

## Intermediate Hurling:

# CHRISTIANS TOPPLE LIBERTIES

Old Christians ..... 4-11  
South Liberties ..... 2-12  
(after extra time)

**OLD CHRISTIANS** and South Liberties fought out ninety minutes plus in the quarter final replay of the county intermediate hurling championship at Bruff last Sunday.

It was 2-9 apiece at the end of the game proper, while in extra time it was 2-2 to 0-3, to give the city champions the verdict on a scoreline of 4-11 to 2-12.

Old Christians won the toss and elected to play into the teeth of a very strong breeze. They must have been doubting the wisdom of this decision when Liam Dooley latched on to a loose ball after only 40 seconds, to give South Liberties a dream start with a goal. Brian Finn added a point before Liam Dooley was again presented with the freedom of the goalmouth, to crash home another goal.

Ten minutes elapsed before Old Christians had their opening score — it was a vital one by John Power, whose powerful shot beat the Liberties goalkeeper to keep his side in touch. Pat Howard added a point to the goal a minute later, but South Liberties had another good spell with points from Dooley 0-3, and Brian Finn 0-2.

### Point

Eamonn Butler sent over a fine Old Christians point with five minutes of the first half remaining. Ger Hegarty who lined out at centre forward, and was rapidly moved to midfield when South Liberties took over early leadership, had a point on the stroke of half time to leave it 2-6 to 1-3.

Joe Hegarty, operating at top of the left and a constant thorn in the South Liberties defence, set the cat among the pigeons within seconds of the restart, when he found the net with a perfectly struck ball. This was to set the scene for a pulsating second half, which saw Old Christians lose their centre back Pat Howard at the half way stage. Howard was sent packing by the referee for a challenge on an opposing attacker, coming at a time when the match was delicate-

ly poised.

Old Christians had levelled and gone a point ahead by the 13th minute. The in-form Liam Dooley had the teams on level terms once more, and then put his side ahead, from a placed ball.

The combat continued to increase in tempo in the final ten minutes, as Old Christians made powerful drives to secure the equaliser. It was the towering Ger Hegarty who obliged with three minutes remaining, to leave it 2-9 each.

### Tempo

The tempo rose still further in the last three minutes, plus the five minutes the referee allowed play to continue. Old Christians, inspired by the fire of John Kearns, Tom Phayer, Jim Howard in goal, Ger Toomey, Joe Hegarty, Ger Hegarty and John Power, made despairing efforts to secure the winning score.

In a dramatic break upfield in the last minute, South Liberties should have wrapped it up, but a great opportunity of a goal was fluffed. The final opportunity at the end of the game proper fell to Ger Hegarty, but his attempt at a point from long range was well off target.

South Liberties sent over the first point in extra time but John Power came to the rescue of Old Christians once more when he found the Liberties net for the second time. However, it was Timmy Sheehan who turned the final screw in the losers coffin. Sheehan, who was substituted in the first half, was recalled for extra time to fill the vacancy made by Pat Howard's departure, and in the last quarter fired in a terrific goal as well as scoring two points.

Overall it was a victory Old Christians deserved. They overcame adversity on more than one occasion, raising morale no end for the semi-final.

Even in defeat South Liberties will find solace in this fine performance. Brian Finn, Liam Dooley, Declan Nash, Noel Godfrey, Pat Donnelly, Adrian Godfrey and company put in a spirited ninety minutes, something they have lacked in recent times.

Old Christians scorers: J. Power 2-0, G. Hegarty 0-6, T. Sheehan 1-2, J. Hegarty 1-0, P. Howard, E. Butler, M. Timmons 0-1 each.

South Liberties scorers: L. Dooley 2-8, B. Finn 0-4.

Old Christians — J. Howard, D. Costello, J. Kearns, P. Howard, T. Phayer, P. Howard, E. Byrnes, G. Toomey, R. Costello, P. Butler, G. Hegarty, T. Sheehan, E. Butler, J. Power, J. Hegarty. Subs., D. Maher for Costello, M. Timmons for Sheehan, P. Foley for J. Hegarty, T. Sheehan came on to make fifteen for extra time.

South Liberties — S. Hartigan, M. Butler, S. Butler, D. Kelly, L. McCarthy, B. Finn, R. Godfrey, M. Nash, D. Nash, D. Donnelly, N. Nash, D. Godfrey, L. Dooley, N. Godfrey, P. Donnelly. Subs., G. McManus for McCarthy, M. O'Brien for D. Donnelly.

Referee, N. O'Connor, NC West.

### Blackrock win

A late goal gave Blackrock a 1-9 to 1-7 win over Feenagh/Kilmeeedy at Ballyagran. The losers were leading 1-7 to 0-9 with time almost up and Blackrock awarded a 20m free in front of goal. Pat Heffernan had the easy chance of sending over the equaliser, but he mis-hit the ball which went the way of Kieran Fitzgerald, who planted it in the net for a sensational Blackrock win.

Richard Connolly, Pat Heffernan, Aidan Fitzgerald, Eamonn O'Sullivan and the veteran Jack McCarthy, were best for Blackrock.

Tom Galvin, Paddy Flynn, James Galvin, Denis Barry, Ger Galvin and Tom Keane starred for huckless Feenagh/Kilmeeedy.

Bruree had a player sidelined in their clash with Tournafulla at Ballyagran, but still had enough power left to win 2-8 to 2-5.

Stephen McDonagh, Pat Potter, Mike Sexton, Edmond Potter (the scorer of 1-2) and Donal Mullane, the scorer of the equalising goal early in the second half, were in great form for Bruree.

Gerard Moroney, Seamus Horgan, Maurice Curtin, Seamus O'Sullivan and M. Larkin starred for Tour.