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**G.A.A.: Keating saves Mungret —**

**"Saints" went marching out —**

BY SEAN MURPHY

Ballybrown .....	1-14
St. Patrick's .....	1-3
Old Christians .....	5-4
Mungret .....	4-7

A DRAMATIC late rally which saw them score 2-1 in the last four minutes, earned Mungret a draw with Old Christians in the Losers Group section of the city senior hurling championship, at Pairc na nGael on Sunday, while in the same competition St. Patrick's bid au revoir to their championship aspirations when they were outpointed by Ballybrown to the tune of 1-14 to 1-3.

The Mungret and Old Christians game was a fiercely contested encounter, brimful of some great bouts of hurling.

Andy McCallin opened the scoring for Mungret with an early pointed free, but Old Christians, aided by the wind, forced the initiative, and helped by a goal from Michael Costelloe, and another direct from a free by Pat Howard, enabled them to lead 3-2 to 1-3 at the interval.

Timmy Sheahan stretched Old Christians lead with a first minute

point on resuming, but then Mungret cut the leeway and a goal from a goalmouth scramble by Henry O'Grady in the 12th minute cut the deficit to a single point.

**Spectacular**

Again Old Christians gained the upperhand when a side-line puck by Cathal Carmody was flashed to the net by Pat Howard, and they appeared to have the game well and truly wrapped up when Michael Costelloe soloed his way through from more than 70 yards for a truly spectacular goal; with ten minutes remaining.

Then, when the game seemed lost, Mungret switched burly centre-back Tony Byrnes to full forward and he notched two goals in the space of 60 second, while the equaliser was shot by Denis Keating from a '65 metres with time almost up.

Pat Doherty, John Kavanagh, Cathal Carmody, Ger Toomey, Brian Toomey, Michael Costelloe and Pat Howard were the stars of a most promising Old Christians side while Liam O'Donoghue, Tony Byrnes, Connie Keating, Denis Keating, Pat O'Brien, Ger Malone and Harry O'Grady impressed for Mungret.

**SCORERS**

Old Christians — M. Costelloe 2-1, P. Howard 2-1, T. Kennedy 1-0, T. Sheahan 0-2.

Mungret — T. Byrnes 2-0, D.

Keating 1-2, H. O'Grady 1-2, A. McCallin 0-2, L. O'Donoghue 0-1.

**TEAMS**

Old Christians — G. Foley, L. Bowles, J. Kavanagh, P. O'Doherty, B. Toomey, G. Toomey, A. Browne, C. Carmody, G. Craughan, T. Sheahan, N. O'Gorman, T. Kennedy, P. Howard, M. Costelloe, R. Kiely. Subs., K. Reale for No. O'Gorman, N. O'Brien for R. Kiely.

Mungret — G. O'Brien, M. Kirby, M. Barron, J. Keating, L. O'Donoghue, T. Byrnes, P. Tobin, C. Keating, P. O'Brien, A. McCallin, G. Malone, D. Keating, R. Dowling, H. O'Grady, J. Fitzgerald.

Referee — T. Murray (Patrickswell).

**Tame**

In stark contrast, the Ballybrown and St. Patrick's game was a very tame affair, and never rose above the level of mediocre.

There was very little between the sides in the first half, and at half time Ballybrown led 0-5 to 0-3 after 'Saints' had squandered some good chances.

Ballybrown got a great boost early on resuming when a shot by Olly O'Connor was helped to the St. Patrick's net by Martin Hayes, but, 'Saints' fought back courageously and Conny Collins snatched a goal when Gary Morgan's shot was saved, to keep them in contention.

With Joe Mann and Olly O'Connor controlling the midfield exchanges, Ballybrown began to assert their superiority and the accurate striking of Mann and O'Connor plus Pat Lynch, picked off the points that gave Ballybrown a comfortable if not over impressive victory.

Joe Mann, Olly O'Connor, Olly Coughlan, Pat Lynch, Willie Ryan and Joe Kiely impressed for Ballybrown while Larry Cross in goal, Ger McMahon, John O'Neill, Ger Butler, Gary Morgan and Paul Mullins were most prominent for St. Patrick's.

**SCORERS**

Ballybrown — M. Hayes 1-1, P. Lynch 0-4, J. Mann 0-4, O. O'Connor 0-3, T. Kenny 0-1, O. Coughlan 0-1.

St. Patrick's — C. Collins 1-0, G. Morgan 0-1, G. McMahon 0-1, P. Mullins 0-1.

**TEAMS**

Ballybrown — C. Keyes, J. Kiely, J. Byrne, G. O'Reilly, J. Coughlan, W. Ryan, J. Quinn, J. Mann, E. Cliffe, O. Coughlan, T. Kenny, P. Lynch, O. O'Connor, M. Hayes, M. Mulqueen.

St. Patrick's — C. Cross, A. Costelloe, V. Phelan, P. Duffy, P. Farrell, G. McMahon, J. O'Neill, F. Murphy, G. Butler, G. Morgan, J. Faul, P. Mullins, J. Cronin, D. Flanagan, C. Collins. Subs., M. Prenderville for A. Costelloe, M. Faul for C. Collins.

Referee — D. Coffey (Monaleen).