

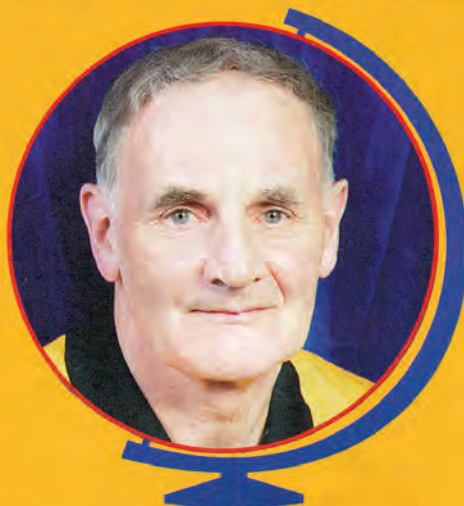
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# Editorial



IN USURPING a phrase from another stage, and another era, and turning it round to suit even a given situation, it could be said "that behind every good editor (modesty, did I ever offend thee?) there lies a great work-force. Therefore, I exhort you, dear reader, to read this, the *Kilkenny Yearbook 1994*. I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

My exhortation stems from an "insider knowledge" that an inordinate amount of work, by the same dedicated work-force, has produced this Kilkenny G.A.A. "Bible". The "leader of the pack" is the notorious (for a litany of many good reasons) Thomastown teacher, Brendan O'Sullivan. As the yearbook Chairman, he set a pace that demanded equi-partnership. You either "shaped up or shipped out". "Sully" had magnificent "running mates". He had a teaching colleague, Gerry O'Neill. Gerry has a paranoid relationship with detail. He is surely the keystone of the Yearbook Committee. He had Nickey Brennan, the personification of everything that a good County Board Chairman, and an astute businessman, should be. He had a gem of a man in Denis Murphy, whose effort for camogie was herculean. He had the teaching family of Joe and Dermot Dunphy, whose combined efforts were admirable and some more.

Richie Stone – Mr. Ballyragget G.A.A. – weighed in with "gallons of work", and even had the "audacity" to call the Chairman by his first name. His impersonations of certain chairmen lightened many a morose committee meeting. John Cahill, the Kilmanagh teacher, resident in Urlingford, and teaching in Johnstown; Ned Kennedy, the Freshford man now teaching in Tullaroan; Tommy O'Brien, "Mr. Handball", my Radio Kilkenny colleague, and St. Kieran's College teacher, Tommy Lanigan, and Michael Shortall all contributed admirably to making this work what it is. "Sully" – editorial licence permitting – also had the cool, calculating, and controlled teacher from Gowran, John Knox. He was our "Angel Gabriel". What can one say about Tom Ryall, that has not already been said. Although bearing the burden of an upsetting family trauma, Tom's value was still "gilt-edged".

As editor, I offer my sincere thanks to photographers, Tom Brett, and his son, Tomás. They have produced pictorial work to rival the best of their already considerable photographic prowess. Another "picture man" I must say "Go raibh míle maith agat" to is Tommy O'Neill. He did so much, for so many, so often, and at short notice, that he deserves commendation of the highest order. To Mary Wallace, who must surely be delighted that the whole operation is over, I tender the thanks and appreciation of all the committee. As Tom Brett's secretary, her help was always available, and her manner was never less than courteous. My appreciation goes to our long-established friend, Ray McManus, in Sportsfile in Dublin. I can't forget all the amateur camera men and women who rendered assistance, especially Kay Morrissey, from Callan.

To our advertisers, all I can say is many thanks for your continuous support, and I plead with all our G.A.A. colleagues to support the people who support us.

Many thanks to all the contributors, particularly John Knox (*Kilkenny People*) and Enda McEvoy (*Sunday Independent*).

I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to all the wives of the committee members for their fortitude, and patience, particularly when the dreaded phone would ring at some ungodly hour of the early morn.

Finally, my thanks goes to our publisher, *Kilkenny People*, and its staff, for the help, assistance and courtesy shown to myself, and all committee members.

So you see, it would be a terrible pity if you didn't read our effort. I hope it gives you many hours of enjoyment. If you have any complaints, please forward them to the Chairman, who was last seen rowing a one-man boat to the Galapagos Islands in search of serenity, solitude and sobriety.

"May the force be with you" or as they say in Cornamona: "Go n-éirí an t-áth leat".

BARRIE HENRIQUES  
Editor.



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# Foreword

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**B**eatha agus sláinte uilig, a cháirde is a mhuintir Chill Chainnigh i gcéin is i gcóngar. Arís, tá irisleabhar againn i mbliana. Táim sásta go bhfuil éacht oibre déanta ag an bhfoireann eagraíochta. Nuair atá an deis agam, gabhaim buíochas do gach éinne don comhoibriú agus don tacaíocht sa tréimhse a chaith mé mar chathaoirleach choiste Chill Chainnigh.

When comparisons are made with the past two years, 1994 will probably be regarded as a modest year for Cumann Lúthchleas Gael here in Kilkenny on the playing fields. I suppose it is an indication of the standards we have set ourselves that an Under-21 All-Ireland title and Leinster Championship successes at Under-21, Minor and Junior level can be considered a modest return for the valiant efforts of our many inter-county players during the past year.

Hopes were high early in the year that a third All-Ireland Senior Hurling championship win in a row could be achieved. Regrettably, the signs appeared in early February that the task was going to be a difficult one. While promotion from Division 2 of the National Hurling League was crucial to the county, it was more a case of failings by others which helped Kilkenny achieve Division 1 status for the 1994/95 season. The subsequent loss to Tipperary in the League Quarter-final will be remembered more for the intransigence of officialdom at Croke Park than the poor display from Kilkenny.

Offaly were deemed by many to be the chief danger to Kilkenny in Leinster, and how right that opinion turned out to be. In the end, Kilkenny may have pulled close to their midland opponents but in truth we never deserved to be so near. Many reasons have been given for Kilkenny's demise in 1994. The efforts of the previous three years undoubtedly played a major part, but will Kilkenny ever get a better chance to achieve another three-in-a-row? I doubt it.

The stars of the year were undoubtedly the Under-21 side. The team looked unconvincing early on, but, as the campaign progressed, they grew in stature and confidence. Victory over Galway was very sweet, particularly in view of the disappointment of the previous year. Leinster titles also came to the county, courtesy of the Minor and Junior teams. While both sides lost to superior opponents in the later stages of the championship, nevertheless, the gap between defeat and victory was very marginal.

The County Board again staged the highly successful International Minor Football Tournament in August, with Kilkenny emerging as winners of the Shield. The competition is likely to return again to Kilkenny in 1995.

New club champions emerged in Kilkenny this year, with Tullaroan regaining a title they last held in 1958. They may not have been many people's favourites for the title, but the team's fierce pride and determination was surely instrumental in seeing the Tom Walsh Cup return to the North Kilkenny

parish. The club could hardly have picked a more appropriate year to win the championship, as, some months earlier, the opening of the Lory Meagher Heritage Centre gained national prominence. The performances of Mooncoin and Dunnamaggin in winning the Intermediate and Junior Hurling Championships is also worthy of mention.

Kilkenny's handballers again kept the county at the very top of the sport in Ireland. Yet another All-Ireland title came to Ducksie Walsh but the arrival of the World Championships brought a special buzz to the sport during the year. Four World titles came to Kilkenny courtesy of D.J. Carey (2), Pat O'Keeffe and Nicky Reilly. Another title just passed us by when the great Ducksie Walsh lost out in the senior final to an American opponent.

Though not affiliated to Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, the outstanding achievements of Kilkenny's Camogie girls in winning the Senior Inter County and Club All-Ireland titles must be acknowledged. Both victories were testimony to the huge efforts by all concerned with the Kilkenny and Lisdowney teams.

The past year also saw the emergence of new sponsors of our county teams. It gave me a lot of personal pleasure to welcome Avonmore Foods plc on board with us until the end of 1996.

These are just some of the stories you will find in this year's Kilkenny G.A.A. Year Book. We have endeavoured to maintain the same high standards of previous publications and I hope you will enjoy every picture and article. It gives all of us on the County Board a huge amount of pleasure to see the great enthusiasm with which the Year Book is greeted every year.

I must, again, on behalf of the hard-working committee, thank all our contributors for their splendid articles. This publication would never be possible without the tremendous support we receive each year from our advertisers. I urge you all to support our advertisers at every opportunity. We are also grateful to the many newsagents throughout this county and surrounding counties for their assistance and support.

