

## HURLING &gt; UNDER 21B SEMI-FINAL

# Crusheen/Tubber go to well

Crusheen/Tubber 0-19 Cratloe 0-16 (AET)

At Gurteen

CRUSHEEN/TUBBER ground out a victory over Cratloe at Gurteen today, setting up a final date with Broadford after being brought all the way to extra-time by a game Cratloe side.

The winners dominated early on to lead by 0-7 to 0-2 after 19 minutes with Cillian Mullins and Breffni Horner leading their charge towards the county final.

However, Cratloe gradually got to

the pitch of the game and finished the half strongly, with Kevin Danaher and Rian Considine to the fore as they only trailed by 0-8 to 0-6 at the break.

After 48 minutes Cratloe finally

restored parity with county minors from last year in Rian Considine (2) and Diarmuid Ryan (2) as well as Darragh Cunningham grabbing points to leave matters at 0-14 apiece.

Cratloe then twice took the lead

through Considine and Mark O'Brien, but twice Cillian Mullins levelled it, and so the sides were tied at 0-13 apiece after an hour's hurling.

Crusheen-Tubber outscored Cratloe by a single point in the first half of extra time thanks to a Cillian Mullins score. The gap was still just a point with five minutes left, but the winners would finish the game the stronger with Horner (2), Mullins and James Howard grabbing the scores while restricting the men from south east Clare to points from Jack McInerney and Considine.

Both teams deserve a lot of credit for delivering a very entertaining, fully committed game, which maintained the interest of everyone present from the throw-in to the last puck.

Crusheen/Tubber were very strong down the middle with Ross Hayes, John Fawle, Ronan Monahan and Cillian Mullins prominent, while corner-forward Breffni Horner was the game's best performer.

#### Crusheen-Tubber

Colm McNamara; Tadhg Dean, Ross Hayes, Ian O'Brien; Eanna McMahon, John Fawle, Emmet Quinn; Aaron O'Brien, Ronan Monahan (0-2); James Howard (0-1), Cillian Mullins (0-9, 4f), Padraig Kelly; James Taaffe (0-1), Aidan McNamara (0-1), Breffni Horner (0-5). **Subs** Cian Ketelaar for Aidan McNamara, Gavin O'Brien for Padraig Kelly, Padraig Kelly for Gavin O'Brien, Johah Culligan for Aaron O'Brien.

#### Cratloe

Sean Ryan, Caimin Deegan, Aaron Costigan, Evan Keogh, Diarmuid Ryan (0-2), Mark O'Brien (0-1), Michael Danaher (0-1), Ciaran O'Connor, Gordon O'Neill, Rian Considine (0-6), Kevin Danaher (0-3), Darragh Cunningham (0-1), Jack McInerney (0-1), Conor McMahon (0-1), Luke Healy.

#### Man of the Match

**Breffni Horner**  
(Crusheen/Tubber)

#### Referee

Jarlath Donnellan (Wolfe Tones)

Left: Crusheen/Tubber's Emmett Quinn.



## Broadford power past Clonlara in east Clare derby

Broadford 3-11 Clonlara 1-10

At Fr Murphy Park, Newmarket-on-Fergus

BROADFORD powered their way into the county final meeting with Crusheen/Tubber when having seven points to spare over Clonlara in this penultimate round clash that was played out on Sunday morning.

The young men from Glenomara Park laid the foundations for this win with an impressive first half display when a two-goal blast from James Vaughan, which was added to by another from a Niall O'Brien penalty helped them build up a comprehensive 3-6 to 1-2 interval lead.

With Niall O'Brien and Diarmuid O'Brien also chipping in with 0-3 each the energetic Broadford side were full value for the ten-point advantage, which had come after they were

rocked by an early goal from Paraic O'Loughlin.

Kieran Galvin also chipped in with a couple of points for the Darach Honan trained Clonlara side in that first half, but it wasn't until the third quarter that they really got going, with O'Loughlin and Galvin leading their back into contention in bringing it back a six-point game when hitting the first four points of the second half.

Crucially, however, Niall O'Brien and Darren Chaplin then managed to get the scoreboard ticking once more for Bradford — they needed to because with the game narrowing down to a 3-7 to 1-8 differential Clonlara had a chance to

bring it back to a point when they were awarded a penalty.

Galvin went for the goal but his shot flashed over the bar to leave four between them, a reprieve that Broadford then grabbed in the closing minutes as they hit 0-4 in the closing stages to keep up their hopes of a first Under 21 B title since 2005 when they beat Corofin in the final.

#### Clonlara

Cillian O'Brien, Jeff Ryan, Aaron Dillon, Michael Clancy, Jathan McMahon, David Fitzgerald, Mick Stritch, Cian Moriarty, Kieran Galvin, Aidan Moriarty, Conor Bourke, Kevin Madden, Micheal Stritch, Paraic O'Loughlin, Bryan McLeish. **Subs** Colm Downey for McLeish, Tom Power

for Ryan

#### Broadford

JC McMahon, Paddy Donnellan, Micheal Hogan, Dara Whelan, Jack Dillon, Cian Cremmins, Matthew Troy, Conor Phelan, Diarmuid O'Brien, Diarmuid Whelan, Darren Chaplin, Eoin Powell, James Vaughan, Niall O'Brien, Cian Mulqueen. **Subs** Sean Phelan for Mulqueen, Darren McNamara or O'Brien, Morgan Fitzgerald for Diarmuid O'Brien

#### Man of the Match

**Eoin Powell** (Broadford)

#### Referee

Jim Hickey (Cratloe)