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REPORT ISSUED

Stoppage Of Game

WEST LIMERICK G.A.A.

Ballyhahill
BOARD

THE West Limerick G.A.A. Board has issued the report of the Special Inquiry on the recent Minor Football Final between Newcastle West and Ballyhahill, and which, as already reported, was unfinished after Newcastle West left the field as a protest against the referee. The Committee, which met in Newcastle West, was presided over by Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Vice-Chairman of the Board, and the attendance included Messrs. W. Fitzmaurice, N.T., P. Long, N.T. (Vice-Chairmen of the Board); Messrs. J. McDonagh and J. O'Sullivan (Joint Treasurers); Messrs. M. McCarthy and J. Brennan (Secretaries); Messrs. D. Hannan, D. Kennedy, T. Reidy, Rev. T. Culhane, Chairman, acted as note-taker.

The Committee inquired into:—

1. The status of the referee, Mr. Ed. Walsh (St. Senan's).
2. Complaints made by Newcastle West officials concerning certain actions of the referee during the game.
3. The action taken by the Newcastle West officials and team in withdrawing from the pitch before the game had ended, and subsequent efforts of the referee to re-start the game.

The Committee heard the official referee's report and took evidence from the following—Messrs. Edward Walsh (referee); Mulvihille, Kenneally and O'Donnell (St. Senan's); Rev. J. O'Beirne, C.C., and Mr. R. O'Sullivan (Ballyhahill); Rev. M. O'Kelly, C.C., and Messrs. Phelan and O'Dwyer (Newcastle West).

THE FINDINGS.

After careful consideration of the evidence the Committee reached the following decisions:—

1. That Mr. Ed. Walsh (St. Senan's) was the official referee of the match (unanimous);
 2. That the match be awarded to Ballyhahill (unanimous);
 3. That in the discharge of his duty as referee, Mr. Walsh showed that he was not very well versed in rules;
 - 3a. That subsequent to the withdrawal of the Newcastle West team he did not follow the procedure laid down in Rule 140, O.G., Page 115;
 - 3b. That in view of the foregoing circumstances the Newcastle West team did not incur the penalty laid down in Rule 140, O.G., Page 115.
- As a result of the findings the Newcastle West team was disqualified and Ballyhahill, as already indicated, were awarded the match.

BALLYSTEEN BACK *9-12-61*

Ballysteen are back in the news again, and on present form it looks as if they are pretty well set for the Western junior football title. They were certainly very convincing in their quarter-final win over St. Marys at Newcastle West on Sunday, when they were obliged to turn out without three of their regular stalwarts and finished with Tom Carrig on the side-line suffering from an injury. Add to this the fact that most of them were still battle-scarred and weary after their unsuccessful bid for the County senior title in the role of Western Gaels on the previous Sunday. They are, on the whole, a well balanced combination with quite a few fast-moving long kickers, even under adverse winter conditions.

FOUGHT GAMELY.

St. Mary's to give them their due, put up a really gallant show against their more experienced rivals. Most of the Deelsides, it must be remembered, were drawn from the team that played such a long succession of hard-fought games in the Junior Hurling Championship. While engaged in the long, drawn-out hurling tussle, they had little or no time for practice for the big ball, but notwithstanding this rather serious handicap, Gerry Fitzgerald and his fellow hurlers gave a really good account of themselves. In Sunday's effort they were ably assisted by such football veterans as Pat Calahane, P. Maron and D. Neville, but even with this infusion of talent they were unable to stand up to the strength, vigour and experience of the Ballysteen boys.

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Feenagh/Kilmeedy 1-6

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UNDER 21 FOOTBALL.

The following is the Gerald Griffin's Under 21 team which defeated St. Mary's in the first round of the Under 21 F. Championship. They play Feenagh in the second round on Sunday next at Newcastle West and expect to have the same line-out. G. Sweeney, G. Reidy, J. O'Brien, P. Noonan, M. Guinane, M. Shaughnessy, P. Noonan, E. Griffin, L. Kenrick, C. O'Brien, M. Thornton, P. Herbert, P. Hayes, W. Mahony, P. Shaughnessy.

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Ballyhahill *11/5/76*

Gerald Griffin's under 14 team had a very sporting and exciting game of football against Foynes at Foynes Gaelic Grounds on Monday evening last. Five minutes from the end scores were level, but Foynes being the better team, scored a goal to win by the score: 4-2 to 2-5. Referee, James Fitzgerald, Ballyhahill.