Each year we place a strong emphasis on our pictorial coverage. You will not be disappointed with the number of pictures in this year's publication. On thanks to Tom Brett, our chief photographer, and the many other photographers who allowed us to use their material.

Special thanks must again go to our Editor, Barry Henriques. Apart from organising the material for inclusion in the Year Book, Barry is also responsible for securing the necessary advertising. Barrie would certainly want me to mention the hard-working committee and I thank them all for the tough task they became involved in over the past three months.

This Year Book will, I know, find its way into many Christmas stockings in Kilkenny, Ireland and many parts of the world once again this year. I hope it gives you, the reader, the same pleasure it gave the committee in putting the material together.

As this will be my last occasion to write a foreword for the Year Book, I would like to thank all the people who have helped to make the publication such a success over the past five years. I know we are the envy of many counties with this fine publication.

Finally, my grateful thanks to all Kilkenny supporters, demanding, yes, but utterly faithful and dedicated. My thanks, also to all the clubs in the county, and their officials, for their loyalty and support to me personally over the past four years.

**Nioclás Ó Braonáin,  
Cathaoirleach,  
Coiste Contae Cill Chainnigh.**



# Man of Granite

By: ENDA McEVOY

**Colossus**, *n*, a gigantic statue, esp. that of Apollo at (but not astride of) the entrance of the harbour of Rhodes. - *adj.* **colossal**, like a colossus; gigantic.  
(Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary)

A colossus. That's what they called Frank Cummins. A colossus. A man, someone once remarked, not born but quarried. Brendan Fullam uses the quote in his latest book. The title of the book is *Hurling Giant*. No wonder Frank Cummins features.

The Colossus of Rhodes was, if memory serves correctly, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Frank Cummins – and no recourse to memory is needed here – was one of the wonders of the modern hurling world. What a neat slice of symmetry.

For a decade and a half he did bestride the narrow hurling scene like a mighty colossus (that word again!). Age did not wither him nor the years condemn him. Men came and men went. This one seemed to go on forever.

Cummins was a wonder because he was a one-off. A one-off who collected seven All-Ireland senior hurling medals in the same position on the field of play. A one-off because, in a Noreside context at any rate, there was no one like him before and because there will almost certainly be no one like him again.

He was big, he was brave, he was strong. A man you don't meet every day, yet a man it was no bother to relate to. For his size, his strength, his bravery, his simplicity. And because, despite all that, he remained a distinctly normal kind of guy.

In company with Ger Henderson, he was one of the few icons of the Black and Amber revered on grounds other than those of pure skill. Meagher, Phelan, Keher and Carey were worshipped for their sheer brilliance, for the way they transacted their business as though on first name terms with stick and sliotar. They were Kilkenny hurling style made flesh; Frank Cummins was the power incarnate.

And whereas in the matter of hurling skill, the line of apostolic succession continues unbroken – Meagher to Keher, Keher to Carey, Carey to some lad perhaps as yet unborn but inevitably ordained to carry on the torch –

Cummins was one of a kind. The next Kilkenny ballplaying genius, the new Meagher or Keher or Carey, will burst onto the scene sooner or later. The new Frank Cummins will not. The mould was broken when he was created.

(On which point, supporters would do well to accept this. The last thing Michael Phelan and Canice Brennan and any midfield workhorse of the future needed or will need is to be damned on the basis that they're "no Frank Cummins". How in God's name could they be?)

D.J. Carey is loved by the faithful, but with a love that has a touch of the awestruck about it, an element of the "this guy is not one of us, he inhabits a different sphere altogether", an amazement that such a slight, shy individual can pull on a jersey and instantly become Superman. Cummins was loved because he *was* so very much "one of us", so very ease to relate to.

He was a hurling equivalent of the strong man on the building site, of the quiet Guinness drinker at the counter who enjoys his couple of pints without fuss or frills. Big limbs, big hands, big heart. Constructed on a grander scale than you or me, yet, for all that, a simple, unassuming person who appeared happiest amid the whirl of battle and at his least comfortable when shoved under the media spotlight.

## GOLDEN OPINIONS

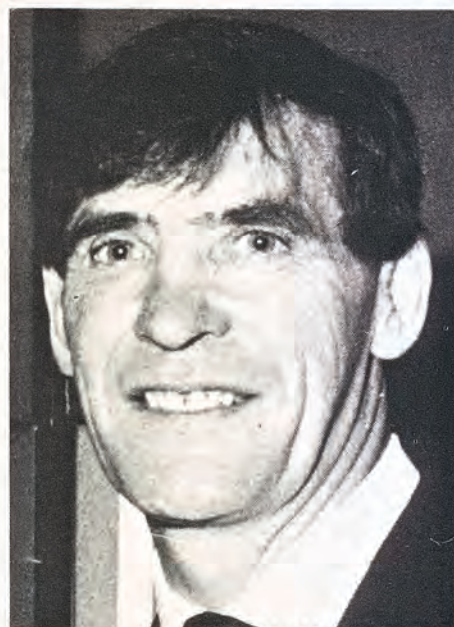
Not a great talker, either. In truth, the life and times and influence of Frank Cummins are better delineated by what others said about him than he what he says himself.

"Kilkenny will never be the same team after he goes" – probably apocryphal, but usually attributed to an old Tipperary fan in Semple Stadium in the early 1980's.

"They'll have to put a statue up to that man on the Parade when he retires" – the late Podge Cody, Central Hotel, John Street.

"An automatic choice alongside John Fenton as the 'dream midfield' on my team of the 'eighties" – Cyril Farrell.

"He was a fantastic man to have on



FRANK CUMMINS

your team. And it must have been terrible to have him on the opposite team. When he opened his shoulders, you got out of his way quickly" – Mick Crotty.

The All-Ireland-winning St. Kieran's side of 1965 were among the first to make the latter discovery. A far from wonderful combination that nevertheless possessed the grit, resolve and spirit to fight their way to the most unexpected and most deserved of Croke Cup victories (current Leinster Council secretary Mick Delaney was a member), they had to overcome a series of imposing challenges in the process: John Quigley and St. Peter's, Eamon Grimes and Limerick CBS, Frank Cummins and Belcamp. The irony of being put through the wringer by a team powered by a Knocktopher fellow – and one who specialised in gathering the ball at wing-forward, rampaging through the defence and lifting the net out of it, at that – was not lost on the unhappy Kieran's lads. It's tempting to say that the college boys never looked back once Belcamp were disposed of at the second attempt. Tempting, and probably not untrue.

That year saw Dublin win their last All-Ireland minor title, seeing off Kilkenny in Portlaoise early in the campaign. Would they still have done so had Cummins not broken his ankle in May and been unable to make the starting line-up on Mick Loughman's outfit? Whatever, two years later he was the possessor of a Celtic cross – which more than compensated.

The glory years were off and running. 1969 brought Frank's first All-Ireland medal on the field of play. As big days go, there haven't been many better.

"All the All-Irelands we won against Cork were great. Absolute highlights. But I suppose 1969 is the one that sticks out most for me. I'd come to Cork two years



earlier and was still playing with Knocktopher. I joined Blackrock in 1970.

"Cork produced the same brand of hurling as ourselves, always skilful and sporting. At the end of the day, the better team won. While it was nice to beat them – it made life here a bit easier! – don't forget that they beat us a few times too. And they always took defeat well, like sportsmen."

If he hurled with and against the best ("don't ask me to name names, because there were so many and I'd have to mention them all as soon as I mentioned

one"), Frank Cummins also hurled *under* the best. Fr. Tommy Maher was, he asserts, an expert at reading a game and putting his ideas across to the players; Pat Henderson was a marvellous motivator. "As a team mate, Pat was always shouting and giving you great encouragement, saying nice things to you. As the trainer he operated exactly the same way. And he picked up a great deal from Fr. Maher." Other influences and idols included "my first big hero" Ollie Walsh, Eddie Keher, Jim Treacy, Paddy Moran, Denis Heaslip and Ted Carroll.

Let's leave the final word to Raymond

Smith. Writing in *The Greatest Hurlers of Our Time*, the Thackeray of Thurles referred to Frank Cummins's performance against Cork in 1982 and '83 as breaking the losers' backs "by the manner in which he could knock them aside like pins in a bowling alley as he gained possession and held it until he had set up vital attacking movements . . . He combined strength and drive with powerful, dynamic, forceful hurling and he did it all without ever having to stoop to unsporting tactics."

