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KEEP THE FLAG FLYING FOOTBALL GAMES AT FRONGOCH INTERNMENT CAMP KERRY AND DUBLIN VICTORIOUS SPECIAL DESCRIPTION BY "THE CARP"

The intense Gaelicism of the Irish prisoners of war at Frongoch Internment Camp is clearly demonstrated in their eager attendance at Irish language classes organised under the direction of capable teachers and their zest in pursuing the Gaelic games arranged by well-known GAA men in their midst. Gaelic football has been taken up with a great degree of enthusiasm and a large number of matches are being played daily. Already a Gaelic football and athletic carnival has been held, of which an exciting game between teams representative of Kerry and Louth was the principal feature.

A Narrow Win for Kerry by a point indicates the closeness and interesting nature of the contest.

On Sunday last, 16th July, another great game was played in the Frongoch (Leinster) championship, when Dublin and Wexford lined up under the whistle of Mr. D. P. Walsh, Tipperary. Great enthusiasm was manifested in the game, and a large and appreciative attendance cheered the outstanding incidents of the play as the game progressed.

The football pitch was a fairly level one, there being a slight slope towards one goal. The wind blowing down on this slope was availed of by Dublin, in the first half, and at the line up the following players joined hands :-

DUBLIN – J. Tracey (Mitchels) capt.; J. O'Loughlin (goal); P. Christie, O. McDermott, P. Joyce (Parnells), J. Donovan, T. Taylor (Clan Lir), D. Meade, J. Tuke (Bulfins), D. Brophy (Lusk), B. McAllister (St. Doloughs), J. Beggs (Skerries), J.M. Stanley (Geraldines), J. Mullan (Donores), J. Quinn (Hibernian Knights).

WEXFORD – J. Vize, capt., goal (Blue and Whites), J. Whelan (Ross Geraldines), J. Murphy, E. Synnott (Slaney Harriers), P. Boland, T. Barnes, J. Kelly (2), J. Connors, B. Kinsella (Ferns), D. Murphy (Volunteers), E. Heron (Irish Brigade), Matt Furlong (Wexford), J. Weafer (Enniscorthy), T. Curran (Newtownbarry).

With long, swinging strides, **the Dublin Forwards Raced Away** from the throw-in, and a strong bout of attacking ensued. The pressure being sustained on the Wexford post, they eventually succumbed to the tune of a point, per Meade.

The breeze assisted Dublin materially in the next few minutes, and fine centrefield work by Tracey put Beggs in position to score a second point. The pace was very fast and Wexford, per Boland, forced the struggle into Dublin territory where McAllester intervened, however, and put Dublin attacking once more. By the time the game was fifteen minutes old, Dublin had added two more points, per McDermott and Brophy. The character of the play for the remainder of the first half was pretty similar, Dublin having slightly the better of the argument, their play being very nippy and well balanced. The passing movement among the forwards were very neat and effective, and but for **the Fine Defence of Vize** in goal many more scores would have been added. Vize was a tower of strength to his side, and he found a fine partner in John Kelly at full. Half-time score :-

Dublin....6 points
Wexford.....nil

On turning over, very exciting play took place at centrefield, but Dublin were first to make an impression, and dashing play by Meade, Quinn and Tracey resulted in the latter scoring a point. Wexford now rallied, and in a manner that indicated that they meant business; they pressed Dublin back to their posts, and Weafer had the distinction of opening the scoring, a fine long kick going squarely over the centre of the bar for a point. Cristie, McDonovan and McAllester were hard pressed in the metropolitan back division after this, but they were unable to stem

the **Strong Wexford Rushes** and Heron got through in fine style for a goal. Boland and John Connors peppered the Dublin posts after this, Boland being particularly smart at catching and fielding, and eventually he advanced his side another point. Dublin came up to the scratch gamely, and from the kick out Tracey secured from a host of opponents and gave Stanley an easy task to secure their eight point. The Wexford goalkeeper again distinguished himself in warm exchanges, and several strong attacks were successfully repulsed and Wexford again attacked, and an exciting situation was created when Heron set through a goal for Wexford, equalising the scores.

Now ensued some **Grand Football** and the spectators were worked up to the highest pitch. Dublin by a supreme effort forced play to Wexford end, and nice passing between Tuke and Quinn put Meade in position to give them the lead with a goal. Wexford were continually pressing after this, but could only increase their total by a further point, and the final situation was :-

Dublin.....1 goal 8 pts
Wexford...2 goals 3 pts

It was a fine interesting tussle and from the point of view of interesting features nothing was left to be desired. The Gaels of Frongoch are keeping the flag of the G.A.A. to the front in exile, and from the whole camp one could easily pick a team second to none in Ireland.