SYMPATHY

Club GAA *13-3-82* Gerald Griffin's

The club would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who participated in Scor and a special word of congratulations to the senior set on winning the West final. They later did us proud in the county finals with a fine display. They were John Reidy, Joan Maher, Patrick and Denise Reidy, Michael and Daisy Kearney, Jim O'Brien and Mairead O'Connor.

We would also like to wish the camogie club the best of luck in the All-Ireland Camogie Scor finals on Saturday, 13th March, in Dublin.

Jan 80 Ballyhahill

GAA AGM, 1980, Gerald Griffin's junior team officers elected were: president, Fr. Shire, C.C.; chairman, P. Reidy; vice-chairman, D. Callinane; sec., P. Noonan; asst. sec., E. Griffin; treas., G. Reidy; asst. treas., P. Hayes.

CLUB GAA:

Gerald Griffins

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In my last notes I mentioned that the camogie club had reached the All-Ireland finals in Scor, but alas, they failed to bring home that coveted award. I am reliably informed that the club performed very well and we are all proud of their achievements.

The following is a list of officers of the junior and minor football clubs: pres., Rev. Fr. J. Shire, C.C.; chairman, Gerry Brennan; vice-chairman, Pat Scanlan; secretary, Pat Noonan; asst. sec., Joe Kelly; treasurers, Peter Noonan, Pakie Hayes; registrar, Ned O'Connor; PROs, Helen Kelly, Gerald Mullane, Jr., Michael Noonan. Junior captain, Chris Noonan; vice-captain, Sean Dalton. Trainers, Pakie Hayes and Pat Noonan.

Minor club officers: Chairman, Diarmuid Cahillane; secretary, Michael Dalton.

We hope to return to full training from next week on, i.e., Tuesdays and Thursdays in Loughill.

The club is organising a 10-mile sponsored walk on Sunday, April 4th. Cards are available from club officials. The walk will start from Loughill at 1.30 p.m.

Gerald Griffins Club

(Ballyhahill & Loughill)

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Last Sunday in brilliant sunshine we held our first club walk, about 80 people took part. All subscriptions from the walk will be collected at a meeting on Easter Monday night, or can be handed into Peter Noonan, club treasurer.

We would like to thank Nash's Mineral Waters and GoldenVale for sponsoring us with refreshments on Sunday last.

We have not met with the same success on the playing field where we were beaten in u14, u15, minor and u21 football. A special training session has been arranged for Easter Monday in Loughill at 6.30 p.m., where Jim Deenihan will attend and later address the players in the Parochial Hall, Ballyhahill. All players should attend. The championships are only weeks away and some of our more prominent players have yet to attend.

CLUB GAA: 1-5/82

Gerald Griffin's

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Jimmy Deenihan for the evening coaching, and maybe at a later date we might have a return visit.

In the Under 21 football we defeated Feenagh-Kilmecdy by a single point in a poor game, but we hope for a big improvement in our next outing.

Finuge defeated our juniors in a challenge, and on this Friday evening, May 30th we play Foynes in Glin in the semi-final of their tournament. This is a repeat of last years West Junior football final.

Tickets will be on sale for our 200 club from this week-end and the first draw will take place in June.

A very important meeting will take place in the Parochial Hall, Ballyhahill on Saturday, May 1st at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that all club members will attend.

Gerald Griffin's

19-6-82

Congratulations to our junior football team on winning the Athea tournament against Athea. This was sweet revenge for our defeat by Athea in the Glin tournament final some weeks ago, and it is hoped that this form will be maintained through the championship.

St. Senan's (St. Senan's and Gerald Griffin's) won the Athea junior hurling tournament to make it a great double. This was a great achievement as this is their first year playing hurling, and we wish them continued success and indeed support during the year ahead.

We would like to thank those people who supported us in our 200 Club, and we would ask those club members who have tickets sold or otherwise to return them as soon as possible as the first draw will be held in the Parochial Hall, Ballyhahill, on Saturday, June 26, at 9.00 p.m.

Well done to our under 14 football team for reaching the knock-out stages of the championship.

A club meeting will be held in the Hall, Ballyhahill, on this Thursday night, 17th, at 9 p.m. sharp.