We couldn't have put it better ourselves.



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Sean O'Dwyer (left), Church and General Insurance, presents the sponsorship for the 1994-'95 Cumann na mBunscoileanna Inter-Schools G.A.A. competitions to Paul Kinsella, Secretary, Kilkenny Primary Schools G.A.A. Board and Richard Tierney, Board Chairman.

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# Good under-21 win, but there should be no mad rush forward

by John Knox

Victory in itself is important, and should be an occasion of joy, but people should never forget the broader picture and where things are actually heading. Ideally, under-age games should not exceed the perimeters of enjoyment, but as we all know, Utopia is an imaginary place.

Anyone worth anything in sport wants to be the best, the champ or champions. It is in the nature of the sporting being. And no one will ever change that basic instinct.

The duty then falls to those in authority who pull the strings to give positive direction, solid leadership, and more than a bit of encouragement.

In under-age games, providing planned and necessary direction is vitally important. No use charging ahead without direction, and leaving casualties strewn all over the place. Short term policies invariably lead to long term problems. Think about the All-Ireland victory of the classy Kilkenny Under-21 hurling team in that context. Here we have a bunch of very talented and very promising young men. They represent part of the future for Kilkenny. But victory in a good, hard, final and after a testing campaign, doesn't mean these players have arrived.

"It is only a step forward for some", insisted tuned-in Kilkenny coach-trainer, Brendan O'Sullivan. "Some will go on to greater things, some won't be able to and some others might never go any further for a variety of different reasons. But for the lucky ones, going through the Under-21 division, and coming out of it as winners, can be a great preparation for the senior grade competition that could be up the road sometime in the future."

## CONVEYOR BELT:

Having the conveyor belt of possible senior candidates constantly turning is what it is all about. Winning at minor level can be a start. But there is a long way to go before making it into the senior ranks, unless the talent is exceptional as with D.J. Carey or P.J. Delaney of recent times.

Bridging the gap between minor and under-21 and keeping all your players, is difficult for club, never mind county. It is a crucial period, an age group from which many are lost.

Taking those same inter-county players further, possibly through the junior scene and on to senior, is another major step,

## THE GLORY TRAIL

June 15 at Trim

**Kilkenny 2-17 Meath 0-10**

H.T. 1-9 (K) to 0-6

Kilkenny scorers: Robert Shortall (1-6); Denis Byrne (0-4); Dermot Maher (0-3); Seamus Dollard (1-0); Brian McEvoy (0-2); Jim Hickey, P.J. Delaney (0-1 each).

July 6 at Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow: Leinster semi-final

**Kilkenny 4-10 Laois 2-9**

H.T. 0-6 each

Kilkenny scorers: Denis Byrne (3-2); Dermot Maher (1-1); P.J. Delaney (0-3); Seamus Dollard, Peter Barry, Robert Shortall, Brian Leahy (0-1 each).

July 26, at Dr. Cullen Park: Leinster Final

**Kilkenny 1-14 (17 pts.) Wexford 0-15**

H.T. 1-5 (K) to 0-8

Kilkenny scorers: Robert Shortall (0-4); Dermot Maher (1-1); Brendan Ryan (0-3); P.J. Delaney (0-2); Ollie O'Connor (0-2); Philip Larkin, Denis Byrne (0-1 each).

August 21, at Semple Stadium, Thurles, All-Ireland semi-final

**Kilkenny 2-21 Waterford 3-6**

H.T. 0-16 (K) to 2-2

Kilkenny scorers: P.J. Delaney (1-4); Brian McEvoy (0-6); Brendan Ryan (1-2); Denis Byrne (0-4); Dermot Maher (0-3); Seamus Dollard, Peter Barry (0-1 each).

September 11, at Tullamore, All-Ireland Final

**Kilkenny 3-10 Galway 0-11**

H.T. 0-8 (G) to 1-4

Kilkenny scorers: P.J. Delaney (1-3); Robert Shortall (1-1); Brendan Ryan (1-0); Dermot Maher (0-2); Brian McEvoy, Seamus Dollard, Denis Byrne, Ollie O'Connor (0-1 each).

one needing careful and delicate handling.

At such demanding times in the lives of

the players, between the ages of 18 and 24 or so, there is nothing surer than that



It's a Goal! Kilkenny forward, Robert Shortall, scores a vital goal for the Kilkenny Under-21 side in the All-Ireland final against Galway. The other Kilkenny player in the picture is Denis Byrne.

Photo: Tommy O'Neill



there will be drop-outs, for whatever reason . . . academic pressures, work, injury or maybe some might just give up games. A good under-age player, or team, is no guarantee of anything beyond that.

"The minor, under-21 and junior teams can help players take the necessary learning steps and prepare them for what lies beyond," Mr. O'Sullivan insisted. "People might think that Kilkenny could put out most of the under-21 team of this year in senior competition, but that just would not work.

#### NOT DEVELOPED:

"Most of these players are not fully developed, either in the hurling or physical sense," the Thomastown official explained. "All the successful teams have a fine balance between youth and experience. That is as important as skill itself.

"Pushing a promising player through too quickly could be the ruination of him," Mr. O'Sullivan continued. "Players are more mature physically, and in all other ways, around 26 or 27 and if they have a strong basis of minor, under-21 and even junior experience behind them, they should have no problem coping with the demands and pressure of the senior inter-county game."

A good point, well made by a man who has guided teams to All-Ireland victory at minor and under-21 hurling level, and senior camogie All-Ireland level too!

Basically, the message for officials is, don't push too hard or too quickly. For fans, it is, don't expect too much too soon from youngsters, however gifted they may appear.

For the majority, the route to the top of the inter-county game will be via minor, under-21 and/or junior up to senior.

In that light, a good number from the Kilkenny under-21 crop of this season must go on to greater things. They have already annexed minor and under-21 All-Irelands. No guarantees, remember, but these players have reminded us more than once they have real potential. Several of them are creeping nearer the senior stage already.

There now are Sean Meally, Eddie O'Dwyer, Ed. Drea and Denis Byrne, who have been involved with Kilkenny during the current National League, while P.J. Delaney has been 'there' since the championship of 1993. These players need time to learn about life in the higher bracket.

#### DON'T BE DOWNHEARTED.

Not all will make the championship panel come next Summer. They should not be downhearted if one suggests they might have to slog through another League campaign before the real break comes. All good things come to him who is prepared to wait, remember.

And along with those listed above, one would expect that some day, goalie Martin



KILKENNY UNDER-21 HURLING SELECTORS - 1994

From left: Jimmy Neary, Ger Henderson, Noel Doyle, Breandan O'Sullivan (Team Manager), Phil Larkin.

Carey should make the senior scene, as should Adrian O'Sullivan, Brian McEvoy, Dan O'Neill and possibly Dermot Maher and Philip Larkin, if they want to badly enough. A reserve with this side, Ollie O'Connor has the magical touches with the camán to make it too, if injury or some other misfortune doesn't come his way.

Of course, there could be some others who could yet shoot through, whose real potential won't emerge until their mid-twenties perhaps. Two in the reserves one would class in this bracket are Tom Henderson and Tobias White.

Time will be the adjudicator on that bit of speculation. The wish is that one is proved wrong, and they all make it through as stars. Possible, but improbable.

The under-21 selectors did a difficult job well. In the opening game against Meath, senior candidate at that time, Dan O'Neill, broke a leg and wasn't to appear again until the All-Ireland final. Mentors Mr. O'Sullivan, Ger Henderson (Fenians), Phil Larkin (James Stephens), Jim Neary (Graigue-Ballycallan) and Noel Doyle (Mooncoin) never allowed that loss be a negative thing.

#### SPIRITS UP:

While keeping in touch with the player and helping to keep his spirits up for an eventual return, they got their charges to 'carry on regardless'. Along the way in Leinster, Brendan Ryan was dragged in from inter-county obscurity, and he blossomed on the bigger stage. Seamus Dollard was used cleverly as a utility man throughout the campaign, and his ability to get dug in to heavy work in the middle of fierce contests was a big plus for the team in times of crisis, for there were a few.

But one of the big non-moves by the mentors was between the All-Ireland semi-final and final. Imagine, from a total of 2-21 in the semi-final win over Waterford, one attacker didn't score at all. The selectors resisted the temptation to drop

Robert Shortall, and he repaid the trust placed in him by making a crucial contribution and scoring 1-1 in the final.

