

KILKENNY YEAR BOOK 1972

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A Message from the President of the G.A.A.



THE BIG FOUR—Mr. Pat Fanning, President of the G.A.A. (second from left), with Nicky Purcell, Central Council Representative; Mick O'Neill and Eddie Keher.

THE awareness throughout the Association of the vital importance of publications and the field of communications generally, is reflected in the publication by County Boards and clubs of bulletins, papers, magazines and year books. These reflect the new thinking within the G.A.A. and project the image of a modern, forward-looking and developing Association.

On that account I welcome particularly Kilkenny's first major effort in this new area of endeavour, and I consider it significant that this interesting survey of Kilkenny's achievements should come in a year in which Kilkenny won, perhaps, its finest victory and shared in the most memorable All-Ireland final of modern times.

The roots go deep in Kilkenny, to whose people, and especially to whose young people, hurling is a way of life, as natural to them as breathing. It is fitting that in such a county the whole broad philosophy of the Gaelic Athletic Association should be understood and recognised. This Year Book bears witness to that recognition.

Fearaim fáilte roimh an Bliain Iris seo agus traosluim le gach uile duine go raibh baint aige san obair.

*Pádraig Ó Lámh
Hochlár*

CO. BOARD CHAIRMAN LOOKS AHEAD

The Future - How Secure Is It?

By Mick O'Neill

When we decided to publish a Year Book for 1972, we certainly picked a lucky year. Without any doubt this has been one of the best ever years in the history of the GAA in this county. For the first time since 1935 we brought off the elusive senior and minor all Ireland 'double'.

In addition the Kilkenny vocational schools won the all Ireland hurling final — incidentally beating Cork in the decider and our under 14 team won the Leinster championship final. Our camogie team lost to Cork in the all Ireland final but a resurgence among our handballers, particularly our young handballers brought us five more all Ireland titles.

A truly great year all-round and we express our great admiration for the people who accomplished these successes and made this a memorable year.

At this stage, naturally our thoughts turn to the future. What is in store for

us? Our primary ambition must be, of course, the breaking of another barrier.

Not since 1932-1933 have we won two all Ireland senior hurling finals in successive years. I believe that with the material at our disposal, the coming year will see this ambition achieved. It we show the same determination as this year and a little luck, which is also a necessary ingredient I can see nothing standing in our way.

Taking a broad view of the situation in the county the future looks bright, indeed. The standard in the juvenile grades is high and for this our thanks must go to the schools — primary, secondary and vocational. It is in the schools that the foundation is laid and without any doubt we are very lucky in Kilkenny to have dedicated teachers in all our schools.

But we have more than that. We have the tradition. And that is a very important factor. We have had lean



periods in the past. We waited 17 years for our first all Ireland victory. And while we won seven in the space of 10 years we were out of it from 1913 to 1922.

We waited 10 years from 1922 to 1932 to win another

and while the 1930's brought us four we were unsuccessful from 1947 until 1957.

Kilkenny is not alone in having periods in the wilderness but we always come back and it is certainly significant that between 1969 and 1972 we won no less than three all Ireland titles.

All this helps to underline the importance of tradition. Hurling is deep rooted in the Kilkenny character and come what may we will always have hurlers capable of holding their own with the best.

We have the material and we have the right people in charge. Our schools continue to make progress and there is a deep love for the game; we are making progress in areas where the game had shown a tendency to decline — however slightly; while we have all these we can look to the future with confidence.

We cannot, of course, expect the men who have brought such significant honour to Kilkenny over the last decade or so to go on for ever but there will always be hurlers to take their place and maintain the glorious tradition that is our's and of which we are justifiably proud.

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A Great Year

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EDITOR



A more appropriate year for Kilkenny's first GAA Year Book could hardly have been chosen. It was certainly one of Kilkenny's most spectacular years and in winning their 18th all Ireland title Kilkenny shed further lustre on a proud tradition. The records show Kilkenny four behind their great rivals, neighbouring Tipperary, and three behind Cork in the all-Ireland roll of honour.

Winning all Irelands is one thing but no county can appreciate victory without first learning to lose. And having played in more all Ireland finals than any other county, and, consequently, having lost more, Kilkenny know the taste of defeat and have been conditioned to defeat.

That is why the sporting spirit displayed in this year's all-Ireland final is of special significance and it is to Cork's eternal credit that they accepted defeat in a manner which did them everlasting credit. They contributed to a great game in the great Cork tradition.

For as long as our national games are played in this manner and our players show the same exemplary sporting instincts, hurling and football will redound to the credit of those taking part and our reputation for sportsmanship will be enhanced at home and abroad.

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SPOT THE BALL: Can you find the ball in this all-action picture from this year's All-Ireland final? On left is Jim Treacy (Kilkenny) and on right Charlie McCarthy (Cork).

HANDBALLERS WON FIVE ALL-IRELANDS

By TOMMY O'BRIEN

The princely total of five All-Ireland titles, with eight provincial titles was the achievement of Kilkenny handballers in 1972. In a year when the rest of the GAA world in the county was setting the country ablaze, the handball section did not let their side down, with successes stretching from under 12 to junior, suggesting even greater things to come.

Although the All-Ireland successes embraced two generations of players, they were very much connected. Both stem from the realisation by club officials that the future of any game lies in boys achieving and mastering the basic skills of the game at an early age.

Some seven or eight years ago, Mick Devane and company in

St Mary's club had a succession of top-class players at minor level. Among them were such as Paddy O'Reilly from Walkin Street and Paddy Delaney, a product of Stephens Street. These two brought success at junior level this year. Some years later, five years ago to be exact, Talbot's Inch and later Clogh, showed interest in handball at juvenile level and this led to the three juvenile All-Irelands won this year.

A DOUBLE

Paddy O'Reilly was one of two players who achieved a handball double this year. In 1967, Paddy looked to have the handball world at his feet but emigration lost Kilkenny one of its brightest stars and he was welcomed with open arms when he returned towards the end of 1970. He gave Dick Lyng a

very close run in the Senior Singles before bowing out.

This year, he won the right to represent in both singles and doubles at junior level. His doubles partner was fellow minor star Paddy Delaney. They had little difficulty in accounting for Westmeath in the first round of the Leinster championship, while O'Reilly won the Leinster singles title over a weekend when he beat hot favourite Joe Howlin (Wexford) and former minor star Cecil Winders (Kildare).

Meanwhile, his doubles aspirations took a temporary nose-dive when some bungling at provincial level left O'Reilly and Delaney without a chance to contest the semi-final—and left Carlow in the same position.

JUSTICE WAS DONE

County chairman, John Moore, saw that justice was done, however, and Carlow lost to Kilkenny in the Leinster semi-final, while O'Reilly and Delaney went on to pip Wexford in a thrilling Leinster final. The pair won at their ease in the All-Ireland semi-final against Cavan, but O'Reilly had some uneasy moments before disposing of Harry Duff of Tyrone in the singles semi-final. So, the talented St Mary's pair were set for a double attempt at success at Junior level—success which had eluded the county for 17 years.

Paddy O'Reilly had his singles final as the first leg of his double—an achievement which had not been realised by any county since 1965. He had a ridiculously facile win over Paddy Walsh but, nevertheless, gave a magnificent display of the arts and crafts of handball in the process.

The doubles was a different affair. O'Reilly left hospital just 24 hours before playing the doubles final, having suffered a broken nose in a team-of-six game on the week of the final.

Their opponents, Kerry, were in top form and after a rip-roaring first game in which the scores were 20-all for eight hands Delaney scored the winning ace and Kilkenny easily won the second game for a historic double.

One of the first juveniles to be produced by the attention given to handball in Talbot's Inch at this level was John Barron. He won under 14 and under 16 All-Irelands and, while still under 16, was beaten in the All-Ireland minor semi-final last year.

This year he made a more determined effort and gained success with a product of Clogh's juvenile drive—Peadar Hughes. Hughes also won under 14 and 16 All-Ireland titles, and went one better than Barron when they won their minor title this year as he is still a minor!

DIFFICULT TASK

When Kilkenny were notified of their MHBD commitments, there was no chance of playing trials so the selectors had the extremely difficult task of choosing two of a top-class three, Hughes, Barron and another under 14 and 16 champion, Ollie Harold. They chose Barron and Hughes and their choice was

proved correct when this talented pair beat top counties Kildare and Wexford to qualify for the All-Ireland semi-final.

The All-Ireland series in this grade of minor was really a farce as neither Cavan nor Mayo could even give token resistance to the power-packed play of our pair. Cavan scored eight aces in the first hand but were beaten 21-9, 21-3, while Mayo also failed to get a two-figure score in either game.

They both got rave notices in the dailies, and deservedly so. Barron still has a year left in this grade, Hughes has two, so we should have quite a few successes in this grade in the next few years.

If Paddy O'Reilly could win two All-Ireland titles this year, so could Peadar Hughes. At under 16 singles level—a grade at which we had never had great success—Peadar Hughes demolished all before him in a triumphant run which saw him outplay the champions of Meath, Dublin, Offaly, Roscommon and Limerick.

He almost made it a treble when, having won the Leinster minor hardball singles title, he met Cavan in the All-Ireland semi-final but was beaten 21-20 in the third game after a series of decisions against him which were mysterious to say the least.

BRIGHT FUTURE

So, Kilkenny have seniors in the 1973 championships who need bow the knee to no one; their place will be more than adequately filled in years to come by some brilliant minors and, in under 12 grade, we showed that we have someone to take the minors' place in future years when diminutive Eugene Downey won the hearts of the large attendance by playing brilliant handball to win our first ever under 12 All-Ireland title.

So impressive was this stylist that action photographs of him were on display in the COSAC exhibition in the RDS this summer.

And yet, he almost didn't make it. As runner-up last year, he was hot favourite to win the gold medal this year. He clashed with Meath in the first round of the Leinster championship and then followed the closest game of top-class play that we were involved in this year. After a real cliff-hanger, Eugene won and hammered Wexford and Kildare to qualify for the big day at Croke Park when the semi-finals are played.

Roscommon were victims of his brilliance in the semi-final while a Clare opponent was more or less a spectator in the final. When Downey was presented with his gold medal, the appreciative crowd gave him round after round of well-deserved applause as they reckoned they were viewing a star of the future.

I reckon we have a number of 'stars of the future' in Kilkenny now!

EDITOR'S NOTE — Tommy O'Brien has been awarded the Willwood Award for his outstanding service to handball among the juveniles.

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Kilkenny CBS have a great tradition

KILKENNY CBS won no all Ireland colleges title but they reached the semi final three years ago and older followers will recall thrilling games between this seat of learning and the local seminary, St Kieran's in the 1930's.

But if the CBS won no All-Ireland titles, it numbers among its 'old boys' many and many famous hurlers. To begin with Matt Gargan, Dan Kennedy, Jack Lennon and Dick Brennan who figured in the palmy days of Kilkenny hurling were pupils and at a later stage there were Podge and Eddie Byrne, 'Sag' Carroll, Peter O'Reilly and Jimmy O'Connell who flourished in another glorious Kilkenny era.

Then we come to what might be described as the Jim Langton era, not that Jim Langton was the only star in a star studded side in the 1930's but because he introduced that unique style that made him a man apart.

Equally brilliant hurlers of the same era were county secretary Paddy Grace who captained the 1934 side and captained the Kilkenny minor team in 1935; Terry Leahy, Jack Mulcahy, Seanie O'Brien, Jack Gargan and Tommy Murphy all figured on Kilkenny teams and other outstanding hurlers like Eamonn Tallent, Martin McEvoy, Tom Delaney, Sean Byrne (brother of Podge and Eddie, all three of whom and Jimmy O'Connell and Matty Power have since died), Christy Bollard, Nicky Hyland, Tom Waldron, Tommy Lennon, Tom Prendergast, Dick Shortall and Paddy Brennan.

A triumph that dwells in the heart of every CBS man of the period was the great win scored by the CBS over St Kieran's in the Leinster senior semi-final of 1936, the CBS going on to beat Blackrock college, Dublin in the Leinster final.

Colleges hurling did not get

off the ground until about 1910 and the first record of a CBS win was in the 1928 Leinster junior final. On this team was Alfie Cullen who is now a teacher in the CBS primary school.

Mention of the CBS particularly of the 1930 period brings to mind a man who devoted himself unselfishly to the cause of hurling. Mick Loughman took an abiding interest in the CBS boys and nurtured them through minor, junior and intermediate ranks to form one of the great sides in Kilkenny club history—Eire Og.

It was out of this team that Eire Og grew and the contribution made by the ex-CBS boys to Kilkenny hurling — county as well as club — is in itself a great tribute to Mick Loughman.

But if the CBS boys did not give all their attention to colleges hurling in those days they did give it to a famed nursery next door (as you might say). That was Kilkenny Fair Green. Kilkenny Fair Green is given credit — and rightly so for producing outstanding all Ireland hurlers in every generation up to a few years ago.

Kilkenny CBS in recent years has shown a return to its former glory and reached the all Ireland semi-final twice in five years. Now, as always the Christian Brothers are taking a great interest in the national games and the boys are given every encouragement.

The late Brother P. P. O'Farrell in 1918 discovered Matty Power and one of his most treasured possessions was a hurley Matty used. The Brothers who came after Brother O'Farrell proudly maintained the schools enviable record and as long as the Brothers are in James's street there will be hurlers in the school and they will be given every opportunity to prove their manliness on the hurling field as hurlers and sportsmen.

A KILKENNY GESTURE

Kilkenny could have won a bloodless victory in the 1926 all Ireland final. The game had been fixed but the Munster championships had been delayed and the Munster final had not been played.

Members of the Munster Council and Cork County Board met the Kilkenny Board in Kilkenny city hall and Kilkenny agreed to have a new date arranged. Cork beat Kilkenny in this final by 4-6 to 2-0.

Mr L. J. O'Toole, secret-

ary of the Central Council said Kilkenny's action was what they had expected from a great Gaelic county.

Shortly after this all Ireland final Kilkenny beat the same Cork side by 5-0 to 2-7 at Waterford.