Gerald Griffins who drew with Castlemahon in the West junior football semi-finals at Rathkeale. 9-10-82

Gerald Griffins

4-12-82

Congratulation to all those who represented the club in Scór na nOg. Our solo singing, novelty act and ballad group reached the West final in Shanagolden last Friday night. We had two firsts and our novelty act came second.

We wish the ballad group — Breda McEnery, Anne Griffin, Frances Brennan, Ursula and Edell Mullane and solo singer Breda McEnery, the very best of luck the county final in St. John's Pavillion, Limerick, on December 10th.

Gerald Griffins

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Congratulations once again to our solo singer, Breda McEnery and ballad group, Anne Griffin, Frances Brennan, Breda McEnery, Edell and Ursula Mullane. They won the co. final of Scór na nOg on Friday night last.

They now go forward to the Munster semi-final in Newmarket-on-fergus on January 8. Great credit is due to Eamon Griffin and Noel O'Shaughnessy for preparing the girls. They have done a very good job.

Countfoils of the Christmas Draw tickets should be returned immediately. The draw will take place at the 41 Drive on Sunday, Dec. 19.

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WEST BOARD G.A.A.:

9-10-82 under Gerald Griffin's

Football replay on Sunday next

Gerald Griffin's 1-4
Castlemahon 0-7

ATHEA will have to wait a little longer to know their opponents in the junior football final as Gerald Griffin's and Castlemahon finished all square at Rathkeale on Sunday.

All in all, a draw was perhaps a fair and popular result, although Gerald Griffin's with a variety of aimless shots from frees and close in play will no doubt, and with a good deal of justification, label this semi final as one of their great escapes.

However, the somewhat sparse attendance were well satisfied with the outcome and can look forward to a promising replay which is again arranged for Rathkeale on Sunday next, in which both sides are well satisfied that their chances of a place in the final are very much alive.

The weather played havoc with the game which for the most part was contested under atrocious conditions. Dark and dismal with a downpour that started before the game and fairly spilled down right throughout the opening half and in a final vicious fling momentarily bombarded the players with hailstones to eventually give way to a modest bit of sunshine.

Castlemahon seemed to come to terms much more quickly with the poor underfoot conditions and rattled Gerald Griffin's with a few early points and though they went into the break at 0-4 each, Gerald Griffin's were for the most part, with their fumbling and mis-kicking, giving their supporters somewhat of a re-run of last year's final. While the mentors will no doubt, during the coming week, attempt to exorcise the gremlins that appear to be-devil their forward play, they will also place high in their list of priorities the art of free taking and as a guide line they needn't go further than

Sunday's game and point to Tommy Quaid and his immaculate expertise.

On the change over Gerald Griffin's broke the deadlock with a rigging shaking shot from Joe Walsh and then a totally unexpected sun briefly beamed down and was given the red carpet treatment by both sides with an up tempo game that had Castlemahon diggin in their heels and fighting back to draw level in the last quarter. Indeed during the entire second half we were treated to some fine football, not all of it perhaps out of the top drawer, but good enough to attract a capacity attendance for what promises to be an exciting replay.

But while a draw was generally considered a just and fair result, nevertheless I considered Gerald Griffin's were lucky to earn a replay. Not that they are short on football or indeed good players but I am sure they will agree when I suggest that they muffed several good chances and should never be in that heart stopping position during the dying moments when the all out Castlemahon attack was just about contained with perhaps a generous helping of luck. Perhaps it is fair comment to further add that one can only ponder on the outcome of this semi-final had Castlemahon got the same amount of opportunities as Gerald Griffin's.

Looking back on the game and on the balance of play one cannot pin the favourite tag for the replay on either side and apart from saying that both teams will profit hugely from Sunday's clash it is only the most partisan supporter that would predict a winner.

Best for Castlemahon were Tommy Quaid, John Browne, J. McAuliffe and P. Mahony, and for Gerald Griffin's D. Hanlon, G. Mullane, C. Noonan and D. Scanlan.

Castlemahon—M. Quaid, P. Mahoney, J. Linehan, J. McAuliffe, P. O'Grady, J. Flanagan, J.

Noonan, J. Browne, T. Quaid (0-5), J. Mullane, M. Mullane (0-1), E. Walsh, J. Butler, D. Noonan, J. Quaid (0-1).