Too often the spotlight switches on team officials for the wrong reasons. In this case the men did well, and that fact should be recognised. The opening against Meath was, as was expected, merely a sweat breaker. For 40 minutes of the second match against Laois, the opposition stayed with the eventual champions. In fact, the score was 1-6 each at that time.

A blast of 3-2 in seven devastating minutes from the Cats, with Denis Byrne prodding the net twice, opened the trapdoor through which the opposition fell. The next game, the Leinster final against Wexford, was something else.

Over 5,500 fans flooded to Dr. Cullen Park, and they were rewarded with a match that throbbled with exciting incident from start to finish. Part of the story afterwards was that the Slaneysiders shot a massive 17 wides when losing by a mere two points (1-14 to 0-15).

#### GREAT CHANCE:

The slant on the story in Wexford was that they threw away a great chance of victory, and not for the first time. The twist in Kilkenny was that the team dug deep, time and again, when more than ordinary efforts were required. Philip Larkin was nothing short of brilliant. Martin Carey made a very important late save. P.J. Delaney was deadly. Sean Meally, Brendan Ryan, Robert Shortall, Peter Barry and Dermot Maher dazzled too.

The semi-final against Waterford was 'exhibition day'. The Noresiders gave an exhibition of the skills of hurling. The opposition was, like leaves from the trees in Autumn, blown away. The turbo-powered hurling of Brian McEvoy, P.J. Delaney, Adrian O'Sullivan, Ed. Drea, Denis Byrne and Larkin, who played with a displaced cheek-bone, was no more than adequately reflected in the 2-21 to 3-6 scoreline. Without doubt, the performance of the year by any team!



That victory set up a repeat of the 1993 All-Ireland final against champions, Galway, who had nine survivors from the previous year. This wasn't among the best

### The Roll of Honour

- 9 Cork – 1966, 1968, 1969, 1979, 1971, 1873, 1976, 1982, 1988.
- 7 Tipperary – 1964, 1967, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1985, 1989.
- 6 Kilkenny – 1974, 1975, 1977, 1984, 1990, 1994.
- 6 Galway – 1972, 1978, 1983, 1986, 1991, 1993.
- 1 Limerick – 1987.
- 1 Waterford – 1992.
- 1 Wexford – 1965.

games of the year. The teams have a lot of respect for each other, and neither tried anything too extravagant.

Galway were not allowed make too many gains when wind-assisted during the first half. Their interval lead was a tight 0-8 to 1-4.

The 18,000 crowd saw the game turn in the 36th minute. P.J. Delaney, who had a downer against the Tribesmen the previous year, galloped 30 yards and through four defenders before shooting a smashing

goal.

### DESTROYED:

Kilkenny were on their way to a 3-10 to 0-11 win, and their 6th title. Here, Sean Meally, Ed. Drea, Barry Power (during a super second half), Adrian O'Sullivan, Dermot Maher, Delaney and, particularly commanding centre-back, Eddie O'Dwyer, destroyed the opposition. A bonus with this Kilkenny team was that the players really wanted to do it, and they were easy to handle and work with.

"The players showed several times they have the talent, and the attitude to cope with the pressures of the big day," Brendan O'Sullivan reminded. "We should hear from a lot more of them again."

The Kilkenny All-Ireland final team was: Martin Carey (Young Irelands), Sean Meally (Cloneen), Ed. Drea (Barrow Rangers), Barry Power (O'Loughlin-Gaels), Adrian O'Sullivan (John Lockes), Eddie O'Dwyer (Graigue-Ballycallan), Philip Larkin, capt. (James Stephens), Brian McEvoy (James Stephens), Dermot Maher (Barrow Rangers), Seamus Dollard (Glenmore), Peter Barry (James Stephens), P.J. Delaney (Fenians), Brendan Ryan (Fenians), Denis Byrne



P.J. DELANEY

(Graigue-Ballycallan), Robert Shortall (Clara). Subs: Ollie O'Connor (St. Lachtain's) and Dan O'Neill (Dicksboro) used; Francis Cantwell (James Stephens); Sam Morrissey (Dicksboro); Tobias White (James Stephens); Tom Henderson (Fenians); Ger. Walsh (Graignamanagh), Malcolm Murphy (James Stephens), Jim Hickey (Dunamaggin).

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# A tragedy to miss joining 3-Up brigade

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

*Naturally there was deep concern for the feelings of the players, but there was real and numbing fear that in our lifetime we might never get the opportunity again. This was the third time in 20 years that Kilkenny got a crack at the elusive three-in-a-row, but like the attempts in the 'seventies and 'eighties, it just did not happen.*

Skehan, Larkin, Henderson, Chunky, Crotty, Cummins, Purcell, Delaney and company put senior hurling All-Ireland wins back-to-back in 1974 and 1975. The third was just beyond them.

Skehan and Cummins were still there, but this time with new hurling pals, including Hennessy, Fitzpatrick, Heffernan, the Fennellys and Prendergast, and Kilkenny claimed two together again in 1982 and 1983. But again, the effort for the third broke the county.

The same chance was there this season. All-Ireland victories in 1992 and 1993 brought the men of today close to the magical deeds of John T. Power, Sim Walton, Eddie Doyle, Paddy 'Icy' Lanigan, Dan Kennedy, Matt Gargan,

Jack Rochford, and company who between 1911 and '13 registered the county's one and only senior All-Ireland treble.

If ever a team looked tailor-made to join the 3-Up brigade, it looked the Kilkenny troops of this era. When they started on the road in 1991 under then new manager Ollie Walsh, they were hardened, made grow up quickly by defeat in the All-Ireland final against Tipperary.

## HARD WAY:

Having learned the hard way, Kilkenny went on to beat Cork and Galway in good All-Ireland finals in the succeeding years. With all that invaluable experience between them, and still with an average

## The road to nowhere

June 5 at Nowlan Park,  
Leinster quarter-final:

Kilkenny ..... 1-19  
Meath ..... 1-8

Half time: 1-12 (K.) to 0-3.

*Kilkenny scorers:* Derek Gaffney (1-5); D. J. Carey (0-7, five frees, one penalty); Liam McCarthy, Adrian Ronan (0-2 each); Pat O'Neill (0-2, one free, one '65); Bill Hennessy (0-1).

June 26 at Croke Park,  
Leinster semi-final:

Offaly ..... 2-16 (22pts.)  
Kilkenny\* ..... 3-9 (18pts.)

Half time: 1-10 (O.) to 1-3.

*Kilkenny scorers:* D. J. Carey (2-1, goal penalty, one point free); Eamon Morrissey (1-4); Michael Phelan, John Power, P. J. Delaney, Derek Gaffney (0-1 each).



Billy Dooley sends over a point despite the attentions of Pat Dwyer. Others in picture: Brendan Kelly (Offaly), Liam Keoghan, Eddie O'Connor and Pat O'Neill

(Photo: Sportsfile)



age within the team of only 28, the Cats looked to have a lot going for them, heading out to defend our dear friend McCarthy for the third time.

The dream was obliterated at Croke Park on June 26 by the team that eventually took over the throne, Offaly, who, when they lowered Kilkenny's colour, were claiming their first win in four years in the senior hurling championship.

The closing score in that Leinster semi-final was 2-16 (22) to 3-9 (18) in favour of Offaly, who had destroyers on the day in Johnny Dooley, who was in a class of his own, John Troy and Joe Dooley, who were a devastating double act on occasions, Brian Whelehan, Billy Dooley, Johnny Pilkington, Hubert Rigney and Kevin Martin.

With the passage of time, there were some on the Noreside who suggested Kilkenny might have won, despite all their ills on the day. Hardly. Admittedly, Kilkenny were flying during the opening 20 minutes, when, against the wind and all, they held the lead at one stage.

That was the only time during the entire season that Kilkenny hinted they had it in them to reproduce the brilliance of '92 and '93. When things didn't happen for their opponents, Offaly got going, and after shooting nine wides, they were still good enough to lead by 1-10 to 1-3 at half-time.

#### AT ODDS:

The losers still looked at odds with

themselves after the break. They had a 43rd minute goal by Eamon Morrissey disallowed and at one stage fell into big arrears of 1-5 to 2-10. Two late goals, one in injury time from Eamon Morrissey, suggested at the finish that the game had been closer than had been the case in reality.

Eddie O'Connor, Liam Keoghan, Willie O'Connor and Bill Hennessy all nearly burst a gut in the Kilkenny cause that afternoon. Eamon Morrissey caused Offaly a lot of problems early on, but then appeared to run out of ideas. But the sparkle was missing from most of the rest.

