

N.A.C.B. PLAYOFFS CHICAGO, SEPT 1st 7 2nd, 1990.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

There was one Junior quarter-final on the Friday evening of the playoffs, between St Brendans Chicago and St Patricks Florida. Chicago emerged the winner and went on to play and win over Detroit Wolf Tones the following day, Saturday.

In the second semi-final, Erins Isle defeated Mayo Philadelphia.

The final between Erins Isle San Francisco and St Brendans Chicago was a very evenly contested game with San Francisco securing victory with a very well taken goal late in the game.

Footnote. This was Erins Isle's first year in the competition. The club was formed just nine month earlier.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The first of the Intermediate semi-finals was scheduled between a Chicago Divisional Junior Selection and Donegal Philadelphia.

At the lineup for inspection of cards, prior to the game it was discovered that the Chicago Selection did not have the required cards. The game was awarded to the Donegal Philadelphia team. A challenge match was played for 25 minutes each half.

The second semi-final was played between Christophers of Boston and Sean McDermots of San Francisco. San Francisco emerged the winner and went on to play Philadelphia in the final.

Sean Mc Dermots of San Francisco were the comfortable winner against Donegal Philadelphia.

SENIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

The first Senior football semi-final was between Donegall Philadelphia and John McBride's of Chicago. This was a very close game with Donegall emerging the winner by two points.

The second semi-final was between a San Francisco selection and Shannon Blues of Boston. This was also a very close game with Boston again winning by two points.

The Senior football final was played in ideal conditions. This was a very close competitive game. At the end of normal time the sides were level at 3goals 9pts each. Two periods of fifteen minutes per half were played for extra time. Both teams gave their all for the entire extra time with Philadelphia emerging the winner by a score of 3 goals 15 points to 3 goals 11 points.

Both San Francisco and Chicago emerged comfortable winners in their respective games.

Again the hurling final was played in ideal conditions. Due to the extra time having been played in the senior football final, the hurling final started at least one hour behind schedule.

In short this was a very tough often dirty game of hurling with several players requiring hospital treatment for their injuries.

At the end of normal time both teams were tied with San Francisco at 1 goal and 8 points to Chicago 11 points.

Concern was expressed by N.A.C.B. officials and the referee with regard to the fading light. Both teams were anxious to continue. San Francisco had an early flight the following morning rendering a Monday replay impractical. Taking this and the willingness of both teams to continue, it was decided to play two periods of ten minutes each half for extra time. At the end of the first period of extra time San Francisco led by two points. With approximately five minutes left to play the referee terminated the game following consultation with his lines man.

An investigation was conducted into the game in Philadelphia on 9-29-90. Both clubs were represented. Following the investigation the cup was awarded to San Francisco.

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PLAYOFF SUMMARY.

As stated earlier in this section, the playoffs were a resounding success. This was due mainly to the excellent facilities, the Central Divisional Board Committee and the very pleasant weather. As much as they were a success, lessons can still be learned and improvements made.

It was generally felt following the confusion with the hurling final, that the Senior football final should have been reserved for the final game of the afternoon.

Valuable time was taken up by having parades prior to both Senior finals.

It was also generally felt that there were far too many team officials and supporters from both clubs allowed to roam the side-lines at will. There is no doubt that over zealous supporters encroaching the playing area contributed greatly to the confusion just prior to the termination of the game. Future playoffs will have to insure that side-lines and playing area are reserved for the players, substitutes and a restricted number of team officials only. Insurance reasons alone will procure to this. A fenced in playing area or very strict stewardship can only resolve this problem.

As stated earlier, the hurling game was of a dirty and dangerous nature and this behavior spilled over following the termination of the game thus causing a potentially riotous situation. We must act together to stamp out this type of behavior. Indisciplined team officials must carry some of the blame for indisciplined players and supporters. I refer not alone to this incident, but to several other incidents which occurred in the North American County Board area during the year.

GAELIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

NORTH AMERICAN LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS

Gaelic Football and Hurling Championships
Gaelic Park, Chicago, September 1, 2, 1990

GRADE/TEAMS	REFEREE	G	P	W	F	50/70
JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEMI FINALS						
San Francisco Erin's Isle	Mattie Kilcullen	2	12	14	11	1
Philadelphia Mayo		2	3	7	7	0
Chicago St. Brendan's	Mattie Kilcullen	0	10	16	21	0
Detroit Wolfe Tones		2	1	9	17	1
MIDDLE FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS						
Chicago Selection(stand in)	Val Kerwin	2	7	10	16	0
Philadelphia Donegal		3	3	12	7	0
San Francisco S.McDermotts	Domo Lyne	3	12	10	13	0
Detroit Christophers		1	10	6	8	2
JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS						
Philadelphia Donegal	Val Kerwin	3	9	8	16	1
Chicago Mac Brides		2	10	12	20	2
Detroit Shannon Blues	Domo Lyne	0	11	11	16	3
San Francisco Selection		1	7	8	16	4
JUNIOR HURLING SEMIFINALS						
San Francisco Na Fianna	John Dillon	1	14	12	9	0
Detroit Tipperary		0	3	7	9	0
Chicago Harry Bolands	Cathal Moloney	4	16	14	7	1
Los Angeles selection		1	5	10	9	1
JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL						
San Francisco Erin's Isle	Willie Hanlon	2	6	10	13	0
Chicago St Brendans		1	8	14	18	1
MIDDLE FOOTBALL FINAL						
San Francisco Sean McDermotts	Mattie Kilcullen	0	11	16	23	5
Philadelphia Donegal		1	2	6	13	1
JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL						
Philadelphia Donegal(in overtime)	Val Kerwin	3	15	17	27	4
Detroit Shannon Blues		3	11	11	22	1
SENIOR HURLING FINAL						
Chicago Harry Bolands (in overtime)	Cathal Moloney	0	14	11	18	0
San Francisco Na Fianna		1	10	14	17	0

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