EIGHT LALORS

In the early years of the century eight Lalors played on the Threecastles team but they were not all brothers. John, Jim, Dan, and Martin were brothers, and they were cousins of Jack, Jim, Mick and Martin.



KILKENNY COUNTY HURLING CHAMPIONS: THE
FENIANS, JOHNSTOWN

County Final —What the statistics revealed

THE statistics of this year's county senior hurling final, if they reveal some unusual truths, prove beyond question that The Fenians, winners of their second title, had much more in hand than their first half showing revealed. They scored 1-4 with the aid of an almost hurricane force wind and rain and doubled that score in the second half when the dice looked loaded against them.

Strong as the wind was, it proved of no great benefit to either side as was proved by the fact that Bennettsbridge, when they had the wind, only scored 1-4 — the same as Johnstown's first half tally. Holding a side of such powerful dimensions as Bennettsbridge to 1-4, while having to battle against great

difficulty, was where the real merit in the Fenians' victory lay.

And so The Fenians continued their see-saw story. Being in four finals in successive years and winning two is a rare achievement for a team that had only just left junior ranks and the power of their hurling in this year's final—in the second half, that is, as they looked decidedly mediocre in the first period—bore the hallmark of efficiency.

All the stars of this game have been paraded long ago, but one man left an imprint that will be remembered in Johnstown for many a day. That man was Pat Henderson and it is not taking one whittle from the part played by his colleagues to single him out for special mention.

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KILKENNY'S FIRST TRIUMPH

JUNE 24, 1906, was a bright day at Carrick on Suir; it was a bright day for Kilkenny. This was the day Kilkenny won their first all Ireland title. It was the 1904 final which had been delayed two years. And 5,000 people had poured into Davin Park as referee M. F. Crowe, Dublin set Kilkenny and Cork in action for what was to be a great game.

After being in front by a goal, 1-5 to 0-5 at half time Kilkenny won by 1-9 to 1-8.

Jer Doheny who had the distinction of captaining Kilkenny's first all Ireland winning side opened the scoring with a Kilkenny

point and Pat Fielding and Sim Walton added further points. Sheehan had three Cork points to level and Harrington had another before Sim Walton and D. Doyle had Kilkenny points. Dan Stapleton (Kilkenny) retired injured and was replaced by J. Dunne. Drug Walsh scored a great point and Pat ('Fox Maher') made a wonderful save, turning what looked like a certain goal out for a point.

Jimmy Kelly ('the scoring machine') was injured and was replaced by Dick Brennan early in the game while T. Grace and P. Saunders replaced Dunne and Pat Clohosey.

'Fox Maher, M. Lalor,

Jack Rochford, Paddy (Icy) Lanigan, Dick ('Drug') Walsh, Dan Stapleton, Jack Hoyne, Pat Fielding, Dick Brennan and Sim Walton were best for Kilkenny while 'Honest' Tom Coghlan, Jim Kelleher, D. (Rockett') Sheehan, D ('Duckadeen') O'Keefe, M. ('Boxer') O'Leary, "Billex" Moloney,

D. Harrington, J. Harrington, O'Sullivan and Desmond were Cork stars.

Kilkenny : P. Maher, P. Lanigan, J. Rochford, E. Doyle, J. Hoyne, D. Stapleton, P. Fielding, Jim Lalor, R. Walsh, P. Saunders, T. Grace, J. Anthony, M. Lalor, J. Doheny, S. Walton, R. Doyle, R. Brennan.

THIS WAS THE YEAR

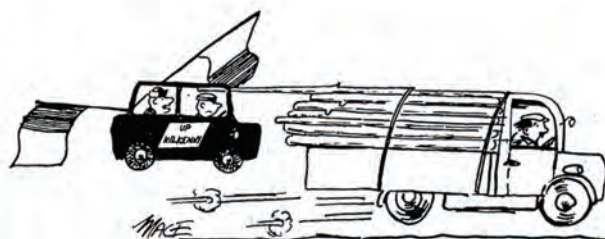
Titles won by Kilkenny in 1972.

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Father Maher is well qualified to direct team operations. In his long hurling career he proved himself a hurler of more than ordinary ability and played in the 1945 all Ireland final in which Kilkenny lost to Tipperary.

He has been in charge of St Kieran's college teams for several years now and has helped to bring several all Ireland titles to the college.

In this year's all Ireland final he directed operations by means of walkie talkie from the Cusack Stand. It is not necessary to stress how effective his work was. The change which brought Eddie Keher to the half forward line was, perhaps the most strategic move in the game.

But before Kilkenny ever got that far Father Maher was the brains behind the successes. Against Laois Kilkenny were in dire trouble up to the closing stages when the switch of Kieran Purcell to the half forward line brought an immediate and significant change.

Against Wexford, too, after Kilkenny's escape in the drawn

game the switch of Pat Delaney to full forward had a devastating effect.

In this way Father Maher can claim to have done his part and to have done it very well.

Mick Lanigan was once one of the country's leading athletes, and has several national titles to his credit. An athlete that is not in the peak of fitness has little hope of success. Nobody knows better than Mick Lanigan.

When this year's championship campaign got under way many commentators were quick to suggest that Kilkenny would not last the 80 minutes; that they would be far out-paced by young teams.

But Mick Lanigan had other views. He had no doubts about Kilkenny's ability to stay and his training was geared specifically to this end.

There is no need to state here how successful Mick's work was. Not only did Kilkenny prove themselves the fittest team in the whole campaign but they were giving their best hurling when their opponents were feeling the strain.

In the Leinster final and the replay and in the all Ireland final Kilkenny were really only getting into their stride at the end. Mick Lanigan certainly knew what he was doing.



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The Greatest Final ?

WAS THE 1912 final the greatest ever played ? It was certainly one of them and the 20,000 that flocked into Jones's Road, Dublin, saw hurling the likes of which they had not seen up to this.

Kilkenny won this game by a point, 2-1 to 1-3 and they held on to this point lead for the closing 10 minutes despite a terrific Cork bombardment.

All 17 Kilkenny men can claim to have contributed to the victory but special mention must be made of the peerless display by John T. Power in the goal; veteran Jack Keoghan, Jack Rochford, Eddie Doyle, Dick ('Drug') Walsh, Dick Grace in the defence, Sim Walton, Dick Doherty and Jimmy Kelly in the attack.

Matt Gargan one of the midfield trio also left a big imprint on the game while full honours must also go to Paddy ('Icy') Lanigan, Doctor J. J. Brennan and Tom McCormack.

Jim Kelleher, rated by Jack Rochford as the greatest hurler he ever saw,

was the star of the Cork defence with Connie Sheehan, B. Murphy, Larry Flaherty, D. Barry and Andy Fitzgerald in goal also doing tremendous work. M. Dorney starred at midfield, and M. Kidney, Willie Mackessy and J. Kennefick were best of a powerful attack.

Mackessy opened with a Cork point and Kidney finished a Dorney centre for a goal. Power in the Kilkenny goal made a great save when Cork attacked. Sim Walton and Kennefick exchanged points to leave Cork leading 1-2 to 0-1 at half time.

Cork's only second half score a great point by Kidney came early in the second half while Sim Walton and

Matt Gargan had a goal each for Kilkenny. This was a game in which defences were on top.

Kilkenny: J. T. Power, J. Keoghan, J. Rochford, E. Doyle, D. Kennedy, R. Walsh, R. Grace, P. Lanigan, M. Gargan, Dr P. Grace, R. Doyle, M. Doyle, Dr J. J. Brennan, S. Walton, T. McCormack, J. Kelly.

Callan CBS has proud record

By Seamus O'Brien

IT may not be generally known that though their only major triumph (apart from successes in junior grades in recent years and a useful senior side for the past few years) was a Leinster senior hurling title in the early 1930's, Callan CBS has a proud hurling tradition, and has also produced some outstanding hurlers.

Dan Stapleton, a member of a well known Tullamaine family who captained the Kilkenny side in 1905 and won all Ireland medals that year and in 1904, was a Callan CBS "old boy". Dan also played football for Kilkenny.

Other well known players who hit the limelight after their school days in Callan CBS were John Keane, Garnaman, whose brother, Denis, like John, wore the Kilkenny jersey, Billy

Cahill, who was on the Kilkenny team that beat Cork in the memorable 1947 all Ireland final and Jim "Link" Walsh an outstanding and popular Dunnamaggin man who also won an All Ireland medal, as did his brother, Tom.

Another outstanding Dunnamaggin man, Davy Walsh played with Waterford and was also honoured by the Munster selectors. Jimmy Murphy of Carrickshock, also hurled with Callan CBS as did Mick Brophy, Ballymack, Cuffesgrange, who was an outstanding Kilkenny centrefield man.

Mick Cahill of Mullinahone played football with Tipperary and Munster while Windgap man, Mick Egan was another well known Tipperary footballer.

CBS boys who won all Ireland junior honours with Kil-

kenny were Rick Burke, Liam Egan and Jack Lynch while Tom Larkin was an outstanding minor of some years ago. Maurice O'Shaughnessy, Tom Walton (Cappahayden) and Jack Cahill who spent some years in America where he was very popular in Kilkenny circles, Paul Giles of Farmley, who played on the county minor and senior teams, Michael Gardiner, Patsy Hogan were county minors in past years while present day county minors are Bobby Sweeney, Tullaroan, Pat Butler, Dunnamaggin and George Hayes who played on the Tipperary minor side.

In common with CBS schools throughout the country the Brothers in Callan down the years have spared no effort to promote the national games and their good work has borne fruit as far as Kilkenny hurling is concerned. (Continued overleaf)

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THE DOYLE brothers of Mooncoin, Dick, Eddie and Mick have a family record that may stand the test of time.

But from the point of members of families who have played together, the Fennellys are out on their own as far as this county is concerned, at any rate.

When Stoneyford won the county junior hurling championship title in 1943, six Fennelly brothers, Richie, John, Michael, Jimmy, Peter and Kevin were on the team and all played a big part in the triumph.

John, now a County Councillor, living at Ennisnag, Stoneyford, was picked by Carrickshock and in those days Jimmy Walsh, and Bob Aylward did not go outside their own area for players merely for the fun of it.

Several of the brothers later played senior with St. Brendan's.

But the latest record set up by the Fennellys is truly phenomenal. Seven sons of Kevin Fennelly, the youngest of the brothers and chairman of the Southern Board, have all won medals.

Kevin (17) has won two Leinster minor hurling medals and an all Ireland minor medal.

Ger (18) has won a Leinster and an all Ireland minor hurling medal.

Liam (14) has won a Leinster under 14 hurling medal.

Brendan (16) has won a Faulkner cup under 14 hur-

ling competition with Kilkenny.

Dermot has won an under 12 southern minor medal while Sean has won two under 12 county medals and a southern under 12 title with Shamrocks and Michael won an under 21 southern hurling championship with his club, Shamrocks.

THE TEAMS THAT WON THE TITLES SINCE 1932

1932: Kilkenny 3-3, Clare 2-3. Kilkenny: J. Dermody, P. Larkin, P. O'Reilly, E. Doyle, J. Carroll, P. Phelan, E. Byrne, J. Walsh, L. Meagher, Martin Power, Tommy Leahy, M. White, J. Dunne, Matty Power, P. Byrne. Subs: J. Duggan, Jimmy O'Connell.

Jimmy Walsh at 21 was the youngest Kilkenny man ever to captain a winning Kilkenny all Ireland team.

1933: Kilkenny 1-7, Limerick 1-6. Kilkenny: E. Doyle, J. Dunne, J. Dermody, L. Meagher, P. Phelan, P. Larkin, M. White, P. O'Reilly, P. Byrne, J. Walsh, J. Fitzpatrick, E. Byrne, Tommy Leahy, Martin Power, Matty Power.

1939: Kilkenny 2-7, Cork 3-3. Kilkenny: J. O'Connell, P. Grace, P. Larkin, P. Blanchfield, R. Hincks, W. Bourke, P. Phelan, J. Walsh, J. Kelly, J. Langton, T. Leahy, J. Gargan, J. Mulcahy, S. O'Brien, J. Phelan. Sub — Bobby Brannigan.

1947: Kilkenny 0-14, Cork 2-7. Kilkenny: J. Donegan, P. Grace, P. Hayden, M. Marnell, J. Heffernan, J. Kelly, P. Pendergast, D. Kennedy, J. Mulcahy, J. Langton, T. Leahy, T. Walton, S. Downey, W. Cahill, L. Reidy. Sub: E. Kavanagh.

1957: Kilkenny 4-10, Waterford 3-12. O. Walsh, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, J. Maher, P. Buggy, M. Walsh, J. McGovern, M.

Brophy, J. Sutton, D. Heaslip, M. Kenny, M. Kelly, R. Rockett, B. Dwyer, S. Clohosey.

1963: Kilkenny 4-11, Waterford 6-8. O. Walsh, F. Larkin, C. Whelan, M. Treacy, S. Cleere, T. Carroll, M. Coogan, P. Moran, S. Clohosey, Denis Heaslip, J. McGovern, Eddie Keher, T. Walsh, B. Dwyer, T. Murphy, Sub O. Gough.

1967: Kilkenny 3-8, Tipperary 2-7. Kilkenny: Ollie Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, S. Cleere, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, P. Moran, J. Teehan, E. Keher, T. Walsh, C. Dunne, Martin Brennan, Dick Blanchfield, J. Lynch. Sub John Kinsella.

1969: Kilkenny 2-15, Cork 2-9. Kilkenny: O. Walsh, Ted Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, W. Murphy, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, M. Lawlor, F. Cummins, C. Dunne, P. Delaney, E. Keher, J. Millea, Mick Brennan, T. Murphy. Subs — Pat Kavanagh, P. Moran, S. Buckley.

1972: Kilkenny 3-24, Cork 5-11. Kilkenny: N. Skehan, F. Larkin, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, P. Lalor, P. Henderson, E. Morrissey, F. Cummins, L. O'Brien, M. Crotty, P. Delaney, J. Kinsella, E. Byrne, K. Purcell, E. Keher. Subs: M. Coogan, P. Moran, M. Murphy.

Reports of other games and teams appear elsewhere.