There were those who suggested that four years on the go had taken a heavy toll on the players. Initially, one was a part of that faithful, but on further and deeper reflection I am not so sure any more.

Admittedly, the players had three demanding championships between 1991 and '93. But during the same period, the county didn't do all that much during three Leagues. There was no hard going, little pressure apart from what the players brought on themselves in this year's Winter competition by simply not performing up to scratch in Division II. It wasn't as if they were on the go, hard at it, for 36 months.

Remember, the players of 1982 and '83 put four wins back to back . . . two Leagues and two All-Irelands. They went at it hard, took all the pressures of four national finals, and still came out winners.

#### FIVE FINALS:

What about the great Kerry football team of the late 'seventies and early 'eighties? The average age of that group was something the same as Kilkenny's when they started out, and Kerry qualified for five finals on the trot, and seven out of eight, between 1975 and '82. And who will argue that the strain and demands of training for football is any easier than hurling?

Kilkenny's reaction to the 1993 success had a negative effect on the players whereas the previous year's had a positive effect.

Somewhere along the line, something went badly astray. People didn't handle victory as well as they should have. After all, it wasn't new to any of them.

When the players came back after the Christmas break, the physical condition of more than a few had deteriorated to an alarming degree. By allowing that to happen, players heaped pressure on themselves. Some finished the National League still needing to do a lot of physical work. In fairness, after the facile championship win over Meath in the run up to the Offaly clash, there was an earnest bid all round to ignite the old fire, and there was honesty of effort.

"I am happy enough we won, but, if we play like that again, we won't beat Offaly", were the prophetic words from Ollie Walsh in the wake of the 1-19 to 1-8 success over Meath.



**KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING TEAM 1994 – Defeated by Offaly in the Leinster Senior Hurling Semi-Final.**

Front row (from left): Adrian Ronan, Eddie O'Connor, Willie O'Connor, P. J. Delaney, Michael Walsh (Captain), Bill Hennessy, D. J. Carey, Liam McCarthy.  
Back row (from left): Michael Phelan, John Power, Pat Dwyer, Joe Walsh, Eamonn Morrissey, Liam Keoghan, Pat O'Neill.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



By that stage it was already a bit late for some. At least three players admitted to me that during preparations for the Offaly match, they knew some in the squad would need a miracle to be able to perform up to the level they had in 1992 and '93. Everyone wanted to perform and produce the old dash, but it just wasn't there.

**NEVER BE DONE:**

"It was as if some felt they could just tap into the right spirit when it suited them", one suggested.

Three times in the not too distant past, Kilkenny got a shot at the All-Ireland three-in-a-row. The chances to do it won't keep popping up. Some argue that, in the ultra-competitive world of Gaelic games today, it might never be done again.

The crew who started out on the road in 1991 had a chance of making it with few drop-outs. Richard Power and Liam Fennelly were the main ones shed. The one guarantee, starting from scratch now, is that many more definitely won't make it. Passing years will claim more victims!



*Eddie O'Connor congratulates Brian Whelehan after Offaly's Championship victory over Kilkenny.*  
(Photo: Sportsfile)

The Kilkenny team versus Offaly was: Michael Walsh (captain), Eddie O'Connor, Pat Dwyer, Joe Walsh, Liam Keoghan, Pat O'Neill, Willie O'Connor, Michael Phelan, Bill Hennessy, Adrian Ronan, John Power, D. J. Carey, P. J.

Delaney, Eamon Morrissey, Liam McCarthy.

*Subs:* Derek Gaffney, James Brennan (used); Joe Dermody, Paul Phelan, Donal Carroll, Patsy Brophy, Liam Walsh, Denis Byrne, Liam Simpson, Patrick Farrell.

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# If only, if only, Galway had frozen . . .

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

IT WILL forever be remembered in the county as the "if only" championship. The defeat was seen as having far greater and wider significance than just the loss of one match, and even now, the best part of six months later, there are those who would argue until the cows come home that an All-Ireland was lost.

Perhaps there was, we will never really know. Definitely lost, or let slip, was the chance to appear on the bill on the premier hurling day at Croke Park, the first Sunday in September.

They say that losing a semi-final is one of the worst things a sportsman or woman can experience. It is a sort of "limbo" situation, where you get a distant glimpse of the big time, but you don't get there.

Think then how hard it must have been on the Kilkenny minor hurlers this year? They had failed to impress in their two tests in Leinster; still, there was no one who could better them.

Then, in the All-Ireland semi-final, they struggled against Galway, fell 0-1 to 0-6 down after a mere 12 minutes, but crept and crawled back into the game. And with Cat-burglar intent, they scored a stunning goal right on full time to jump 2-9 to 0-14 in front, and looked set to steal a win.

## ON THE CARDS:

That cheeky goal scored by Ken O'Shea

from the '21' on the right, as you attack at the Canal End, didn't look to be in the team. Suddenly, out of the blue, Kilkenny were in front, and a crack at the county's 17th minor All-Ireland looked on the cards.

Selectors Liam Fennelly (Shamrocks), Matty Mackey (Dunnamaggin), Brian Waldron (St. Lachtain's), Fr. Liam Barron (Glenmore) and Joe Pyke (Chairman Bord na nÓg) reached instantly and tried to interrupt play by introducing Ramie Cahill. Valuable seconds were killed, but referee Seán McMahon (Clare) let the game run.

Twice afterwards Kilkenny players had opportunities to kill the ball in midfield. The first time they failed, but escaped. The second time, Finbar Gantley was given a handy delivery and Ronan Farrell careered through for his second score of the day, a goal.

That extra-time goal gave Galway a heart-stopping 1-14 to 2-9 victory, and a place in the All-Ireland against fancied Cork.

On the big day, the Connacht champions defied all the odds and put in a powerful performance to claim the county's third All-Ireland win, again in dramatic fashion with an all important late goal. That could easily have been Kilkenny celebrating their 17th title and fourth in five years.

## OUTRAGEOUSLY TALENTED:

Why not call it the "if only" championship then? Kilkenny, never great, but always full of fight, might have done it on

### June 2 at Croke Park, Leinster Semi-Final:

Kilkenny . . . . .1-17

Dublin . . . . .1-6

Half-time 0-12 (K.) to 0-4

*Kilkenny scorers:* Ken O'Shea (1-5); Damien Cleere (0-6, five frees, one '65); Niall O'Connor (0-3); Brian Kelly (0-2); Mick O'Neill (0-1).

### July 17 at Croke Park, Leinster Final:

Kilkenny 2-13 (19pts.); Offaly 3-6 (15pts.)

Half-time 0-9 (K.) to 0-2.

*Kilkenny scorers:* Damien Cleere (1-4, three frees); Michael Purcell (1-1); John Phelan (0-3); Ken O'Shea (0-2); Kevin Lonergan, Mick O'Neill, Brian Kelly (0-1 each).

### August 7 at Croke Park, All-Ireland Semi-Final:

Galway . . . . .1-14 (17pts.)

Kilkenny . . . . .2-9 (15pts.)

H.T. 0-9 (G.) to 0-5.

*Kilkenny scorers:* Damien Cleere (1-5, three points frees); Ken O'Shea (1-2); Mick O'Neill (0-2).

September 4.

All season, the outrageously talented Damien Cleere and Ken O'Shea, the speedy Mick O'Neill, John Phelan, keen eyed 'keeper Joe Ryan and the elegant and very promising Seán Kealy had dragged the team through tight situations. They might have done it again.

One could go on and on about it, but why? Losing, as well as winning, is all part of sport. You must take the good with the bad. But if only, if only Galway had frozen after being hit out of the blue by O'Shea's rocket. Instead of feeling self pity, perhaps



Leinster Minor Hurling Champions 1994 - Front (l. to r.) Damien Cleere, Mick O'Neill, Ken O'Shea, Joe Ryan, John Phelan, Paddy Mullally, David Carroll. Back row (l. to r.) Martin Phelan, James Connolly, Andrew Hickey, Kevin Lonergan, Brian Kelly, Michael Purcell, Paddy Hickey, Sean Kealy

(Photo: Tom Brett)





*Selectors under pressure: Kilkenny Minor Selectors in pensive mood during the year: From left: Liam Fennelly, Brian Waldron, Joe Pyke, Mattie Mackey, Tom Delehunty (Vice-Chairman, Bord na nÓg). At the rear are Ted Carroll and Nickey Brennan*

(Photo: Tom Brett)

it might be more sporting to reflect on the granite like spirit of the winners that day, and the next day too, against Cork? Why of course, well done, courageous Galway!