Gerald Griffin's—P. Noonan, P. O'Connor, D. Scanlon, Pat O'Connor, G. Mullane, C. Noonan (0-1), S. O'Connor, W. Moloney (0-1), P. Noonan, S. Dalton (0-1), D. Hanlon, P. Quinlivan, M. Dalton (0-1), J. Moloney, J. Walsh (1-0); J. Kelly for P. Quinlivan, O. Scanlan for J. Walsh.

Referee: Pat Lane (Foynes). There will be a meeting of the West Board at the Community Centre, Rathkeale, on next Monday night, October 11, at 8 p.m.

CLUB GAA: 23/4/83
Gerald Griffin's

Congratulations to our junior football team who has showed great form in the league with wins over Feenagh-Kilmecdy, Monagea and St. Mary's. We would like to see a few more players turning up for our training session on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

We want to thank all the people of the parish who have given so generously to our parish collection. We hope to have it complete by the end of the month.

We also want to thank Monagea and St. Mary's who travelled to play in our new pitch.

Gerald Griffins
GAA 5-2-83

The club have recently purchased a sportsfield and is embarking on a major financial drive in the area. This will include a parish collection, 200 club draw, card games and concerts. The club hope to have their field in readiness for the centenary in '84.

Congratulations to the ballad group and recitation act for their tremendous achievements in the Munster finals of Scor na nOg and also camogie Scor.

Gerald Griffin's
GAA Club

23-2-83

A meeting of all junior, under 2 and minor players will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 5th, at 7 p.m. Closing date for membership of the club has been extended to the end of March. All remaining players and intending members to join immediately. Adults £1, juveniles 50p. A grand concert for club funds will be held on Friday, March 11th, at 8 p.m., in the Hall. All local talent.

Gerald Griffins

22-9-83

The AGM of the club took place in the Hall, Ballyhahill, on Sunday, Jan. 2. A large attendance was present. Officers elected to the club for 1983:

President, Edward O'Connor; chairman, Gerry Brennan; vice-chairman, Pat Scanlon; secretary, Pat Noonan; ass. sec., Joe Kelly jr.; treasurer, Peter Noonan, Michael Dalton, registrar; Joe Curtin; PRO, Colm O'Shaughnessy; selectors, Pat Hayes, Joe Curtin, Gerard Mullane, Pat McCoy, Joe Shaughnessy.

Junior captain, Pat Noonan. Minor board, Chairman, Joe Shaughnessy; secretary, Anthony Mullane; treasurer, Diarmuid Cahallane.

The club have recently purchased a playing field in the parish and are now embarking on a major finance drive in the area.

CLUB GAA:

Gerald Griffin's
14-1-84

The annual general meeting of the club was held in the hall on Friday last. The chairman, Gerry Brennan, in his address, praised the club, its members and players for the great work put in through the year. The club purchased and developed a new playing field and this took a lot of time, money and hard work.

The secretary, Pat Noonan, reviewed the year's work in his usual efficient manner.

The treasurer gave a very detailed report, a copy of which was handed out to every member present.

Officers and committee elected for the coming year: President, Ned O'Connor; chairman, Jerry Brennan; vice-chairman, Pakie Hayes; sec., Pat Noonan; asst. sec., Joe Kelly (jr.); treasurers, Peter Noonan, Joe Herbst.

Minor Board: Chairman, Nielly Clifford; sec., Joe Kiely (jr.), treas., John Healy;

PRO for the club, Gerard Reidy, Registrar, Joe Curtin.

Club committee: Pat McCoy, Dan Scanlon, Gerald Mullane, Gerard Reidy, John Walsh, Eamonn Kelly, Helen Kelly, Francis Brennan.

The discussion of motions and election of team captains was deferred to another meeting on Monday, 16th January, at 7 p.m. This is a very important meeting especially for players and those intending to play.



Mr. Joe Murray, Euro Fuels, Foynes, presenting a cheque for a set of football gear to Pete Noonan, treasurer, Gerald Griffin G.A.A. club, Ballyhane, Also

included in Gerry Brennan chairman of the club

Gerald Griffins ¹⁶⁻¹⁻⁸⁵

Congratulations to all our Scor competitors who reached the west final in Ardagh on Friday night last, February 8th, and especially to Anne Griffin on winning both the recitation and the solo singing. Anne now goes forward to the county final in the Savoy, Limerick, on Sunday, February 24th.

The weekly meetings at the club rooms has been changed from Monday to Friday nights. Training every Tuesday and Thursday nights and all players are requested to attend.

