Tagdh Lillis Darragh O’Dea.

Subs

Fergal Nolan and Barry Nolan.