On the positive side, it reflected well on Kilkenny when a team they reckoned not to be that wonderful was still good enough to get within a whisker of the All-Ireland.

The Noresiders are staying up there in the grade. They have been the best in Leinster for the past five years and you can bet your bottom dollar, they won't be too far short of the mark either, come 1995.

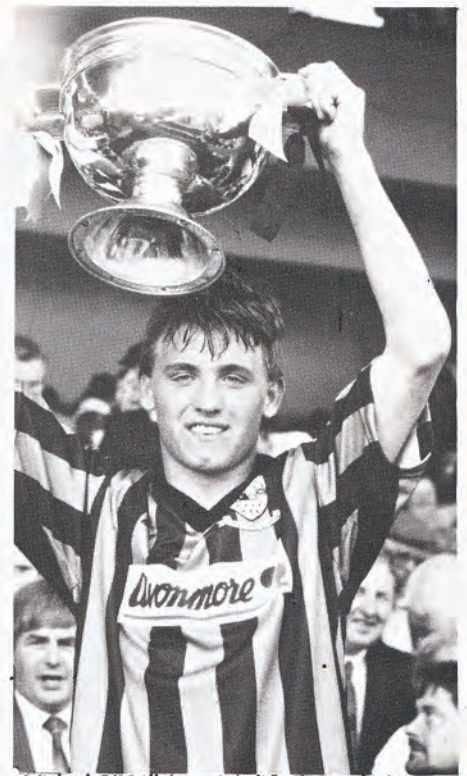
#### FIRST OUTING:

In the province this season, Dublin were beaten in the first match by 1-17 to

1-6. The Dubs had scored earlier wins over Laois and Westmeath, before they faced the Cats, who were having their first outing. The difference between the teams boiled down to the outstanding contributions of Damien Cleere and Ken O'Shea. Between them they cracked home 1-11 of the winners' total.

The Leinster final against Offaly was no great game, but it took a bit of winning. The Noresiders didn't make sure of things until the 53rd minute, when Cleere slipped home a goal to shoot the difference out to 2-12 to 2-6.

The losers looked out of it at half-time when they trailed by 0-2 to 0-9. Six minutes further on, there was the bare mini-



*Michael O'Neill (captain), lifts the cup high after Kilkenny beat Offaly in the Leinster Minor Hurling Final*

(Photo: Tom Brett)

num between the teams (0-9 to 2-2). The heavy burden of work afterwards was well spread, with Cleere, O'Shea, Kealy and O'Neill being joined in the star category by Martin Phelan, Patrick Hickey, and John Phelan, who missed the next match.

During the opening twelve minutes of the All-Ireland semi-final, Kilkenny looked out of their depth, as Rory Gantley and Kevin Broderick ran riot and helped Galway into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead. The game was only beginning. Admittedly, the losers were always stretched to keep in touch, but they nearly got there in a tight finish.

Unlucky and all as people might feel the county was, it has to be admitted, on the day the better team won! Galway more than proved their worth afterwards!

The Kilkenny All-Ireland semi-final team was:

Joe Ryan (St. Lachtain's); David Carroll (Dicksboro); Patrick Hickey (St. Lachtain's); Patrick Mullally (Glenmore); Andrew Hickey (Dunnamaggin); Martin Phelan (James Stephens); Sean Kealy (Blacks and Whites); Alan Ahearne (Windgap); James Connolly (Piltown); Damien Cleere (Graigue-Ballycallan); Kevin Lonergan (Galmoy); Mick O'Neill (captain) (Dunnamaggin); Brian Kelly (O'Loughlin Gaels); Ken O'Shea (Dunnamaggin); Michael Purcell (Mooncoin).

*Subs:* Aidan Begley (Dicksboro); Eoin Behan (Fenians); Ramie Cahill (Dunnamaggin) used; John Phelan (Glenmore); Paul Morrissey (John Lockes); Billy Quinn (Mooncoin); Ger Doyle (St. Martin's); Mark Mullally (Glenmore); Paddy O'Dwyer (Graigue/Ballycallan).



*Offaly captain, Stephen Byrne and Kilkenny captain, Mick O'Neill, with referee Pat Ahearne (Carlow), before Leinster Minor Hurling Final.*

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# Heaven-sent event turning into graveyard?

By JOHN KNOX Kilkenny People

The event would appear to be turning into a bit of a 'graveyard' for Kilkenny teams, when, not so long ago, it had seemed it was heaven-sent and produced silverware for the county every other year.

Not to worry though. You get runs like that. Things will change. Up to this, Kilkenny have contested 12 All-Ireland finals, and the good news is they have won eight, and lost the balance.

Those are the figures from the All-Ireland junior hurling championship, which produced a win-one, lose-one, sequence in finals to Kilkenny from the Centenary year of the G.A.A. up to the start of the decade.

Then things took a bit of a twist. Sure enough, the county continued to dominate in Leinster, but in the national deciders . . . nothing. Limerick, Croke Park and Dungarvan all hosted Kilkenny hurling deaths.

The key to success in the competition has not been lost. Let's just say it has been mislaid, temporarily.

There are people who would make much of that losing sequence. That is to ignore the truth. Back in 1991, the title could have gone either way, but Tipperary got the luck on that occasion. Twelve

months ago, Kilkenny simply didn't perform, and Clare registered their first win in the event in 79 years.

## NO EXCUSES

Against Cork in the final this July, there were no excuses. Cork were the better team; in fact, a little bit better than the closing scoreline of 2-13 to 2-11 might suggest.

The losers put in a brave effort, particularly during a rivetting second half. The opening period was very ordinary. Kilkenny had the first score, a goal, from that fascinating finisher, Ollie O'Connor, who was the one player who might have changed things on his own. That was the only time in the match they led. At half-time, the Leesiders were 1-6 to 1-3 ahead.

All the best action was crammed into the second period. In the 39th minute the Leinster championship might have goaled, but after O'Connor ghosted through the defence, his well-struck shot was turned back by goalie, Teddy O'Donovan. The difference was 2-8 to 1-6 at the time. Later, Patrick Farrell had another 'bullet' turned over the bar. Bearing in mind the difference at the end, those near misses might have changed things, had they produced scores.

To be fair, it has to be stated that

## The games, dates, places and scorers

May - Walk-over from Meath.

June 1, at Nowlan Park, Leinster semi-final

**Kilkenny 2-20; Laois 0-8**

Half-time: 1-10 (K) to 0-4.

Kilkenny scorers: Ollie O'Connor (0-12, 10 frees); Patrick Farrell (1-4, goal penalty, three points frees); Paul Treacy (1-0); Brian McGovern (0-2); Billy O'Keeffe, Sean Ryan (0-1 each).

June 19, at Nowlan Park, Leinster final

**Kilkenny 2-18; Wexford 3-8**

H.T. 2-5 (K) to 1-5

Kilkenny scorers: Ollie O'Connor (1-4, three points frees); Declan Roche (1-2); Patrick Farrell (0-5, two frees); Paul Treacy (0-3); Billy O'Keeffe (0-2); Sean Ryan, Brian McGovern (0-1 each).

July 16, at Dungarvan, All-Ireland final

**Cork 2-13; Kilkenny 2-11**

H.T. 1-6 (C) to 1-3

Kilkenny scorers: Ollie O'Connor (2-6, goal penalty, five points frees); Billy O'Keeffe (0-2), Patrick Farrell, Declan Roche, Paul Treacy (0-1 each).

Kilkenny's second goal came with the second last puck of the match.

Yes, Cork were the better team, despite wholehearted hurling by Seán Meally, who kept an unsure full-back line together, John Conlon and Peter Hennessy in the second half, and team captain, Declan Roche, who was mischievous and most productive on the '40' during the same period.

## BLAZE OF GLORY:

Austin Cleere finished in a blaze of glory, and Paul Treacy and Brian McGovern also did well up front.

But in this department, minor star of 1993, Ollie O'Connor, who, despite hav-



**KILKENNY - Leinster Junior Hurling Champions**

Front row (l.-r.): Ollie O'Connor, Billy O'Keeffe, John Houlihan, Peter Hennessy, James McGarry, Declan Roche, Joe Murphy, Ollie Blanchfield. Back row (l.-r.): Philip Comerford, Seán Ryan, Paul Treacy, John Mahon, Brian McGovern, Seán Meally, John Conlon, Patrick Farrell.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



ing a 'shadow' for the full hour, showed the cunning of a fox and the score-grabbing instinct of Eddie Keher. As an American might say, 'this guy has it'. Now and again a player comes along, and his natural instinct is to score. O'Connor is such a player. Remember the name, Ollie O'Connor.