The First Railway Cup Game

THE FIRST Railway Cup competition in 1927, was won by Leinster who beat Munster by 1-11 to 2-6. Henry Meagher, Lory's brother and John Roberts were the Kilkenny men on the Leinster side and Henry Meagher was the outstanding player on the field.

Years before Kilkenny and the Munster counties, Tipperary and Cork took part in the Railway Shield and after several years Kilkenny won it outright. The Shield occupies a prominent place in the assembly room of Kilkenny city hall.

Kilkenny Objected

PROBABLY the only objection Kilkenny ever lodged was in 1925 when after being beaten by Dublin by 6-4 to 4-7 in the Leinster Final they were awarded the match subsequently by the Leinster Council.

The objection was based on the grounds that Dublin took the field eight minutes later; that J. Conway was illegal, having played for Laois; that Dublin did not furnish a list of players and that Dublin scored a goal one minute and 47 seconds after a half hour of actual play in the first half.

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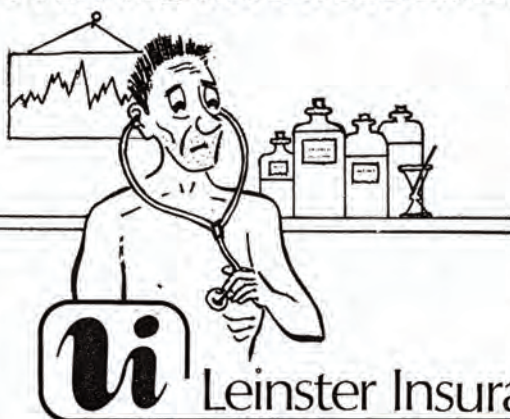
But the Callan CBS alumni who made the grade does not end here. Jack Lynch of Mill street played all Ireland football with the famed Kickhams club in Dublin as did Mick Gardiner.

BLOODY SUNDAY

Jim Egan of Poulacapple played with Tipperary in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday while another Bloody Sunday man was Jack Kickham, Ballydavid, Mullinahone. Jim Stapleton, Tullamaine and John Walsh, Mill street and Mick Fogarty, Bridge street were on the great John Lockes hurling side of 1911.

Gus Fitzpatrick from West street played with the Kilkenny team in New York as did Val Madigan while John Stapleton won a football championship with Lamogue.

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Historic Hurling Cycles

THE TWO most memorable decades in Kilkenny's hurling story were the first of this century and the 1930's. We won four in the first decade and continued that winning sequence up to 1913. Kilkenny also won four in the 1930's and in between the victories of 1933 and 1935 the team had their first American tour.

Kilkenny's hurling glory in the 1930's began with their three All-Ireland finals against Cork in 1931. In 1932 they beat a powerful Clare team when two amazing sideline pucks by Lory Meagher ended in the net. One or other of them may have been assisted on the way by Martin White, but the two shots killed Clare.

Another vital factor in Kilkenny's three points' win was the courageous impulse of Podge Byrne who threw himself at the celebrated 'Tul' Considine as he was about to shoot to the net

and saved what was almost a certain goal.

The following year was another milestone in Kilkenny's history when for the third time they brought back the All-Ireland crown in successive years. This time they beat a powerful Limerick side then at the dawn of a memorable era in Shannonside glory.

The Mackeys were making their entry into the big time and everybody sat up and took notice.

But it was in the 1935 final, when this Limerick team had reached its peak, when Kilkenny—fielding a side rated the greatest ever to don the black and amber colours—beat an almost invincible Limerick side by a point.

Kilkenny then had to wait until 1939, when they conquered Cork in a thunderstorm as the war clouds gathered over Europe and the champions came home to

a tumultuous "black-out" welcome.

Jimmy Kelly "came from nowhere" to score the winning point and in somewhat similar circumstances to the 1957 final — though conditions were very much different—when another Kelly (Mickey Kelly, Bennettsbridge) scored the winning point just on time.

Terry Leahy repeated the last minute point perfor-

mance when Kilkenny beat Cork in 1947 and Kilkenny had close calls but not quite so exasperating last minute successes in 1963 again over Waterford and 1967 over Tipperary.

The striking similarity between their latest All-Ireland final triumphs—both against Cork — is that Kilkenny exerted complete mastery in the last quarter.

A DUBLIN CASTLE BAN

IN JULY, 1917 an order was issued from Dublin Castle banning GAA games in the country and the military and police were used to see that the ban was strictly enforced. Shortly after this, however, the authorities decreed that Gaelic matches would not be prohibited "unless they had relation to politics".

WHAT COLLINS SAID

"You are not only upholding a great game but you are also upholding one of the most ancient and cherished traditions of Ireland".

—Michael Collins addressing the Kilkenny and Dublin teams before the start of the 1921 Leinster final. Dublin won by 4-4 to 1-5.

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Noel Skehan, captain of the victorious Kilkenny All-Ireland hurling team, and Paddy Delaney, winner of All-Ireland handball title, who are both employees of Smithwicks Brewery, were presented with silver trays by the Brewery Sports Club after the Club's Annual Darts Tournament this year. Photograph shows Noel and Paddy in front with winners and runners-up of the darts tournament for which silver tankards were presented.



Mahon & McPhillips hurling team, who won the Leinster Inter-Factory Hurling League for the first time this year, are pictured with the trophy at the firm's staff dinner in the Carlton Ballroom.



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Did You Know ?

Ollie Walsh Could Have Played First Div. Soccer



recruit Ollie. Tests were arranged in a field near Thomastown and the two players who travelled with Andy Windgate put him through a severe test.

When the tests were over Windgate guaranteed him a place in English first division soccer within two years.

How did he react. "Though I went through the test I never had any intention of giving up hurling", he said. Has he any regrets since? He has not: "I often think about it. I often ponder over what might have happened if I had accepted. It is a thing you couldn't help thinking about," he said.

"At the time I was just finished in minor hurling; I felt I might make the grade and I was determined that I would stay with hurling. I might have lost money over making that decision but I have no regrets".

Could you visualise the English Sunday newspapers raving about a star first division soccer goalie named Ollie Walsh from Thomastown? You couldn't, of course. But it very nearly happened. Ollie Walsh was given a test and a guarantee that he would be in first division English soccer within two years.

A Kilkenny GAA Year Book without a story about Ollie Walsh would be like playing "Hamlet" without the ghost. But what was there to write about him that was not already written. I put this to Ollie himself and asked him to think about it and come up with something different, if he could.

It was however, purely by accident I heard about the soccer story. Like most sportsmen of his calibre he took a passing interest in soccer — even if only to read about it but he never even dreamed about playing in a first division club until a surprise visit by three members of the Waterford soccer club to his home in Mill street, Thomastown.

This was in 1955 shortly after he had played minor hurling with Kilkenny against Dublin at Croke Park. A Scot, Andy Windgate, who was with the Waterford club was keen to

Holder of four All Ireland and four Railway cup medals as well as being Caltex award winner in 1967, Ollie has won all the honours hurling has to offer except a county championship medal — an honour which every county hurler to a man sets store by. But he never wavered in his loyalty to his own club — Thomastown, and he did tremendous work and derived great satisfaction when the two local clubs — Thomastown and Thomastown Rangers united at the beginning of this year.

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COUNTY CHAMPS THROUGH THE YEARS

THE records of county championship winners are not complete and the possibility that one or two might not be correct cannot be ruled out as records in the early days of the Association were not completely accurate. Readers might like to send in additions or corrections so that the records can be put straight.

SENIOR HURLING

1887 — Tullaroan
1888 — Mooncoin
1889 — Tullaroan
1890 — Bennettsbridge
1893 — Tullaroan
1894 — Confederation
1895 — Tullaroan
1896 — Confederation
1897 — Tullaroan
1898 — Threecastles
1899 — Tullaroan
1900 — Mooncoin
1901 — Tullaroan
1902 — Tullaroan
1903 — Threecastles
1904 — Tullaroan
1905 — Erin's Own
1906 — Mooncoin
1907 — Tullaroan
1908 — Mooncoin
1909 — Mooncoin
1910 — Tullaroan
1911 — Tullaroan
1912 — Tullaroan
1913 — Mooncoin
1914 — Johnstown
1915 — Tullaroan
1916 — Tullaroan
1917 — Mooncoin
1918 — Mooncoin
1919 — Tullaroan
1921 — Mooncoin
1922 — Mooncoin
1923 — Dicksboro
1924 — Tullaroan
1925 — Tullaroan
1926 — Dicksboro
1927 — Mooncoin
1928 — Mooncoin
1929 — Mooncoin
1930 — Tullaroan
1931 — Carrickshock
1932 — Mooncoin
1933 — Tullaroan
1934 — Tullaroan
1935 — James Stephens
1936 — Mooncoin
1937 — James Stephens
1938 — Carrickshock
1939 — Eire Og
1940 — Carrickshock
1941 — Carrickshock
1942 — Carrickshock
1943 — Carrickshock
1944 — Eire Og
1945 — Eire Og
1946 — Thomastown
1947 — Eire Og
1948 — Tullaroan
1949 — Graigue
1950 — Dicksboro
1951 — Carrickshock
1952 — Bennettsbridge
1953 — Bennettsbridge
1954 — Slieverue
1955 — Bennettsbridge
1956 — Bennettsbridge
1957 — John Lockes (Callan).
1958 — Tullaroan.
1959 — Bennettsbridge.
1960 — Bennettsbridge.
1961 — St. Lactain's (Freshford)
1962 — Bennettsbridge.
1963 — St Lactain's (Freshford).
1964 — Bennettsbridge.
1965 — Mooncoin.
1966 — Bennettsbridge.
1967 — Bennettsbridge.
1968 — Rower-Inistioge.
1969 — James Stephens.
1970 — Fenians (Johnstown).

1971 — Bennettsbridge.
1972 — Fenians (Johnstown).

SENIOR FOOTBALL

1887 — Kilmacow.
1888 — Kilmacow.
1889 — Ballyhale.
1890 — Kilkenny Commercial
1895 — Kilkenny Commercial
1896 — Sevenhouses
1897 — Callan.
1898 — Green Rovers
1899 — City Rangers
1900 — Slate Quarry Miners
1901 — Knocktopher
1902 — Lamogue
1903 — Lamogue
1904 — Lamogue
1905 — Lamogue
1906 — Glenmore
1907 — Lamogue
1908 — Knocktopher
1909 — Coolroe
1910 — Knocktopher
1911 — Knocktopher
1914 — Coolagh
1915 — Glenmore
1916 — Glenmore
1917 — Glenmore
1918 — Glenmore
1919 — Glenmore
1920 — Coolagh
1921 — Glenmore
1922 — Glenmore
1923 — Glenmore
1924 — Glenmore
1925 — Ye Faire Citie
1926 — Cotterstown
1928 — Owen Roes
1929 — Glenmore
1930 — Tullogher
1931 — Tullogher.
1932 — Black and Whites.
1933 — Moneenroe
1934 — Tullogher
1935 — Barrow Rovers
1936 — Tullogher
1937 — Tullogher
1938 — Glenmore
1939 — Glenmore
1940 — Glenmore
1941 — Tullogher
1942 — Glenmore
1943 — Glenmore
1944 — Glenmore
1946 — St John's
1947 — Sarsfields
1948 — St John's
1949 — Glenmore
1950 — Glenmore
1951 — Railyard.
1952 — Railyard.
1953 — Railyard.
1954 — Glenmore.
1955 — Glenmore.
1956 — Graignamanagh.
1957 — Railyard.
1958 — Railyard.
1959 — Railyard.
1960 — Railyard.
1961 — Railyard.
1962 — Tullogher.
1963 — Clann na Gael.
1964 — Clann na Gael.
1965 — Railyard.
1966 — Railyard.
1967 — Railyard.
1968 — Muckalee.
1969 — Railyard.
1970 — Railyard.
1971 — Railyard.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING

1929 — Urlingford.
1930 — Conahy
1931 — Danesfort
1932 — Conahy
1933 — Green and Whites
1934 — St Fiacre's
1935 — John Lockes
1936 — Slieverue
1937 — Eire Og.

JUNIOR HURLING

1913 — Ballycloven
1915 — Mullinavat
1917 — Mullinavat

1919 — Dicksboro
1920 — Tullow
1921 — Mooncoin
1922 — Mooncoin
1923 — Dicksboro
1924 — Dicksboro
1927 — Thomastown.
1928 — Urlingford
1929 — James Stephens.
1930 — Danesfort
1931 — Knocktopher
1932 — North — Dicksboro —
South — Crowraddie
1932 — North — St Fiacre's;
South — Green and Whites.
1933 — North — St. Fiacre's;
1934 — South—Green & Whites.
1935 — North — Bonnettstown.
South — Slieverue.
1936 — Eire Og.
1937 — North — Eire Og; S :
Clover brand.
1938 — Ballyline.
1939 : Mullinavat.
1940 — Threecastles.
1941 — Hugginstown.
1942 — Mooncoin
1943 — Stoneyford
1944 — The Rower
1945 — Thomastown
1946 — Graigue.
1947 — Johnstown/Urlingford.
1948 — Bennettsbridge.
1949 — Galmoy.
1950 — Slieverue.
1951 — Bennettsbridge.
1952 — John Lockes (Callan).
1953 — Glenmore.
1954 — Carrickshock.
1955 — James Stephens.
1956 — St. Senan's (Kilmacow).
1957 — Tullogher.
1958 — Erin's Own ('Comer).
1959 — St. Lactain's (Freshford)
1960 — Lisdowney.
1961 — Mooncoin.
1962 — Thomastown.
1963 — The Rower-Inistioge.
1964 — Young Ireland's
(Gowran).

