



# Oughterard complete inter mission

**OUGHTERARD** 2-16

**MAGHERACLOONE MITCHELL'S** 0-12

ALL-IRELAND CLUB IHC FINAL

**GALWAY'S** Oughterard followed county compatriots Corofin to All-Ireland glory as they lifted the intermediate crown on Saturday.

A classy Croke Park display by the Connemara men had them well on course for victory even before Magheraclone had two men sent off in the final quarter. And when they were offered that extra space, they were ruthless in making it count.

The Ulster men eased into a 0-3 to 0-1 lead inside the opening five minutes, with former county stars Tommy Freeman (2) and Gavin Doogan on target. But Oughterard's hard running saw them prise openings in a nervous defence, and scores from Enda Tierney, Patrick Walsh and Cian Monaghan had them in front by the 14th minute.

Magheraclone had a goal disallowed for a square ball infringement as Ryan Farrelly punched to the net from Michael Metzger's cross, and it was the westerners who struck for the major



Oughterard boss Tommy Finnerty celebrates intermediate victory

score soon afterwards. Eric Lee set off on a darting run, evading three defenders, none of whom managed to lay a glove on the flying wing-forward, before drilling a low shot to the bottom corner of David Kirk's net.

It was the centrepiece of a 1-4 salvo, with Enda Tierney, Matthew Tierney and Niall Lee all converting from placed balls as they went seven clear.

Metzger ended Magheraclone's 17-minute spell without a score as he punched over a stoppage-time point,

but Oughterard held a 1-10 to 0-7 advantage at the break.

The Mitchell's, who lost their ground 18 months ago when a disused mine shaft collapsed, fracturing their pitch, once again displayed their resilience as Freeman and Jack Doogan narrowed the gap to four.

But the loss of defender Michael Jones to a second booking on 45 minutes was followed by the black/red card dismissal of forward Ryan Farrelly six minutes later.

It was an invitation the Galway men gratefully accepted, and when Conrad Clancy came off the bench to hit the net with his first touch, they were on their way.

**SCORERS - Oughterard:** C Clancy 1-1; N Lee (2f) 0-4; E Lee 1-0; E Tierney (2f) 0-3; P Walsh, C Monaghan, R Monaghan 0-2 each; M Tierney, I Gibbons (f) 0-1 each. **Magheraclone:** T Freeman 0-5 (3f); G Doogan 0-2; M Metzger, R Farrelly, J Ward, J Doogan, P McMahon 0-1 each.

**OUGHTERARD** - J Waller; C Hanley, E O'Sullivan, L Moran; C Monaghan, R Molloy, R Monaghan; E Tierney, PJ McGauley; P Walsh, M Tierney, E Lee; B Lambert, N Lee, P Walsh. **Subs:** C Haite for Molloy (15), D Kenny for Lambert (11-1), C Clancy for McGauley (54), P Gibbons for Walsh (59), D Gibbons for R Monaghan (59), I Gibbons for N Lee (61).

**MAGHERACLOONE** - D Kirk; M Jones, P Ward, P McArdle; J Doogan, J Ward, K Rudden; J Kieran, G Doogan; B Kieran, A Kieran, P McMahon; R Farrelly, M Metzger, T Freeman. **Subs:** C McKeown for Rudden (11-1), L Óg Murray for Metzger (39), A McCahey for J Doogan (44), P Tuite for B Kieran (49), N Mairon for A Kieran (60).

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