There was little string-pulling that selectors, Ned Quinn (Mooncoin), Martin Kennedy (St. Lachtain's), Tadhg Feeney (Thomastown), E.J. Ryan (John Lockes) and Noel Skehan (Bennettsbridge), who also acted as coach-trainer, could have done that would have bridged the gulf in class. There are times you must accept you were short of the mark. This was one of those times.

For Kilkenny, there was a month between the Leinster Final and All-Ireland. They had no semi-final in between. The waiting around didn't help. On the other hand, Cork played the semi-final and final within five days, and, as things turned out, that was anything but a disadvantage.

In Leinster, the Cats claimed their 23rd

title. Wexford fell in the decider. It was a fair enough game for nearly two-thirds of the way.

Wexford were very much in the match at half-time when a mere goal down. Then the opposition cut loose. Patrick Farrell and Ollie O'Connor turned up the power, and delivered points at will. Declan Roche and Paul Treacy also got in on the act. By the 43rd minute, Wexford were already looking at arrears of 2-13 to 1-6, and a sad journey home.

The Higs in this competition in recent years have all been in Leinster. Many a county would be delighted with that. However, expectations in Kilkenny always extend to the summit when the province has been conquered. What was that Johnny Logan sang, 'What's Another Year'. We will just have to wait and see what it brings.

The Kilkenny team in the All-Ireland final was: James McGarry (Bennettsbridge), Johnny Holohan (O'Loughlin-Gaels), John Mahon (Mooncoin), Sean Meally (Cloneen), Joe Murphy (Mooncoin), John Conlon (Bennetts-

bridge), Peter Hennessy (Threecastles), Austin Cleere (Emeralds), Billy O'Keeffe (Thomastown), Paddy Farrell (Carrickshock), Brian McGovern (Slieverue), Paul Treacy (Thomastown), Michael Walsh (Mooncoin), Declan Roche (John Lockes capt.), Ollie O'Connor (St. Lachtain's).

Subs: Tom Hickey (Dunnamaggin) and Ollie Blanchfield (Lisdowney) used; Joe Dermody (St. Lachtain's), Sean Caulfield (Kilmacow), Philip Comerford (John Lockes), Sean Ryan (Dunnamaggin), Richie Kelly (Rower-Inistioge), John Carroll (Graignamanagh), Liam Kenny (Piltown).

#### WHO HAS ALL THE TITLES?

- 11 Cork - 1912, 1916, 1925, 1940, 1947, 1950, 1955, 1958, 1983, 1987, 1994.
- 9 Tipperary - 1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953, 1989, 1991.
- 8 Kilkenny - 1928, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990.
- 5 London - 1938, 1949, 1959, 1960, 1963.
- 4 Limerick - 1935, 1941, 1954, 1957.
- 3 Dublin - 1932, 1937, 1952.
- 3 Meath - 1927, 1948, 1970.
- 3 Warwickshire - 1968, 1969, 1973.
- 2 Armagh - 1978, 1979.
- 2 Clare - 1914, 1993.

# BARRY'S TEA



*...Every day should have its Golden Moments*



Again, the hurling of "Fitz", Johnny Ryan and Ger Fennelly was enviable.

Controversy surrounded the All-Ireland final against ould enemy, Tipperary. It was on, then off, then on again, before it was eventually fixed for Nowlan Park before the National League match between Kilkenny and Cork. At half-time, Kilkenny led by just two points. At half-time, Kilkenny led by just two points (0-7 to 0-5). The game had developed into a kind of "Mexican stand-off" between the respective free-takers, Sean Fitzpatrick (Tipperary) and John McCormack (Kilkenny). It continued in the same vein to the finish - a draw (0-11 to 0-11).

Kilkenny had great performers in Johnny Ryan, Bobby Shore, Paddy Neary, Bobby Jackman, Shem Power, Gerry Kenny and Willo Phelan. Tipp's big performers were Jack Bergin, Pat McLoughney, Tadhg O'Connor, Seamus Barry, Martin Shelly, Jim Williams and Tony Dunne.

The replay took place in Boherlahan, and Tipp. ran out easy winners by 1-10 to 0-6. It was energy-sapping stuff. Tipp. deserved to win, with that even the most biased of Kilkenny supporters would have to agree. Nevertheless, Kilkenny supporters got a great "run for their money". As I said at the outset, it you had any idea that

this level of hurling is only for a menopausal species of "home sapiens" bound for the knackers yard, forget it. Here's to next season.

*Kilkenny panel:* Bobby Shore, Paddy Neary, Bobby Jackman (Capt.), Andy Aylward, Shem Power, Johnny Ryan, Jimmy Kelly, Ger Fennelly, Gerry Kenny, John McCormack, Jimmy Dunne, Michael Fennelly, Dick McNamara, Sean Kiely, Billy Fitzpatrick, Nickey Brennan, Mick Garret, Charlie Carter, Billy Kennedy, P. J. Ryan, Willo Phelan, Frank Cleere, Paddy Gaule, Lotty Harte, Tom McMahon.

# Nickey Brennan - outgoing County Chairman

By Ted Carroll

Nickey began his hurling career with Conahy National School teams. From there he graduated to St. Kieran's college teams where he won Leinster Junior titles and a Colleges' All-Ireland Senior medal in 1971. This was the year that he played Minor for Kilkenny but was beaten in the final. Perhaps it was set-backs like this that helped to mould the strong character of Nickey that we know today.

In 1974, Nickey, always regarded as a back, showed the first signs of the versatility that was to be a big asset to him in his later administrative years by winning an U-21 All-Ireland as a wing forward. Later that year, he came on as a sub in the Leinster Final against Wexford. He was a sub on the 1974-75 All-Ireland winning teams. In 1979 and 1982 he won All-Ireland medals but a hamstring injury kept him on the subs' bench for the 1983 final.

I could go on and on about Nickey's achievements on the pitch, even up to

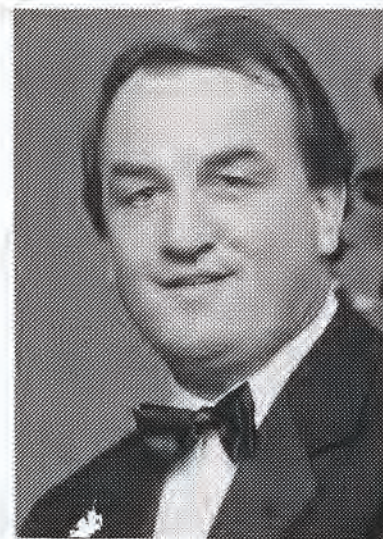
the present masters team (except when the back is at him) but these are well recorded so I'll go on to talk about Nickey off the pitch.

First and foremost, Nickey is a family man as Mairéad, Orla, Conor, Nicola, Ciara and his extended family will testify. Nickey's next love is the G.A.A., especially the promotion and fostering of the games in Kilkenny.

I first started working closely with Nickey in 1990, and, since then, his enthusiasm and work rate has never waned, if anything they have grown stronger. Just what he will do with all this energy when he retires is anyone's guess.

"Don't worry about that, I'll look after it" could be Nickey's epitaph. No job is ever too small or too big for the Conahy man . . . from licking stamps to producing the Fixtures Book (a work of art in itself). His main concern is always to lighten the workload of others, especially mine!

In the four years that Nickey has been Chairman, the day to day running of the County Board has stepped into the "New



Nickey Brennan

Age". "In fairness" he has tried his best to convert me to the computer but after four years, he has succeeded with everyone in the family, bar yours truly. His modernisation did not end with the introduction of the computer, the format of the Co. Board has changed with the introduction of new structures also. Sponsorship has taken on a new meaning and training schemes are available for all clubs in the county. I suppose the climax of Nickey's achievements as Cath-airleach will be the completion of the Development Programme planned for Nowlan Park, due to start early in the new year.

Nickey began his administrative career at twenty years of age as the secretary for a year of his own Conahy club. In 1984 he took over as Chairman of the club, a position which he held until 1990. Those who claim to be 'in the know' in G.A.A. circles maintain that Nickey is destined for higher places. My hope is that the G.A.A. hierarchy's gain will not be Kilkenny's loss and that Nickey will allow us to call on his talents for some time to come.