1965 — Knocktopher.
1966 — Galmoy.
1967 — Coon.
1968 — Fenians (Johnstown).
1969 — Clara.
1970 — Windgap.
1971 — Windgap.
1972 — Newpark Sarsfields.
1972 — Graignamanagh.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

1921 — Cotterstown
1923 — Cotterstown.
1922 — Barrow Rangers.
1924 — Knocktopher.
1927 — Cotterstown.
1928 — Tullogher.
1929 — Moneenroe.
1930 — Castlecomer
1931 — O'Loughlins.
1932 — Sart.
1933 — Mullinavat
1934 — O'Loughlins
1935 — N—St Magdalens; S—
Tullogher.
1936 — Tullogher.
1937 — Eire Og
1938 — N : Sarsfields. S—
Slieverue.
1939 — Slieverue.
1940 — The Rower
1941 — Carrickshock
1942 — Kilmacow
1943 — Coolagh
1946 — Glenmore
1947 — Muckalee
1948 — Tullogher
1949 — Railyard FCA.
1950 — Sarsfields-Muckalee
United.
1951 — Cotterstown.
1953 — Muckalee.
1956 — St Senan's (Kilmacow).
1957 — Coolagh.
1958 — St Mary's (Castlecomer)

1959 — Sarsfields (Conahy).
1960 — Graigue.
1961 — Barrowmount.
1962 — Clann na Gael.
1963 — Thomastown.
1964 — Mooncoin.
1965 — The Village.
1966 — Muckalee.
1967 — Rower-Inistioge.
1968 — Bigwood.
1969 — Bennettsbridge.
1970 — Glenmore.
1971 — Fenians (Johnstown).

UNDER-21 HURLING

1967 — Bennettsbridge.
1968 — Clara.
1969 — James Stephens.
1970 — James Stephens.
1971 — Rower-Inistioge.

MINOR HURLING

1927 — Erin's Own
1928 — Sart
1929 — James Stephens
1930 — St Riach's.
1931 — Young Irelands.
1932 — Young Irelands.
1933 — Mooncoin.
1934 — Eire Og
1935 — Eire Og.
1936 — Eire Og
1937 — Eire Og
1938 — N. — Dicksboro; South
—Mullinavat.
1939 — St John's.
1940 — Moonrue.
1941 — Thomastown.
1942 — Johnstown.
1943 — Johnstown.
1944 — St Mary's.
1945 — St Mary's.
1946 — St Mary's.
1947 — Bennettsbridge
1948 — Graigue
1949 — Graigue
1950 — Callan.
1951 — Dicksboro.
1952 — Dicksboro.
1953 — Dicksboro.
1956 — Thomastown.
1957 — James Stephens.
1958 — Mooncoin.
1959 — Thomastown.
1960 — Mooncoin.
1961 — Mooncoin.
1962 — Mooncoin.
1963 — St. Canice's.
1964 — Moncoin.
1965 — Ballyhale.
1966 — James Stephens.
1967 — Ballyhale.
1968 — James Stephens.
1969 — Dicksboro.
1970 — James Stephens.
1971 — James Stephens.
1972 —

MINOR FOOTBALL

1936 — O'Loughlins.
1938 — N. — Cloneen; South :
Nore Rangers.
1939 — Sarsfields
1946 — Sarsfields.
1947 — St John's.
1948 — Spike Rangers.
1950 — Railyard.
1953 — Kilmoganny.
1954 — Railyard.
1955 — Galmoy.
1956 — Railyard.
1957 — The Village.
1960 — St Nicholas
(Cotterstown/Kilmoganny).
1961 — St Nicholas.
1962 — Railyard.
1963 — Railyard.
1965 — Tullogher.
1966 — Railyard.
1967 — Railyard.
1968 — The Village.
1969 — Dicksboro.
1970 — Dicksboro.
1971 — Dicksboro.
1972 — The Village.



Above: Paddy Grace to-day.
Below: Paddy congratulates
Christy Ring after the 1954
All-Ireland final.

It all began with a Browne & Nolan Medal!

Paddy Grace Links 1935 with 1972



It all began with a Browne and Nolan medal, won in an under 12 hurling competition. It could have been in 1927 or 1928 and he might have been 10 or 11 years old at the time. It was the beginning of a hurling career, as player and administrator, stretching over 44 years.

Paddy Grace is a vital link between 1935, when Kilkenny won the senior and minor all Ireland titles and 1972 when the performance was repeated. He captained the Kilkenny side that won the 1935 minor all Ireland title. He figured prominently in two of the most sensational finals ever played. And both of them were against Cork.

In 1939 the black and ambers scored a point win in a thrilling encounter played out in a thunderstorm on the day World War II was declared. He played again when Kilkenny beat Cork in 1947, again by a point, in one of the greatest classics in hurling history.

He started his minor hurling career with a great club Eire Og and won four Co titles with them. He won a junior hurling and a junior football county championship with Eire Og; he won four county senior championship titles with Carrickshock and one Co senior hurling title with Dicksboro.

In addition to his two all Ireland senior medals Paddy has seven Leinster senior medals; a Railway cup and Oireachtas medals.

Paddy Grace was a great right full back and had a distinguished career in the black and amber jersey.

Three of his outstanding games will be readily recalled by those who have been watching hurling for the past 25 or 30 years.

His display against Tipperary in the 1945 all Ireland final in which Kilkenny lost to Tipperary — earned him man of the match rating; in the 1947 all Ireland semi final against Galway he returned to the scene of action after a period on the sideline, with a heavily bandaged head to continue his sterling work and no one who saw the 1947 final will forget the dare devil escapade which brought him almost to centrefield to put Kilkenny on the attack and put Terry Leahy in a position to score the winning point seconds before the end.

This was the peak performance in a remarkable hurling career. He out-hurled Cork star sprinter, and star hurler, Joe Kelly.

As County Secretary for a quarter of a century, he brought his love of hurling into the administrative field and his greatest concern is for the welfare of the players. Equally important with him is his great desire to enable young boys to play the national games and if he had his way every young boy in Kilkenny would have a hurley free of charge.

Any man in his position is bound to have his critics particularly those who were opposed to the ban. But Paddy Grace was not concerned about his critics, and though he would have been opposed to the removal of the ban, he was not concerned when it did go; he didn't have to be. He knew that ban or no ban hurling would survive in Kilkenny. And it has; and he has helped to make it survive; and he knows it will survive for a long time to come.

Paddy Grace is one of the most dedicated men in the GAA and if his views do not always conform no one could ever have any doubt about his sincerity. And as long as Paddy Grace lives his dedication to hurling will live.

KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS 1935



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LARKIN



O'REILLY



BLANCHFIELD



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P. BYRNE



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LEAHY



L. MEAGHER (Capt.)



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DUNNE



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THE HURLING FINAL

As seen by
Jim Langton

NOBODY is better qualified to talk about an All-Ireland final—particularly a Cork—Kilkenny All-Ireland final—than Jim Langton. He figured in two of the most thrilling finals, both of them against Cork and both of them won by Kilkenny. They were, of course, the 1939 and 1947 finals.

Jim Langton won his first All-Ireland medal in 1939 and his second eight years later. He has seen as many if not more All-Irelands than many of his own generation of hurlers and he knows as much about the artistic aspects of hurling as any man who ever caught a hurley.

This year's final was a great game. "A wonderful game," was how Jim described it but it differed from the two in which the Eire Og star figured in one vital respect. In the 1939 and 1947 finals it was anyone's game up to the last minute and both of them could well have ended in a draw.

For that reason the tension up to the very end was greater.

"Since I was playing in both these games I was concentrating on playing and I suppose I didn't feel as tense as the people who were watching. It was certainly tense enough on the field but I could imagine how supporters of both sides felt coming up to the closing stages," Jim says.

"In this year's final the tension was gone well before the end. For the last quarter you could see that Kilkenny were coming back and once

they got into the lead they did not look like losing.

"But even though a Kilkenny win was on the cards long before the end, it was still a wonderful game—as good as anyone could wish to see. It was the real Cork—Kilkenny hurling and when you get that you are bound to come away happy. We all can't be happy, of course, and I felt sympathy with the Cork supporters who had to be at the losing end. But their hurlers lost no honour and even though beaten, Cork gained their share of the glory.

"It was not only a great game but it was a great display of sportsmanship. This was something the game badly needed and I think it did a lot of good for hurling.

"Though there was this difference between this year's final and the other two I have referred to, there was all the glamour and excitement of All-Ireland day and it was great to be there."

Everybody have their own opinions about how the change in the trend of the game came about. And there were few Kilkenny people in Croke Park that day that did not have dismal feelings during the first 20 minutes of the second half.

Jim Langton was one of those who felt gloomy about the prospects when Cork went eight points ahead half way through the second half.

"I really did not think we were going to win at that stage," Jim Langton said.

"Cork were playing like real champions; things were going right for them and they were very confident. But once Kilkenny decided that they were able to give as good as they got the game changed completely."

What contributed to the change? To this question Jim Langton answered: "I suppose when Eddie Keher came out to the half line and when he scored that goal the other 14 Kilkenny men seemed to have been inspired. From that to the end I could not see Kilkenny losing.

"But before we ever laid the foundations for victory. Noel Skehan's wonderful saves in the early part of the game were very vital. If he hadn't been in such great form it could well be that Kilkenny would be facing an impossible situation in the second half.

"Pat Henderson also played a very big part. He was unbeatable in the defence. I thought this was his best game ever. He helped to overpower the Cork half forwards more effectively than they had been for quite some time.

"I was dismayed to see Fan Larkin going off but we had Martin Coogan to step into the gap and he, too, played some of his best hurling. I suppose like most people I was doubtful about Martin Coogan taking over in the full back line but he was not long in the game until we realised that he was up to Fan Larkin's standard in this position.

"But what impressed me

most about this game was the great hurling of Liam O'Brien. His hurling was as good as I have seen for a long time and his striking amazed me. You must remember he was playing in his first All-Ireland final but that did not seem to worry him in the least.

"Another thing that helped to down Cork was Pat Delaney's bursts through the Cork defence and Frank Cummins' great goal which came at the very right time.

"But every man on this team played his part. Jim Treacy's defending was brilliant and Pa Dillon was in great form in the second half. Pat Lalor and Eamonn Morrissey and John Kinsella, Kieran Purcell and Eddie Byrne all teamed up well. And Paddy Moran, like Martin Coogan, and Mossy Murphy when they came on helped to make victory certain.

"There was not very much between the teams up to the time Kilkenny got on top in the last 20 minutes. But there was, to my mind, this very vital difference—Kilkenny showed better teamwork and they lasted the 80 minutes better.

"They set about knocking Cork off their game—the goals by Eddie Keher and Frank Cummins and Pat Delaney's solo runs upset the Cork backs and they lost confidence. It was a great achievement on Kilkenny's part to come from eight points down to win by seven. To do that team work is necessary. Kilkenny had the team work and they won.

KILKENNY

All-Ireland Hurling Champions

1972

Back Row: Eddie Byrne, Mick Crotty, Pa Dillon, Pat Henderson, Eddie Keher, Frank Cummins, Kieran Purcell. Inset on left, top to bottom: Senan Cooke, Nicky Orr, Willie Murphy, Ollie Walsh.

Front Row: Pat Lalor, Jim Treacy, Liam O'Brien, Noel Skehan, Pat Delaney, John Kinsella, Eamonn Morrissey. Inset on right, top to bottom: Fan Larkin, Martin Coogan, Paddy Moran, Mossy Murphy.



PEN PICTURES OF THE HURLING CHAMPS!

NOEL SKEHAN (24), goalie and captain, is employed in Smithwick's brewery, Kilkenny, and won his first All-Ireland medal in 1962 when he played in the goal for Kilkenny. He has four All-Ireland senior medals and has been deputy goalie to Ollie Walsh in 1963, 1967 and 1969. He has won three Oireachtas medals and six county championship titles with his club, Bennettsbridge.

Fan Larkin (30), a plasterer with Kilkenny Corporation. Fan occupies the same position, right full back, as his father, one of Kilkenny's greatest defenders. He was a great county minor. He won his place on the Kilkenny senior side in the 1962 National League. He won All-Ireland medals in 1963 and 1972 and was on the 1972 Railway Cup team, playing for Leinster who beat Munster. He won a county title with his club, James Stephens.

PA DILLON (33), a lorry driver with Esso Petrol Company, played on the minor team in 1956 which was beaten by Tipperary in the final. He first played on the Kilkenny senior side in 1960 and has four All-Ireland medals won in 1963, 1967, 1969 and 1972. He holds two Railway Cup medals, three Oireachtas and two county championship medals with his club, St. Lactain's (Freshford).

JIM TREACY (29), a fitter mechanic with the Quigley Magnesite mining company at Dunbell, Bennettsbridge, first played for Kilkenny in the under 21 campaign. He won his place as a sub on the senior side in 1963 and has four All-Ireland medals. He captained the victorious Kilkenny side in 1967. He has won three Railway Cup medals and three Oireachtas medals and won a National League medal in 1966. On the Carroll's All Stars team in 1972, he holds six county championship medals won with his club, Bennettsbridge.

PAT LALOR (24), another Bennettsbridge man, is a carpenter by occupation. He played on the Kilkenny under 21 team in 1968 and came on to the senior side the same year. He won a Leinster senior medal in 1969 and became a regular on the team in 1970. He holds one All-Ireland medal, three Leinster senior medals and an Oireachtas medal. He won two county championship medals with Bennettsbridge.

PAT HENDERSON (29), is Accounts Manager with the Kilkenny Design Workshops. Educated at Thurles C.B.S., he was on the Kilkenny minor team that won the 1961 minor All-Ireland title. Graduating through under 21 and Intermediate grades, he made the Kilkenny senior team



THOU SHALT NOT PASS! Another attack is halted by the Kilkenny rearguard.



PAT HENDERSON



LIAM O'BRIEN

in 1964 and has won three All-Ireland medals. He has two Railway Cup medals and three Oireachtas medals and won the Cuchulainn award three times. He won county senior hurling medals with The Fenians in 1970 and is also a prominent footballer.

EAMONN MORRISSEY (23), a carpenter, plays with James Stephens. He was on the Kilkenny minor sides in 1966, 1967 and 1968 and on the Kilkenny under 21 teams in 1969 and 1970. He won his first Leinster and All-Ireland medals in 1972 and won a senior county hurling championship with his club in 1969. He is also an accomplished footballer and plays with the Kilkenny junior side in the championships and the senior side

in the National League.