Gerald Griffin ²³⁻²⁻⁸⁵

Congratulations to Anne Griffin on winning the recitation at the county final of Scor on Sunday last, Feb. 24.

The club wishes Anne the best of luck in the Munster semi-final in Thurles on Saturday next, March 2.

Training continues in the new field every Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. sharp.

G.A.A.: PRESIDENT OPENS COMPLEX ⁸⁻⁶⁻⁸⁵

PROUD DAY FOR LOCAL CLUB

Paire Abha Bhan was officially opened at Ballyhahill in West Limerick on Sunday evening last by Dr. Mick Loftus, President G.A.A.

Dr. Loftus praised the local G.A.A. club under their chairman, Mr. Jerry Brennan, on their initiative in developing such a fine complex which will cater for the people of the area. In the course of his address, the President called for the derating of G.A.A. club grounds and premises and called on the electorate to make it an election issue when candidates called on them during the next couple of weeks. The complex, which consists of a full size playing pitch, covered stand, dressing rooms, meeting room and toilets, was blessed by Rev. Fr. O'Regan, P.P., Ballyhahill.

Other speakers at the opening included Mr. Jerry Brennan, chairman, Gerald Griffins G.A.A. Club; Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman Limerick County Board; Mr. John Carrig, chairman West Board; Mr. John Whelan, vice-chairman County Board, and Senator Rory Kiely, Munster Council.

Jerry Brennan recalled how they set about acquiring their own field and said that the gates will be always open to clubs and counties wishing to play there. He recalled that when they went about purchasing the field, which cost £22,000, that they only had £17 in the bank at the time. Continuing, he thanked all those who had helped to raise funds and especially the ticket sellers who travelled to every county in Ireland. He welcomed the Kerry and Laois teams to Ballyhahill and hoped that the people of the area would remember and talk about this evening for years to come. In conclusion, he thanked the various landowners who down through the years had facilitated the G.A.A. by providing fields for their training and parish leagues.

WINNERS

In the senior football game which followed, Kerry defeated Laois 2-10 to 0-13. Mickey Sheehy received the "man of the match" award. Referee for the game was Foynes man Mr. Pat Lane. Music for the opening ceremony and parade was provided by St. David's Pipe Band, Newcastle West, under the baton of Mr. Seamus Hunt.



The president of the G.A.A., Dr. Mick Loftus, centre, pictured after he had officially opened the new £70,000 Paire Abha Bhan at Ballyhahill on Sunday last. On left is John Carrig, chairman, West Limerick Board, and on right is Pat Lane, referee.

Gerald Griffin ¹⁵⁻⁶⁻⁸⁵

The club wish to thank all club members, stewards, ticket sellers, programme sellers and anybody else who helped make an official opening of Paire Abha Bhan such a success. A special thanks to the ladies who worked so hard and prepared such an excellent meal. It was appreciated by all.

We also wish to thank the Kerry and Laois teams for giving us a fine sporting game and the St. David Pipe Band for supplying the music. It was a great reward and made three years hard work worthwhile when Dr. Michael Loftus unveiled the plaque and declared the field officially open.

Gerald Griffin's ²³⁻²⁻⁸⁵

An important meeting of the players, selectors and officers will take place at the clubrooms on this Friday, February 22, at 8 p.m. sharp. All players, junior, novice and U-21, are requested to attend.

Cards and money for the members draw should be returned on Friday night.

Training at the new field every Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 o'clock sharp.

Best of luck to Anne Griffin, who will be taking part in the county final of Scor at the Savoy, Limerick, on this Sunday, February 24.

Gerald Griffins ¹⁶⁻²⁻⁸⁵

Our club held its first meeting at the club rooms in Finnoe on Friday night last. It was a meeting of the players and was very well attended. A very lively discussion on plans for the year took place. The players were introduced to the new coach for the year — Mike McNamara and Mike Stack was elected as captain.

Congratulations to our Scor competitors — set dancers, ballad group and recitationist who qualified for the West final in Ardagh on February 8 and our solo singer who goes on to the second round in Ballyhahill on February 1st.

The first draw of our members draw will take place at the club rooms on Friday, February 1st, at 8 p.m. All are welcome. The hurling club dance takes place at Moran's of Carrickerry, on Saturday, February 2nd. Music by the Vantones.

The club wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Pat O'Shaughnessy and Mike Stack, Kilttery, on their recent bereavements.

The Estuary Credit Union is in the hall, Ballyhahill, every Friday evening, from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.