FRANK CUMMINS (24), a Garda stationed in Cork, won a Leinster colleges' senior football medal with Belcamp College, Dublin, and played on the Kilkenny minor side in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He won All-Ireland senior medals in 1969 and 1972 and was on the Carrolls All Stars team in 1972. He won a Cork county championship with Blackrock.

LIAM O'BRIEN (22) is the youngest member of the team. A prominent member of the James Stephens club, he was on the Kilkenny minor team in 1965 at the age of 16. He made the Kilkenny senior side in 1969 and won a Leinster medal. He won his first All-Ireland medal in 1972 and holds one Oireachtas medal. He is also a good handballer.

MICK CROTTY plays with James Stephens and holds the rare distinction of having won county championship medals in Kilkenny (James Stephens) and in Cork with University College, Cork. A graduate of U.C.C., he won two Fitzgibbon Cup medals and played on the Kilkenny minor team in 1963 and 1964. He won his first Leinster medal in 1969 and won Leinster and All-Ireland medals in 1972.

PAT DELANEY (29) is a farmer and a keen follower of coursing and greyhound racing. He won a Leinster minor medal in 1961 and graduated through the Intermediate grade to senior ranks in 1966 and 1967. He holds two All-Ireland medals, three Leinster senior medals, an Oireachtas and two Railway Cup medals. He won county championship medals in 1970.

JOHN KINSELLA (25) is a mechanic in Connolly's Garage, Kilkenny. He was 25 on the day he won his second All-Ireland medal this year. He won an All-Ireland Vocational Schools medal in 1962 and was on the Kilkenny minor team in 1964 and 1965 and on the Kilkenny team that beat Tipperary in the 1967 All-Ireland final. He has two All-Ireland and three Leinster senior medals.

EDDIE BYRNE, a soft drinks' manufacturer, belongs to one of the best known hurling families in the country. His uncles, Eddie and Podge and Matty Power, were outstanding Kilkenny All-Ireland hurlers. He won a Leinster championship medal with Kilkenny in 1971 and Leinster and All-Ireland medals in 1972. He also won a county championship medal with his club, James Stephens.

KIERAN PURCELL (27), a farmer by occupation, played on the Kilkenny minor side in 1963 and on the under 21 team in 1965 and 1966. He has also played on the Intermediate side for a few years before making the senior team in 1971. He won Leinster senior medals in 1971 and 1972 and an All-Ireland medal in 1972. He is also a well known footballer and plays for the county.

EDDIE KEHER (30) has all the honours the game can bestow. A bank official, he made his senior debut in 1959 after winning a colleges' All-Ireland medal with St. Kieran's, Kilkenny. He won Leinster and All-Ireland senior medals in 1963, 1967 and 1972 and, in addition, Leinster senior medals in 1959, 1964, 1966 and 1971. Has four Railway Cup and two National League medals. He has been top scorer for a number of years past and set a new record in the 1971 All-Ireland final by scoring 2-11. He was on the Carrolls All Stars team in 1972 and also holds a county championship medal won with The Rower-Inistioge.

Minor Captain Has 26 Medals



BRIAN CODY holds the All-Ireland Minor Cup.

TWENTY SIX medals at 18 — what an extraordinary record. Kilkenny minor captain, Brian Cody, is still on the threshold of his hurling career and he has already amassed more honours than many men with a lifetime of hurling behind them.

"He has been extraordinarily lucky" his father, Bill Cody, chairman of the James Stephens club says. "He arrived at the right time to win medals in underage, colleges and minor."

Brian's remarkable career runs thus:

With *James Stephens* — Two under 12 city leagues; two under 14 county championships; two under 16 county championships; four under 16 county football championships; one county minor football championship; two under 21 county hurling championships.

With *St Kieran's college*: Two Leinster juvenile championships; two Leinster junior hurling championships; one Leinster junior football championship; two Leinster senior hurling championships; one all Ireland senior hurling championship.

With *Kilkenny*: Two Leinster minor hurling championships; one all Ireland minor hurling championship.

When the GAA was beset by Schisms

LITTLE is known about the early days of the GAA but it is clearly established that when Archbishop Croke and Maurice Davin set about forming an association to cater for Irish athletics their task was less easy than is generally believed and two rival meetings were held in Thurles in 1884.

Hayes's hotel, Thurles, has been credited with being the venue for the inaugural meeting and it is beyond question that meetings were held there. But it is also true that a rival meeting was held in Thurles "in some less prentious place, safe from the surveillance of the police."

Delegates from many counties travelled to Thurles to the inaugural meeting and Henry J. Meagher of Tullaroan (father of four sons who played with Kilkenny — Lory Meagher, Henry Meagher, now in the US; the late Willie Meagher and the late Very Rev. Dean Frank Meagher) and another Tullaroan man, Jack Hoyne, made the journey in a horse's cart.

Tom Harrington of Urlingford and Tom Shelly of Callan were also delegates.

The theory that two rival organisations operated around 1884 is supported by the fact that "schisms" as the newspapers of the day called them developed throughout the country and it was some time before the G.A.A. was finally launched. The championships were delayed until 1887.

NATIONAL GAMES IGNORED

Before this athletics in this country were controlled by an organisation called the Irish Amateur Athletic Association, a foreign orientated body which did not cater for the national pastimes and it was with the idea of eliminating the foreign concept that the association was established.

The first Kilkenny G.A.A. convention was held in the Workingmen's club — then Kilkenny's main centre of nationalist thought and action — in Walkin street on December 30, 1887. Clubs represented were— Johnstown, Crosspatrick, Kilmacow, Mooncoin, Piltown, Mullinavat, Workingmen's club, Callan, Kilkenny, Kells, Lisdowney, Threecastles and Castlecomer.

Mr P. J. O'Keeffe, Kilkenny city, a member of the Central Council presided and another city man, Mr S. J. Donleavy, acted as secretary. A committee of Messrs M. P. Kenny, Castlecomer; P. O'Donnell, Piltown; P. Geary, Workingmen's club; Tom Harrington and Tom Shelly, was appointed.

Some time later two separate conventions were held in Kilkenny city hall. On December 27 a convention was attended by delegates from Ballyhale, Ballycallan, Crosspatrick, Castle-pierce, Galmoy, Crutt, Kilmacow, Graigne, Castlecomer, Confederation (city), Clogh, Slieverue, Killamery, Saint Canice's, James Stephens, Sart, Glashare, Conahy, Lisdowney, Ballyouskill, Kilmanagh, Piltown, Urlingford and Threecastles.

Mr J. J. Cantwell, Castlecomer, presided and Mr J. O'Sullivan, Crosspatrick and Mr C. Foley, Slieverue, were elected secretaries. Mr Tom Shelly was elected president and Mr Tom Harrington treasurer. Messrs M. P. Kenny, J. Harrington (James Stephens), Tom Shelly and E. Power, Piltown were appointed delegates to Thurles.

RIVAL CONVENTION

A rival convention was held the following day and was attended by delegates from Piltown, Kilmoganny, Bennettsbridge, Clara, Workingmen's Club, Tullaroan, James Stephens, Thomastown, O'Leary's, Knocktopher, Kells, Kilkenny city and Gazebo.

This convention appointed Messrs J. Shirley, Garnaman, Kells; P. Murphy, J. Grace and J. Walsh, Knocktopher; M. Carroll and J. Millea, Kilmoganny and Peter O'Donnell, Piltown, as Thurles delegates.

Both conventions claimed the right to send delegates to Thurles.

Mr P. J. O'Keeffe said he was sorry that the harmony which had existed among the Gaels of Kilkenny city and county had been marred. He did not know to whom the blame should be attached but it was not to Mr Harrington or Mr Shelly.

Unity was soon restored, however and the association in Kilkenny quickly got back on an even keel.

A YOUNG HURLER'S MOST EMOTIONAL MOMENT

WINNING his first all Ireland medal is the most emotional moment in a young hurler's career and one that he is unlikely to forget. It certainly was for Liam O'Brien, youngest member of the Kilkenny team this year who played such a tremendous part in winning it.

What did Liam think before, during and after the final.

"When we arrived at Croke park and I heard the cheering for the minor players I really felt nervous. I had played in the Leinster final but this was different and I felt quite an emotional strain before we went out on the pitch. Once the game started I recovered from the nervousness and concentrated so much on the game that I hardly realised I was playing in my first all Ireland final".

When the game was over? Said Liam: "It is really hard to understand how you feel. I can't remember very much except that we had won. I know I felt very elated. I could hardly believe we had won".

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A memorable year

KILKENNY scored one of their most memorable victories in one of the most memorable years in the history of the GAA — 1913. They beat the famed 'Toomevara Greyhounds' representing the Premier County by 2-4 to 1-2 in one of the greatest all Ireland finals.

But 1913 was memorable for more reasons than this. In this year Jones's Road was renamed Croke Memorial Park; teams were reduced from 17 to 15; county colours were registered and worn for the first time.

The late John F. Drennan, Conway Hall, Kells, chairman of Kilkenny County Council presented the Kilkenny hurlers with their first set of black and amber jerseys.

The biggest crowd flocked into Croke Park on a cold bright November day in 1913 for what was confidently expected to be another classic all Ireland final. And they were not disappointed.

After half an hour of brilliant hurling the sides finished level, 1-1 each. Tipperary were held to a single point in the second half while Kilkenny added a goal and three points.

John T. Power in goal, J. Keoghan, Jack Rochford and Dan Kennedy in the defence. Matt Gargan at centrefield and Sim Walton, M. Doyle and Jimmy Kelly were the stars in the attack.

But there no weak links on either side and Tipperary had their stars too. Defences were very much on top and Jack Lennon, Drug Walsh, and Dick Grace contributed magnificently to the stone-wall resistance which the Kilkenny men put up, particularly in the second half as attack after attack was beaten off.

The 'Toomevara Greyhounds' had their own stalwarts. Names like those of O'Meara (goalie), S. Hackett, P. Meagher, T. Gleeson, J. Raleigh, F. McGrath, Bob Mickler, J. Harty, E. Gilmartin, E. Cawley, J. Murphy, W. Kelly, H. Shelly, B. O'Keeffe and P. Brolan had already carved their names in hurling history.

J. Murphy opened the

scoring with a Tipp goal and Gargan replied with a Kilkenny goal. Sim Walton (Kilkenny) and W. Kelly (Tipp) had a point each. Bob Mockler, J. Harty, E. Gilmartin each had a second half point and Sim Walton (1-0), D. Kennedy (0-1 from a free) and J. Kelly (0-1) scored for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny : J. T. Power, J. Keoghan, J. Rochford, D. Kennedy, J. Lennon, R. Walsh, R. Grace, M. Gargan, Dr P. Grace, Dr J. J. Brennan, S. Walton, R. Doherty, R. Doyle, J. Kelly, M. Doyle.

THE AMERICAN INVASION

THE first GAA American tour was in 1888. It was and still is referred to as "The American Invasion". A party of 50 Irish athletes, hurlers and footballers left this country to tour the US and give exhibitions at several centres. The party was led by Maurice Davin.

Jim Grace of Tullaroan, and M. J. Curran of Castlecomer, were on the Irish

touring party. The athletes arrived back in Kilkenny on September 13, and gave athletic and hurling exhibitions on the Freshford road grounds of the Confederation (city) club.

At a dinner in honour of the touring party, Maurice Davin responded to a toast to the Irish American team proposed by the Mayor, Mr. P. M. Egan.

EDDIE KEHER—MARKSMAN SUPREME

Son of a former Roscommon footballer, Stephen Keher, now living in retirement in Inistioge, after years of excellent service as a garda officer, in this county, Eddie Keher's scoring record may never be surpassed.

Starting with the Inistioge schools team he graduated to St Kieran's with whom he won four Leinster and two all Ireland colleges' medals.

It did not take Father Tom Maher long to recognise the extraordinary talent he showed in his school days and it was no surprise to the Kilkenny trainer that while eligible still for minor ranks he came on as a sub in the 1959 all Ireland final in which Waterford beat Kilkenny.

But promising though he then was no one could have foreseen the scoring feats that were to come. Between 1959 and this year, except for one year — 1964 Eddie has accumulated scoring totals over the 100 points mark. He has been top scorer for several years past and he has three all Ireland final records that stand apart.

In the 1963 all Ireland final he scored 14 points and not once during the hour did he hit the ball wide; in 1971 he set up another personal record of 2-11; the highest ever by any player on a losing side in an all Ireland final and this year he hit 2-9 the highest for a player on a successful all Ireland final side.

Last year too he beat the record of 30 goals and 35 points from 19 games set up by Nick Rackard in 1956 when he amassed the staggering total of 8 goals and 141 points from 17 games. He has also beaten the football record of Mick O'Dwyer, Kerry.

In addition to his six colleges medals Eddie won all Ireland senior medals with Kilkenny in 1963, 1967, 1969 and this year; he won five Railway cup medals in 1964, 1965, 1967, 1971 and this year and two National League medals.

His championship record this year of 6 goals and 45 points (63 points) from five games an average of over 12 points per game is another rare achieve-

ment. One medal, which is of a particular source of pride to him, as it is to every county player, is one for the Kilkenny senior county championship won with his club, The Rower-Inistioge.

As a stylist Eddie is cast in a tradition Kilkenny mould and brings a traditional Kilkenny

artistry into his game. But another accomplishment which Kilkenny people, and lovers of hurling everywhere admire, is his innate sense of sportsmanship. His great desire is to play hurling as it should be played and make the game what it is intended to be — the greatest test of sporting skill.



Eddie Keher (Kilkenny) being congratulated by Nicky Rackard (Wexford) on beating his long-standing record as top scorer.

With six all Ireland titles won since the colleges all Ireland championships started in 1947 St Kieran's can justly claim to be tops in colleges hurling. Their record in Leinster runs on rather similar lines to that of the Kilkenny hurlers.

Rev Dr John Doody, president of the college was appointed first chairman of the Leinster colleges council, formed on November 20, 1910 and though St Kierans' did not take part in the first provincial campaign they met and defeated Knockbeg in both hurling and football in 1911.

If colleges hurling had begun some years earlier St Kieran's could have had Pierce and Dick Grace, and Father Dan Grace all noted Kilkenny all-Ireland hurlers on the side and at a later stage another great hurler, Eddie Doyle, Mooncoin was a St Kieran's man.

St Kieran's, of course, did not draw all their talent from Kilkenny. In the early years noted Laois all Ireland hurlers like Denny Brennan, Pierce and Paddy Walton, Joe Phelan and Tom Finlay wore the St Kieran's colours. Other well known hurlers like "Builder" Walsh, Jack Walsh, Pat Dunphy and William Dunne PP, Kilmacow — starred for this renowned hurling nursery.

In 1922 St Kieran's won the Leinster hurling and football cups and among those who won honours in both codes were Pat Walsh, Thomastown; Michael Lalor, Cullohill; Michael

St. Kieran's: Tops In Colleges Hurling

Teehan, now a parish priest in Glasgow and Dan Hughes, now V Rev D. J. Hughes DD, PP, Mullinavat.

St Kieran's adopted the black and white colours in 1924 and showed their supremacy in the province by winning five Leinster titles in a row — 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Prominent inter county hurlers who figured on these teams included Patrick Nugent, now parish priest of Ballacolla and one time trainer of Bennettsbridge — himself a Laois county hurler, Joe Dunphy (the late Fr Joe Dunphy, Mooncoin), Martin White, Kilkenny all Ireland star of the early 1930's and Mick Brennan (now Rev Michael Brennan).

Having established such a winning monopoly St Kieran's were allowed by the Leinster

colleges to keep the cup.

In addition to 1922 and the five titles between 1925 — 1929, St Kieran's were Leinster champions in 1931, 1932, 1933, 1939, 1940, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1957, 1958, 1959 and again during the 1960's were only rarely beaten by St Peter's (Wexford) who then began to make their presence felt in the colleges scene.

In their first all Ireland final success in 1948 St Kieran's created a big surprise by beating St Colman's, Fermoy, by 2-12 to 2-2 in a downpour at Croke park.

Stars of those days were Lar Dunphy, Harry Ryan, Dan Galavan and Maurice Connolly while all Ireland hurlers to figure on the college team in later years were Liam Reidy, Mark Marnell, Fr Ned Kavanagh and Fr Tom Maher who has been

training the team for many years and is, of course, also trainer of the Kilkenny team and later still there were Ted Carroll, Caltex award winner in 1969; Father Tom Murphy and Eddie Keher.

But this brief report of the fantastic St Kieran's record would not be complete without reference to one game they lost with honour. That was the 1935 Leinster final when a star studded Kilkenny CBS side, captained by county secretary, Paddy Grace, beat them in one of the most memorable colleges games ever played.

Stars of the St Kieran's side later included the outstanding Wexford hurling personality, Nick Rackard, Kevin Brennan, Michael Holden, Ned Kavanagh and Father Tom Maher.

The 1971 team and subs that brought the most recent All-Ireland triumph to the college was: Pat Kearney, Joe Reidy, Brendan Kennedy, Richard Beck, James Moore, Brian Cody, Louis Campion, Ger Woodcock, Patrick White, Nicholas Brennan, Noel Minogue, Terry Brennan, Martin Gibbons, Joe Ryan, Brian O'Shea, John Power, Tony Teehan, John Dunne, James Walsh, Willie Fitzpatrick, Martin Healy.

Brian Cody, the captain, Willie Fitzpatrick and Ger Woodcock played a prominent part in bringing this year's all Ireland minor title to Kilkenny.

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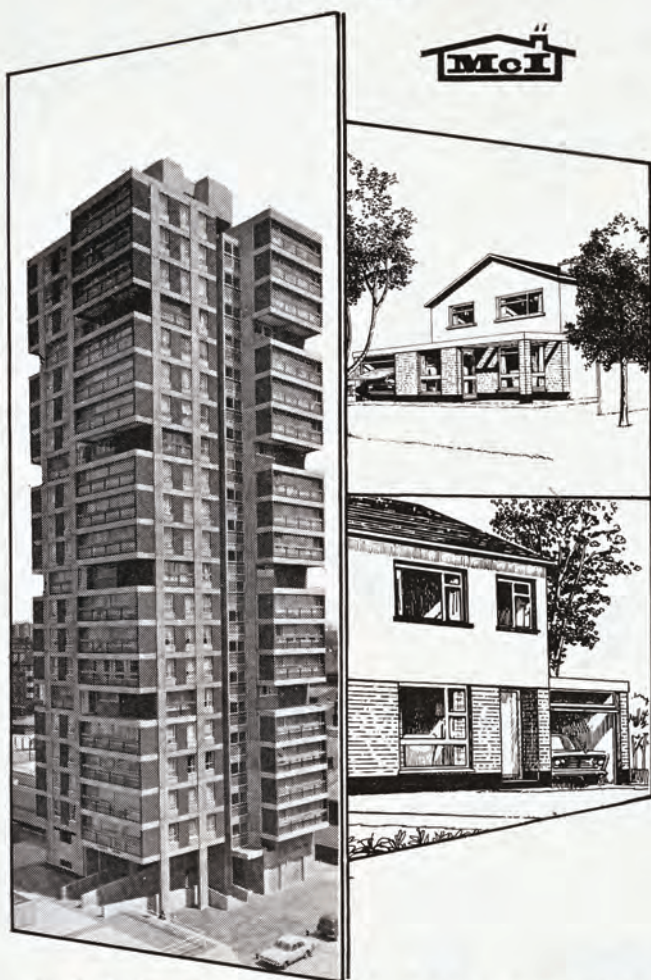
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CAMOGIE MAKES DRAMATIC STRIDES IN KILKENNY

By ANN CARROLL



WHILE training for our all Ireland Final it struck me forcibly the dramatic strides that Kilkenny have made in camogie in the last decade or so. My first contact with camogie in the county was more or less at school at Colaiste Bride, Callan.

In 1960 we took part in the inaugural Leinster Colleges competition. Failure at the semi final stage was our lot but it was the springboard of greater things to come.

In the next six years Callan reached five Leinster Finals and we were very proud Leinster Champions on three occasions.

We won two of those titles by just one point — emulating the glorious Kilkenny tradition of one point victories no doubt — and I often like to think that the interest we created then was in some way responsible for the present upsurge of Kilkenny camogie.

FIRM FOOTING

However at that time camogie was not having much success and it wasn't until 1965 when St Paul's Club was formed in the city that camogie got on any sort of a firm footing.

About this time Presentation Convent, Kilkenny entered a team in the Leinster Colleges competition.

After failing in the junior final in 1966 they went forward to chalk up a remarkable series of victories — Junior Champions 1967; All Ireland Senior Champions 1969 and Leinster Junior champions 1969 and All Ireland Senior Champions again in 1970.

The 'Pres' has proved a great nursery for St Paul's. While the students were sweeping the boards on the 'Colleges' scene, St Paul's proceeded to establish new records on the club front, winning three All Ireland Club titles in a row, 1969, 1970 and 1971.

UNIQUE RECORD

Five All Ireland camogie titles in three years is an achievement that other counties will find very difficult to emulate and the three players, Liz Neary, Anne Phelan and Helena O'Neill, who participated in all the victories will surely keep that record for a long time.

It is a puzzling factor then why the County team wasn't having the same success as the 'Pres' and St Paul's.

There have been a few outstanding achievements. June 24, 1968 was the day we became the first team to beat Dublin in 32 years. Winning our first Leinster title in 1970 was another but compared to the achievements at club and school level, we had achieved very little until this season.

We promised a lot but never seemed to fulfill that promise. When we beat Dublin in 1968 we failed badly to Wexford in the Leinster final. We flopped in the first round in 1969 and 1971 to Wexford as well as losing badly to Cork in the 1970 All Ireland Final.

BOGEY TEAMS

Indeed Wexford and Cork have proved to be our 'Bogey' teams. They have dominated the game over the past five years and were deserving and impressive winners of their All Ireland titles.

Their style is different to ours but I think that we are now beginning to adapt our play to counter their strength. We are using our speed and our skill to play the ball around and find the open spaces.

In pre championship challenge matches Tipperary were decisively beaten twice using these tactics and in both games our forwards played extremely well.

Dublin were our opponents in the opening championship game and things really went well for us in the second half. We could do no wrong and we ran up a big score.

We always play well against Dublin; probably because our styles of play are similar and we let each other play. Our forwards were in tremendous form again against Wexford in the Leinster Final but letting in three goals in the last five minutes nearly confirmed the bogey. We won but only just and the biggest achievement was the fact that it was our first win over Wexford.

FRUSTRATING

I suppose we are so used to disappointments on big occasions now that losing the All Ireland Final to Cork should have been no surprise to us. The

Paddy Purcell of the "Irish Press" is Ireland's top GAA historian. He achieved literary fame with his first novel 'Hanrahan's Daughter', a delightfully charming story with a hurling back ground. It was a best seller and was a big take in America. He has written other

novels but writing GAA is a labour of love he is unlikely to depart from. Love of hurling comes naturally to a man brought up in Mooncoin and brother in law of two famed Kilkenny All-Ireland hurlers, Wattie and Eddie Dunphy.

THEY HURLED IN MOONCOIN BEFORE '98

PADDY PURCELL

"We've heard of their name and their glory, we've heard of their prowess and fame

They're the subject of many a story in the history of Ireland's great game.

From Antrim to Wexford and Galway, from Derry to Dingle and Cloyne,

Their names have enshrined with their glory, the Suir where it flows by Mooncoin".

"Mooncoin and the sky over it" was the Suirside battle cry when I was young. The tradition

that our's was THE hurling parish stretched back beyond the memory of man, beyond the old days of the barony matches when every male in Iverk who could swing a hurley lined out against the men of Knocktopher at Piltown to see who would hurl the ball home.

That was back before the 1798 Rising, and not long afterwards the tenants of Lord Waterford and the tenants of the Earl of Bessborough met in a long remembered test of hurling supremacy at the bridge of Fiddown. Lord Waterford's demesne then extended across the Suir, and he had land from Moonveen wood to Knockhouse, so the bulk of the Mooncoin men must have been, no matter how unwillingly, in the Beresford ranks.

WENT HOME GRUMBLING

That match was not decided the first day, nor maybe on the second day either, but Lord Waterford's men gained the victory at the end of it all. Yet the Bessborough brigade went home grumbling. They complained that victory was not won on the field but by the prayers of the women of Dournane and Darrigle at the Holy Well of Mot-hel.

It was the Mooncoin hurlers who took Meagher of the Sword from the clutches of the dragoons at the Waterford railway station in 1848, and wanted that eloquent man to lead them out to battle there and then. But Meagher sent them home, and when he came for them again, they told him they had marched once, and would march for him no more.

Dexterity with the caman was a skill to boast of, and when I was a boy they would tell of one of the Cuille Walshs from Portnascully, who stood on the parapet of the old wooden bridge in Waterford, with his feet in a small flour riddle, pucked a ball ten times up in the air, met it ten times coming down without shifting a toe out

of that riddle, and the eleventh time sent the sliothar flying to the top of Ballybricken hill".

The Carrigeen men were hurling up around the Lough, half way to Licketstown when the bailiffs, the proctor and the police fired on them in the Tithe War around 1830.

One of the men who was badly wounded that day was a Carberry from Carrigeen, and it is odd to think that his grandson's grand daughter is now the wife of Larry Coughlan, the Offaly all Ireland footballer.

STORIES AND LEGENDS

But apart from the stories and the legends, the first actual eye witness description of a hurling match in Mooncoin itself that I have come across was written by that remarkable man, Doctor Walter McDonald, whose name will be forever linked with St. Patrick's college, Maynooth. Dr. McDonald was from Emil and belonged to a noted hurling family.

Two of his nephews played in all Ireland finals, Jimmy with Dublin in 1908, Mark in goal for Kilkenny in the famed final of 1922, while another nephew was Canon Watt McDonald, for many years parish priest of Fairview, and one of the keenest of all Kilkenny followers.

Anyway, Dr McDonald, in his History of the Parish of

Mooncoin, recalls seeing a match played in 1862 between the pick of Dournane and Ballybrazil and the best of Emil, Grange and Skelpstown. There were about 20 a side, but, unfortunately the marking proved too close and the rivalry too keen, so that the game ended, prematurely, in a free for all.

BEST IN LEINSTER

Yet that match proved the beginning of a general revival of the game in the parish so that, when the G.A.A. came in 1884 Mooncoin was ready and willing to take its place in the leading ranks. Indeed, before ever official championships were inaugurated, Mooncoin had, by dint of a succession of victories in club games, been acclaimed as the best team in Leinster, as Moycarkey were in Munster.

Those two teams met in what was described at the time as the final of All Ireland. Moycarkey won, but only narrowly and the names of the Mooncoin men who lined out that May day in Clonmel more than 86 years ago are worth recording here—Pat Fogarty (captain); Johnny (Lawn) Walsh, (Mooncoin village); M. Murphy (Emil); J. Walsh (Middlequarter); Jim Quinn, Mick Quinn, Paddy Quinn, Phil Quinn, J. Hennebery,

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most frustrating point about the whole match was our inability to click, to get going as we had in all our previous matches.

Right up to the final whistle we were waiting and expecting things to happen. Of course the important point is that a winning team makes its own chances and that's just what Cork did and did well.

It was shattering to lose to Cork for a second time but there were heartening things about the match. The most hopeful factor for the future is the realisation that we did so well and went so close with what must have been the youngest ever team to take part in an All Ireland Senior Final.

Nineteen years is the average age. The best performances of this team must be in future years. An All Ireland camogie title might come to Kilkenny in 1973 but this team must be due a victory in 1974 when the present young players mature.

SUPPORT

We all know we are capable of winning All Irelands and we are prepared to work really hard to achieve that aim. The support and the simply wonderful welcome home on the Monday night serve only to spur us on.

We all look forward to the night when we can display the O'Duffy Cup to the people of Kilkenny from the 'Station' to the 'Parade'.

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W. Mackey, W. Ryan (Dour-nane); Willie Fox, John Fox (Luffany); Mickey Walsh, Mick Kelly (Ballygorey), Bill Rockett, Jim Rockett, Billy Walsh, John Phelan, Ned Phelan (Lic-ketstown); Pat Walsh (Aglish).

Although, due to some internal dispute, Mooncoin do not seem to have taken part in the first Kilkenny championship of 1887, they came out in force in the following year and won not alone the county title but the first official Leinster hurling championship ever played.

NO FINAL

In the final at Portlaoise — then Maryborough — on July 15, 1888, Mooncoin beat the Dublin Kickhams by 0-7 to 0-3 and the "Freeman's Journal" said on the following day —

"Mooncoin are now the champions of Leinster and they richly deserve it, as it would be hard to find better wielders of the caman". Unfortunately, because of the American "Invasion" later that year, no all Ireland final was played.

The Mooncoin team that brought this first title to Kilkenny was: Jim Quinn (captain) Paddy Quinn, Phil Quinn, Will Ryan, J. Hennebry, P. Sinnott, J. Walsh, J. Hanrahan, Pat Fogarty, Jim Rockett, Billy Rockett, John Phelan, James Phelan, B. Walsh, Mickey Walsh, Johnny Fox (goal), Willie Fox, Patrick Walsh, Andy Kenny, M. Murphy, Richie Hogan.

These two teams were immortalised by the poet priest of Gaeldom, Fr J. B. Dollard, in a series of stories about them, entitled the "Gael of Moondharrig".

Ever since Mooncoin has had

KILKENNY'S FIRST WIN OVER TIPP.

A CROWD of 11,000 saw Kilkenny score their first all Ireland final win over Tipperary in the 1909 final played at the Cork Athletic grounds on December 12, 1909. The score was 4-6 to 0-12.

In this game the scoring area was reduced and the scoring of points between

a succession of hurling heroes whose names I hope to recall at some future date. Till then it must suffice to list some of them as Phil O'Neill did long ago and recall yet another Suir side war cry "Mooncoin for your life".

You've heard of the Doyles and the Dunphys, the Fieldings the Foxes and Fewer, The Carrolls, the Cantwells, and Kellys, from Carrigeen up to Clonmore.

The Walshs from great Jack na Coille, to Droog in this toast I must join,

For they brought home the crown of All Ireland to the Suir where it flows by Mooncoin".

the points posts — in those days there were four posts goals being scored when the ball went between the inner posts and points when the ball went between the outer posts. This was the year, too when the championship were brought up to date and almost invariably finished within the year henceforth.

Kilkenny led by 3-4 to 0-3 at half time but Tipperary made a great recovery in the second half. Willie Hennebry making his first appearance in an all Ireland final was Kilkenny's top scorer and Dick Grace began his inter county career when he came on as a sub.

In addition to Hennebry, Jack Rochford, J. Keoghan, Paddy Lanigan, Eddie Doyle and J. Dunphy who was unbeaten in goal were the Kilkenny stars.

'Hawk' O'Brien in goal; Jack and Bob Mockler, H. Shelly, Tom Semple, P. and J. Burke, J. and P. Fitzgerald, T. Gleeson, A. Carew, P. Brolan, J. Kerwick and J. Hackett were stars for the Premier County.

Hughie Shelly opened the scoring with a Tipp point and Jimmy Kelly had a Kilkenny goal. Hennebry a goal and points by Mick Shortall and Sim Walton followed, Carew getting a Tipp point. Hennebry a goal, and points by Walton and Dick Doherty stretched the Kilkenny lead but Brolan had a Tipp point.

Carew (0-2), Shelly and Mooney (0-2), J. Fitzgerald, Semple, Brolan and P. Fitzgerald (0-1 each) scored for Tipp in the second half while Hennebry (1-0), Dick Doyle (0-2) and Sim Walton (0-1) got the Kilkenny scores.

Kilkenny : J. Dunphy, J. Keoghan, J. Rochford, P. Lanigan, D. Kennedy, R. Walsh, E. Doyle, J. Delahunty, M. Gargan, P. Ryan, M. Shortall, W. Hennebry, M. Doyle, R. Doyle, S. M. Doyle, R. Doyle, S. Walton, R. Doherty, J. Kelly.

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Minor title after 10 years

AFTER winning three in a row in 1960, 1961 and 1962, Kilkenny waited 10 years to regain the minor All-Ireland crown this year, but they won very convincingly and very impressively. From the start of the campaign this Kilkenny side looked set to reverse last year's result when they just lost to Cork.

There was little doubt about this year's result and though Cork led by 2-7 to 1-3 at half time they were swamped to the tune of 13 points.

Big names in a very well balanced team were: Brian Cody, the captain; Willie Fitzpatrick, who scored 3-4; Mick McCarthy (2-1); Mick Tierney (1-0); J. O'Sullivan (1-0); Pat Butler (1-0); Ger Fennelly (0-1); Ger Woodcock (0-1).

Others who contributed to the spectacular triumph were Kevin Fennelly (in goal), J. Ryan, Joe Burke, Paddy O'Brien, John Dowling, Kevin Robinson, Ger Fennelly, Seanie O'Brien.

The Graces

THE DOYLE brothers of Mooncoin (Dick 7), Mick (6) and Ned (5) with 18 all Ireland hurling medals have a family record that may never be equalled. The Graces of Tullaroan are not too far behind. Dick, Pierce and Jack won 14 all Ireland

medals between them.

Pierce won hurling medals with Kilkenny and football medals with Dublin; Jack won football medals with Dublin and Dick won five hurling medals with Kilkenny.

Teams and scores

At the beginning teams consisted of 21 players aside; in 1892 the number was reduced to 17 and in 1913 to 15.

In the old days a goal

counted for more than any number of points. A perfect example of this is to be found in the 1891 final at Dublin in which Dublin 2-1 beat Cork who scored 1-9.

Talking of bans . . .

A FEW years ago bans were a very popular topic of conversation in this country. But here's one that is not quite so well known.

An Act known as the

"Kilkenny Enactment" — passed in 1336 declared — ". . . that the commons of the said land of Ireland use not henceforth the game which men call hurling with great clubs".

Where Co. Championship Honours Went

THE records of county championship winners are not complete and the possibility that one or two might not be correct cannot be ruled out as records in the early days of the asso-

ciation were not completely accurate. Readers might like to send in additions or corrections so that the records can be put straight.

'TEXACO' FOR EDDIE

THE honours for Eddie Keher continue to pile up, his latest triumph being the Texaco award for hurling. This prompts the question: is there any honour in the game he has not won? Surely there isn't.

The Texaco award is a very coveted honour and one that Eddie Keher richly deserves. Incidentally, his total score for this year came to the staggering total of 194 points, and though he has passed the 200 mark during his illustrious career he certainly kept the score-keepers on their toes.

Every year, it seems, the records come toppling as Eddie goes from one crowning feat of glory to another.

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KILKENNY'S FIRST JUNIOR TITLE

A CROWD of over 14,000 saw Kilkenny beat Tipperary to win their first junior all Ireland title — the 1928 final played at Waterford on May 5, 1929. The score was 4-6 to 4-4.

Kilkenny: Tom Mullins (captain), M. Bergin (goal), J. ('Sag') Carroll, P. Kelly, P. Butler, J. McNamara, T. Grace, T. Cronin, J. Walsh, D. Duggan, W. Brennan, P. Dowling, P. Walsh, P. Dwan, J. Fitzpatrick.

has not only helped to lay a very solid foundation, but has put hurling in the primary schools in a very strong position.

This was a very successful year and saw the introduction of the Leinster Under 14 championships. With Joe Dunphy, Ballyhale as Schools Board chairman the under 12 competition was finished earlier than ever; public interest was at its highest and Kilkenny maintained a four years unbeaten record beating Tipperary, Wexford, Cork, Laois Waterford and Dublin.

Activities are summarised here: Under 12 Roinn A: St Patrick's De La Salle; runners up, Ballyhale.

Under 12: Roinn B: Gowran runners up, Graignamanagh.

Under 14: Roinn B: The Rower — Inistioge; runners up, St Patrick's De La Salle.

Under 14: Roinn B: Clara; runners up, Mooncoin.

Football: Under 14: Because of a backlog of fixtures the football championship has been running late but by the time

this Year Book is in print it is hoped to have it completed.

St Patrick's who have had teams in all grades this year, as in other years have qualified to meet Moneenroe in the county semi final and Ballyhale have come through in the south.

We feel football is treated as the poor relation of hurling in Kilkenny but if it is ever to be brought to the fore it must be encouraged in the schools. It is intended to give the game a big boost in future years. Men like Joe Walsh, Moneenroe, have shown great dedication in their efforts to build up the game.

A GREAT RECORD

Kilkenny's great record in the Under 14 grade was crowned with a signal success this year—winning the Leinster title in its first year of competition. They won the Faulkner cup three years in succession.

It was decided to enter sides in hurling and football. Trials were organised and a panel was chosen. The team which scored an easy win over Wexford at New Ross Feis was chosen from —J. Dowling, J. Maher (Coon); J. Meany, F. Walsh, J. Waters, G. Lyster (The Rower); G. Stapleton, J. Langton, T. Malone (Kilkenny CBS); P. McDonnell, P. J. O'Neill (Graignamanagh); J. Carroll (Dunnamaggin); R. Power (Augaviller); N. Long, P. Dempsey, S. Fennelly, W. Phelan, R. Moran (Ballyhale); S. Cody (Clara); J. Phelan (Tullagher).

In their first outing against Laois, the Kilkenny hurlers, though playing against a side physically stronger won readily.

The footballers failed to Laois. In the semi final against Wexford was no more than a formality and Kilkenny qualified to meet Dublin on Leinster final day. Dublin proved a strong side on a shortened pitch and Kilkenny took some time to settle down but in the end they finished worthy winners.

The panel for the final was: J. Butler, F. Walsh, G. Lyster, J. Waters (The Rower — Inistioge); W. Phelan, S. Fennelly, J. O'Neill, R. Moran (Ballyhale); D. Dowling, R. O'Keeffe (St Patrick's); D. Prendergast, E. Kavanagh (Thomastown); G. Stapleton, E. Murphy, J. Langton (Kilkenny CBS); J. O'Neill (Castlecormer); J. Wall (Mooncoin); R. Power (Augaviller); P. Buggy, J. J. Buckley (Freshford); B. Cleere (Tullaroan); P. Prendergast (Clara); B. Broderick (Johnstown).

PLAYED CORK

In 1971 a Kilkenny selection travelled to Cork and beat them and in the return game this year—a typical Cork-Kilkenny clash—Kilkenny recorded a good 'double' with the Under 14 and Under-16 teams.

The officials of St Patrick's De La Salle and the James Stephens club added a new dimension to the inter county scene by having teams from all over Ireland taking part in a highly successful tournament. Urlingford also ran a very fine tournament, climaxed by a magnificent final between Freshford and Johnstown while Thomas town with Brendan O'Sullivan at the helm held one for city and southern clubs.

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The 1969 Railyard Senior Football Team: County Champions

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FOOTBALLERS LOST 'SEMI' ON OBJECTION

FEW people are aware that Kilkenny won three Leinster senior football titles in 1888, 1900 and 1911. More than that they beat Tipperary in the all Ireland semi final in 1900 by 1-6 to 2-1 but lost the match on an objection.

The Slate Quarry miners were county champions at that time, and the proximity of the mines to Tipperary meant that Tipp men were employed there. Two of the Tipp men lined out with Kilkenny and Tipperary objected. The objection was successful.

Tipp went on to beat Galway by 2-20 to 0-1 and London Hibernians in the all Ireland final proper by 3-7 to 0-2.

The team that figured in this dramatic effort by Kilkenny to win an all Ireland title which they undoubtedly would have but for the objection was: M. Conway, J. Dwyer, J. Burke, P. Wall, W. Morrissey, D. Maher, E. Purcell, J. Shea, M. Cronin, T. Phelan, M. Bowers, W. Toole, J. Bolger, M. Tobin, J.

Hyland, P. Crowley (goalie).

Kilkenny football prospered in the first decade of the century simultaneously with the hurlers' rise to fame and two prominent hurlers who played football for the county were Dan Stapleton, captain of the 1905 hurling team and Matt Gargan.

Kilkenny continued to play a prominent part in the Leinster championship up to 1922 when they beat Meath by 4-4 to 1-2 in the semi final.

Glenmore, which has the highest number of senior county titles, Kilmacow, Lamogue, Knocktopher, Tullogher, Cloneen, (Railyard have taken over from Cloneen and have won 12 county titles in recent years, the first one when they were joined with Muckalee), Kells, Cotterstown, Coolroe (Graignamagh in addition to Slate Quarries were the main football centres.

Teams that took a prominent part in the Leinster championships were: 1903: Purcell (cap-

tain), Davis, Hynes, Comerford, Conway, Power, Dwyer, Donovan, O'Neill, Maher, Sullivan, P. Conway, Hyland, Norris, Phelan, Tobin, Fitzpatrick.

1906: D. Hoyne (captain), J. Glendon (goal), L. O'Neill, P. O'Neill, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Donovan, S. Davis, M. Tobin, C. McDonald, W. Curran, W. Grace, E. Cass, N. Carroll, D. Stapleton, Matt Gargan, E. Conway.

This team was beaten by a Dublin side led by the famed Tullaroan man, Jack Grace by 1-9 to 0-8.

1915: J. Luttrell, P. Dalton, W. Dalton, P. Power, M. Hoyne, J. Somers, W. Saunders, L. Murphy, J. Leahy, W. Hyland, J. Phelan, Andy Heffernan, J. Doherty, J. McKenna.

1920: J. Heffernan, J. Phelan, A. Heffernan, W. Irish, J. Fitzgerald, M. Cody (Glenmore); P. Dalton (goal), W. Lalor (Coolroe), J. McKenna, L. Murphy, J. Byrne, J. Walsh, E. O'Neill, N. O'Keeffe (Kilkenny CYMS).

1922: M. Cody (captain), M. Kavanagh (goal), Jim Hanrahan,

P. Hughes, T. Brennan, W. Lalor, H. Connolly, P. Cody, Andy Heffernan, J. McKenna, P. Brennan, P. Fitzgerald, A. Brennan, W. Irish, P. Hartley.

Railyard, king pins of modern football first hit the limelight when the Brennans came on the scene. Five brothers, the 'Durrick' Brennans to distinguish them from the many other families of the same name in the Moneenroe area, played with the Railyard side, Sean, Murty, Paddy, Tommy, Francis and Anthony and Sean later played with Kildare and Leinster.

There is considerable enthusiasm for the game in the Moneenroe area and Football Board chairman, Mick Meally has been constantly endeavouring to do all in his power to raise the standard of the game.

Charlie Brennan, another prominent Railyard official believes that until the football campaign can be completed within the year sufficient progress will not be made to bring the standard up to what it could be.

Diamond Hayden: 'Tramp Hurler'



Pat "Diamond" Hayden (right) pictured recently with Ramie Dowling, former Kilkenny goalie.

It was with a good deal of justification that the late Tom Walsh, Minister for Agriculture once described Pat ("Diamond") Hayden as "a tramp hurler". He had been suspended for 18 months after playing finals in three counties in the one year.

He was successful with Baginbally when they won the Carlow junior final; he was unsuccessful with Ballyhogue who lost the Wexford junior county final to Rathnure and was on the losing side when the Blacks and Whites lost in the south Kilkenny final.

Nick Rackard may not be aware of the fact but the first time the two met was in this Wexford junior final. "We even had a few words that day" says Pat and Nick Rackard passed the remark: "You don't care; you are a long way from home".

The star Wexford full forward and the star Kilkenny full back became great friends later and Nick Rackard once said that the only opponent he ever spoke to during a game was "Diamond". He would have found it difficult to avoid speaking to him.

An example of a hurler who came late on the scene and made good — how good would he have been if he had been discovered in his early hurling

days — Pat Hayden was born in Monteenmore, Dungarvan, in the parish of Gowran. The topography of the area would have some significance in the context of the parish rule. He was only a small field away from the apex of three parishes — Thomastown, Gowran and Graignamanagh.

He was a hurling colleague of the late Minister for Agriculture, who played goal for Blacks and Whites at the end of his hurling days with Diamond as full back. Other club colleagues were Nick O'Donnell, born a short distance from Diamond as the crow flies — and Father Tom Maher, the Kilkenny trainer.

O'Donnell and Hayden both specialised as full backs, as everybody knows and they were club colleagues later with the great Eire Og side but Diamond has only one county championship medal.

One of hurling's most popular personalities his banter banished the blues when Kilkenny lost and his witticisms were as much a part of the game as his hurling. He won senior and junior all Ireland medals; a Railway cup medal, having played in about 10; five Leinster medals and he played twice for Ireland.

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KILKENNY TAKE VOCATIONAL HURLING TITLE

THE success of Co Kilkenny Vocational schools in this year's All Ireland final in which they defeated Cork by two points at Thurles on May 7 is evidence of the healthy development that has taken place in the game in the vocational schools. Strange as it may seem Kevin Robinson was the only player who found favour with the county minor selectors despite the fact that these vocational lads had defeated a county such as Cork.

Kilkenny are quite prepared to admit that they were lucky to beat this great Cork side. Cork had accounted for Kerry in Killarney in the first round of the Munster Championship, had overcome Waterford city in a replay and had been crowned champions after a hectic clash with Tipperary in the provincial decider. With only a few minutes remaining they were two points in arrears against Kilkenny. They staged an all out final rally and got the ball into the net. This score however was disallowed for an infringement.

A brilliant display by the Thomastown boy Tony Murphy in goal was a big factor in Kilkenny's success.

With Cork six points in front,

Kilkenny's Sam Dunlop and Pat Treacy began to master their opposite numbers in the second quarter. Eamonn Lalor, brother of county right half Pat, opened the Noresiders account with a point in the twentieth minute. Pat Treacy got possession from the puck out, carried the ball thirty yards and then shot a great goal from forty yards. Treacy's goal was the injection Kilkenny needed. In a ten minute spell of brilliance they overran the Cork defence during which Dunlop, Treacy, Lalor and K. Robinson added points before Noel Drennan got through for his first of two

KILKENNY—T. Murphy (Thomastown), Ian Doyle (Thomastown), T. O'Shea (Kilkenny), R. Aylward (Slieverue), P. Kiely (Kilkenny), K. Robinson (Kilkenny), D. O'Hara (Thomastown), P. Treacy (Thomastown), S. Dunlop (Kilkenny), J. Knox (Kilkenny), M. Kennedy (Johnstown), M. Joyce (Johnstown), M. Orr (Johnstown), N. Curran (Ballyhale), E. Lalor (Kilkenny).

great goals. At half time Kilkenny led by 2-5 to 1-3.

Kilkenny dominated the third quarter. Drennan added his second goal and Dunlop and Doheny picked off a point each. Just then a Cork goal set their supporters alight again. Cork raids reduced Kilkenny's lead to two points with time running

out. Then followed the Cork goal which was disallowed.

In addition to Tony Murphy, K. Robinson, I. Doyle and D. O'Hara played well in the Kilkenny defence. Dunlop starred at midfield with Pat Treacy who contributed a goal and a point. Top scorer Noel Drennan was ably assisted by Eamon and Willie Lalor.



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When Davin left the G A A

EVIDENCE that Maurice Davin, first president of the G.A.A. left the association during the time of the split is contained in a series of letters he wrote to Mr James Shelly, Callan.

A letter dated November 14, 1884, says: "At the request of the priests and people of North Tipperary and numerous clubs throughout the country I have rejoined the G.A.A. to assist in reconstruction.

"I have taken the liberty of naming you on a committee to issue instructions to clubs intending to join to organise Co conventions in about a month's time when one or two members from each county can be elected to attend a convention in Thurles on January 3, 1889.

"Kindly let me know if you will act. I believe the Archbishop's assistance is certain".

Three days later Mr Davin again wrote to Mr Shelly thus: "Many thanks. Have not time to write much. I think one meeting of the Provincial Committee is all that will be required. The work to be done is to issue a circular to clubs appointing a date and most convenient place for county conventions, also to appoint secretaries for these conventions where the present secretaries are not available, arrangements to be made for the Thurles convention at the same time.

"I know Mooncoin is alright. I believe the other places are. The G.A.A. is getting more influential support now than ever it had before.

"J. Wyse Power will work but he does not want to give the Hoor party a chance of saying that "The Freeman" is at the bottom of all the disturbance".

Mr Davin wrote his third letter to Mr Shelly on December 2, 1888. It said: "The Gaelic dispute is settled. All clubs can now join in the reconstruction

on the lines laid down by the Archbishop.

"I may say the lately elected executive have resigned. I would not recognise them as an executive but I consented to take R. Fremen and T. O'Riordan — members of the old executive — to work with John Wyse Power and myself in making arrangements for the holding of conventions.

"The Provincial Committee appointed by me may not now have to meet but if anything im-

portant happens I will keep you posted.

"The Archbishop was so well pleased last night that he announced his intention of giving a £20 cup for hurling. The cup is to be a perpetual challenge cup".

(These letters were given to me by Mr James Dalton, Johnstown, all his life a keen follower of the national games).

The Archbishop referred to by Davin is, of course, Archbishop Croke, first patron of the G.A.A.)

Jim Nowlan's Unique Honour

JIM NOWLAN enjoys the distinction of being the only man in the history of the G.A.A. to have held office as Honorary Life President of the Association. He was elected President in 1901, and held office until 1921. On his retirement he was made Honorary Life President.

Alderman James Nowlan was a delegate at the first

G.A.A. convention in Kilkenny, representing Saint Canice's club. He served a term of imprisonment during the fight for freedom.

When the Kilkenny Co. Board provided its own stadium in 1928 it was appropriate that it should be named after a man who, throughout his life, gave such distinguished service to the Association.

TWO ALL IRELANDS IN KILKENNY

Two all Ireland finals were played in Kilkenny. The 1902 football final in which Dublin beat Tipperary was played here in 1905, while the 1906 hurling final in which Tipperary beat Dublin was also played in Kilkenny. Jack Grace the Tullaroan star played with Dublin in the football final.

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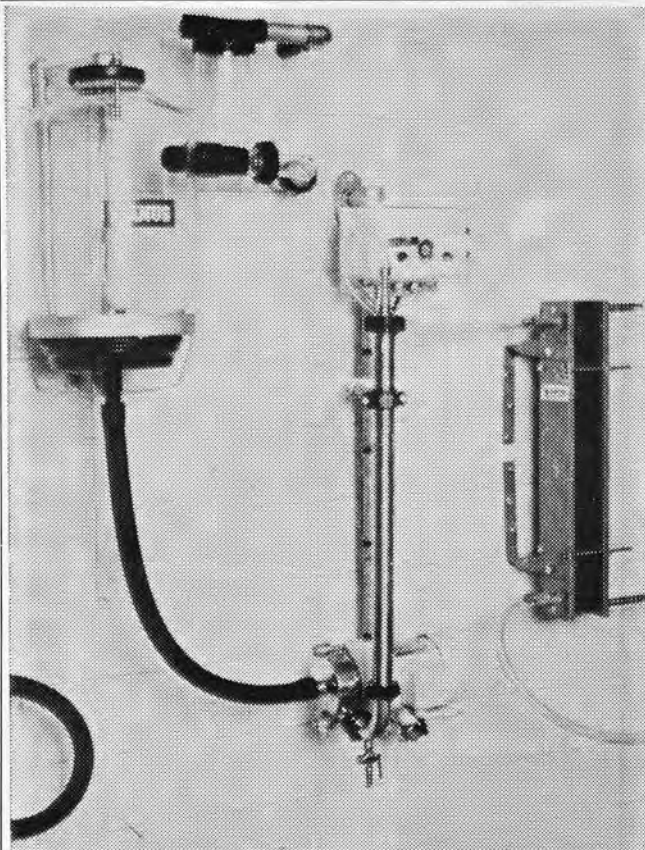
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WELL DONE, JIM!

Donie Nealon congratulates Jim Treacy after Kilkenny had beaten Tipperary in the 1967 All-Ireland final.



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'WHEN YOU GET TIRED OF WINNING'

KILKENNY have only won all Ireland titles in successive years on three occasions. They won in 1904-1905; 1911, 1912 and 1913, and 1932 and 1933. They won seven titles between 1904 and 1913. But this record is even more impressive than it seems. The 1904 final was not played until 1906 so that in actual fact Kilkenny won their seven titles in the space of eight years.

This was Kilkenny's golden era and the wonder is that they did not win them all during this period. When the question was put to Jack Rochford, one of the four Kilkennymen who figur-

ed on all seven, he replied: "Well you can get tired of winning. The team did not change very much during this period and we should have won them all. We probably got a little bit over confident and little differences cropped up between the clubs and this did not help".

It was at the end of this period — 1913 — that Kilkenny achieved the "impossible". They beat the famed Toomevara Greyhounds—who were regarded as invincible in one of the great finals of the age.

Incidentally, Kilkenny got a walk over from Limerick, in the 1911 All-Ireland final.

Amazing finish to 1922 final

IMAGINE the amazement of both Kilkenny and Tipperary supporters who had left Croke Park some minutes before the end of the 1922 all Ireland final, convinced Tipperary had won, to learn that in actual fact it was a black and amber victory.

A crowd of 26,000 attended the 1922 final played on September 9, 1923 and saw Kilkenny snatch a last minute win. The final scores were 4-2 to 2-6.

Cleary opened the scoring with a Tipp point and Hayes added two more before Dick Grace opened Kilkenny's account with a goal from a free. Hayes and M. Lalor exchanged points to leave the sides level (Kilkenny 1-1, Tipperary 0-4) at half time.

P. Power had a Tipp goal early in the second half and Hayes a point. Matty Power scored a Kilkenny goal. John Roberts netted in a Kil-

kenny attack in which he, Matty Power and Paddy Donoghue figured and, following a Tipp point by M. Kennedy, Paddy Donoghue flashed to the net for the winning goal.

Mark McDonald, the Clonmore man gave a great display in the Kilkenny goal. Dick Grace was in powerful form with Matty Power, M. Lalor, Eddie Dunphy, John Roberts and P. Donoghue playing outstanding roles. Pat ('Dexter') Aylward and P. Glendon combined splendidly at midfield.

Jim Tobin, John Holohan, Bill Kenny, Tommy Carroll, Wattie Dunphy also contributed handsomely to this sensational victory.

Kilkenny M. McDonald, J. Tobin, J. Holohan, W. Kenny, T. Carroll, W. Dunphy, R. Grace, P. Aylward, P. Glendon, M. Lalor, E. Dunphy, P. Donoghue, R. Tobin, J. Roberts, M. Power,

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They Bridged a 61-Year Gap

Kilkenny won Leinster football titles in 1888, 1900 and 1911. We had to wait 61 years for another Leinster football title to come to the county and it came through the Thomastown under 15 Vocational School team.

The team is : Back row (l. to r.) : Mr. Luke Murtagh (school principal), J. Phelan, P. Lannon, S. Reid, P. Minogue, N. Duggan, S. Caulfield, J. O'Brien, D. Breen, Mr. T. O'Callaghan (trainer).

Front row (l. to r.) : E. Gibbons, G. Lyster, C. Beck, D. O'Hara (captain), B. O'Keeffe, W. Lanigan, E. Kavanagh.

"Fox" Maher : Father of the game

THEY called him "the father of the game". Yet he only won one all Ireland title in 1904.

When he died in 1933 a hurling colleague said of him : "Fox" Maher was the

man who first made it possible for Kilkenny to win all Ireland finals. As regards hurling technique he taught everyone — Tullaroan, Mooncoin and Erin's Own.

Just 70 years ago "Fox" Maher after a Railway Shield game at Limerick was chosen as the best man in the game and was presented with a complete athlete's outfit "in recognition of his prowess".

He owned Croke Park

F. B. Dineen, the well-known Dublin sports journalist who was associated with the GAA for many years died on April 18, 1916. He was president and later secretary of the GAA.

Mr. Dineen bought Jones's Road which for

years he hired out to the GAA and other sports promoters. As owner of the property he carried out many improvements to it and some years before his death he sold his interest in it to the GAA. He was from Ballylanders, Co Limerick.

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