## Better than the best *[For the Dodger]*

a clean slap of hurls  
 a collision of colour  
 and out the sliotar spurts  
 skittering stark-white  
 along crew-cut green  
 in expectancy's split-second  
 he's a mental step ahead  
 a black-and-amber blur  
 with the merest hint of a shoulder dip  
 the flick of a stick  
 the sliotar slips  
 snug into his fist  
 and he dances away on laughing feet  
 and we are where dreams begin  
 where the lines have been erased  
 where all things are possible  
 we glimpse the promise of perfection  
 then in the hush of our held breaths  
 we marvel at the graceful ease of the hurl's arc  
 the sweet thud of leather on wood  
 and the net exults  
 in the self-expression  
 of the artist's perfected craft  
 and we swell with pride.

*Michael Massey,*



*D. J.' ... dances away on laughing feet.*

*(Photo: Tom Brett)*



*Co. Board Awards-Winners 1994 – awards sponsored by Hotel Kilkenny. Back (l. to r.) Sean Ryan (junior hurling), Michael Walsh (intermediate hurling), Seamus Crean (intermediate football), Jim Conway (Club official, Mullinavat), Eugene Walsh (Club of the Year – Tullaroan). Front (l. to r.) Liam Keoghan (senior hurling), Niall Morrissey (senior footballer), Monsignor Tommy Maher P.P. (Hall of Fame), Nickey Brennan, Damien Cleere (under-age player).*



*Gaelic stars ... winners of Gaelic Games awards at the 1994 Smithwicks Sports Stars Awards dinner at Springhill Court Hotel pictured with Smithwicks Managing Director Mr. George Good. They are (from left) D. J. Carey (handball), Liam Keoghan (hurling), Angela Downey-Browne (camogie) and Michael "Duxie" Walsh (handball)*



# Lory Meagher Heritage Centre

"Lory Meagher is still winning All-Irelands!" was the cry which went up around the parish of Tullaroan on the evening of 27th October, 1994.

Word had just come through that the Heritage Centre had won first prize in the National FÁS Community Initiative Awards 1994 in the Heritage/Arts Category.

Having taken first prize in the South-East region during the summer, the Lory Meagher Heritage Centre was up against stiff opposition from nine other regions countrywide. To be included with such groups as Sligo Heritage Trust, Fingal Heritage Project, and the Ardagh Heritage Centre, was an achievement in itself. To come first from such a distinguished list of projects is a singular honour. It is a tribute to all who have contributed to the centre from the FÁS team under foreman Mr. Bill Hennessy, Snr., to the directors of the Tullaroan and District Heritage Society under chairman Mr. Paddy Molloy.

The relationship between FÁS and the local community is the kernel of the Community Initiative Awards. The people of the parish of Tullaroan can feel justifiably proud of their contribution, too, to the Heritage Centre.

The Gaelic games followers of Kilkenny can also take pride in the Lory Meagher Heritage Centre, as the County G.A.A. Museum forms an integral unit at the Centre. The beautiful stonework, by local craftsman Paddy Cleere, on the restored former outhouse, provides a fitting museum for Kilkenny G.A.A. memorabilia.

May 24th, 1994, was a memorable day for the parish of Tullaroan with the visit of President Mary Robinson for the official opening of the Heritage Centre. It is now firmly established on Kilkenny's tourist trail.

The next phase of development at the centre includes the building of a hostel for overnight accommodation. This phase is about to start now.

For clubs, schools or a family outing, the Lory Meagher Heritage Centre is an ideal opportunity to sample hurling and history in the beautiful setting of the Slieveardagh Hills.

The centre is open on Sundays only from 2.00 to 5.30 p.m. from October to March.



Minister of State, Mrs. Mary O'Rourke, presents first prize in the National Community Initiative Awards to Mr. Paddy Molloy, chairman Lory Meagher Heritage Centre. Also included is Mr. Chris Kirwan, chairman, FÁS.

(Photo: Frank Fennell)



Nickey Brennan, chairman, Co. Board, presenting a cheque for £10,000 on behalf of the Leinster Council to Paddy Molloy, chairman, Lory Meagher Heritage Centre. Also included, Ted Carroll, County Secretary.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



Lory Meagher Heritage Centre



# DICKSBORO

St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling League Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Tom Henderson, Pat Henderson, Sean Moore, Tommy Bawle, Michael Kennedy, John Marnell, Stephen Kennedy, Dan O'Neill. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): David Beirne, John Treacy, Martin Hanrick (Captain), Michael Walsh, Sam Morrissey, John Ayres, Mark Dowling.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

# DUNNAMAGGIN

## Junior Hurling Champions 1994



FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Pat Moylan, Andrew Hickey, Adrian Moran, Matthew O'Shea, Kenneth O'Shea, Sean Ryan, Gerry Ryan, John Ryan, Eamonn Kennedy, Brian Mackey, Paul Kearney, Tom Hickey. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Seamus Martin, Jimmy Dunne, James Moylan, Christy Whelan, Mick O'Neill, Dennis Lahart, Michael Moran, Paul Cahill, Gerry Carroll, Mick Cleere, Anthony McCormack, John Fitzpatrick, John Carroll, Richie O'Neill, Jim Hickey, Malachy Hogan, Brendan Fennelly.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# TULLAROAN

St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling County Champions 1994



FRONT ROW (l.-r.): John Breen, Tommy Hennessy, Simon Walton, David Glennon, Philly Doheny, Michael Maher, Dick Walsh, Edward Holland, Vincent Norton, Paddy Fennelly, Bill Hennessy, Philly Coogan. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Adrian O'Dea, Peter Butler, James Moore, Jimmy Glennon, Michael Walsh, Joe Walsh, Derek Gaffney (Captain), Pat Doheny, Edward Fennelly, Seamus Dunne, Sean Teehan, Barry Teehan, Michael Walsh, Liam Keoghan, Jimmy Walton, Ian Dowling. INSET: Joe Norton.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

# JAMES STEPHENS

Féile na nGael Hurling Champions 1994



FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Eoin Walsh, Brian Skehan, David Delaney, Brian Tyrrell, Joseph Murphy, Eoin O'Neill (Captain), Alan Dunne, Karl Conroy, Peter O'Neill. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Liam Tyrrell (Club Chairman), Val Malone (Selector), Gary Whelan, Nigel Skehan, Shane O'Grady, Paddy O'Brien, John Morgan, Hugh Gannon, Ian Morrissey, John Cullen, Brian O'Dwyer, Shane Egan, Tom Keane (Coach), Joey Murray, Matt Ruth (Coach).



# Billy Bourke

By Barrie Henriques



Friends and rival discuss times past. Jack Lynch talks to surviving members of the 1939 All-Ireland winning team – Billy Bourke, Joe Gargan, Jimmy Phelan, Dinny Keane, Bobby Brannigan and Bobby Hinks.

It was All-Souls Day, and I was the only soul that was out. Not surprising really, as the rain was scything down from heavens high like stair-rods. I gingerly made my way up to the front door of number 8, Kennyswell Road, in Kilkenny city. I had come to talk to Billy Bourke.

Having seen the man on plenty of occasions, I had never had the pleasure of meeting, or conversing with him. I had heard many stories about him from knowledgeable people who had played with and against him. Over many years his name would have come up in conversation about hurling and hurling people. Legends like “Diamond” Hayden, Jimmy Langton, Terry Leahy, Nick O’Donnell, Jack Lynch and Martin White, have spoken to me about “the great hearted Bourke” (Jack Lynch), “the strong Bourke” (“Diamond” Hayden), “The great hurler Burke” (Jimmy Langton), “the strong-as-a-bull Bourke” (Nick O’Donnell), “The depend your life on him Bourke” (Terry Leahy).

With a disarming smile, he greeted me at his front door and invited me into the comforting warmth of his sittingroom. He is fast approaching his 84th birthday on God’s Planet. In truth, his sun is on the wane. Time was however, when Billy

Bourke’s sun glistened high on “hurling’s Everests”.

He was born in Dunmore, about four miles from Kilkenny city, in the parish of St. John’s. He started his hurling with famed Kilkenny C.B.S. “We used to go training in James’s Park. John Cullen, or Jack as we used call him, started it all in the C.B.S. Mick Bolger gave him a hand out, but really it was down to Jack Cullen, stated the careful Billy.

From the time Billy Bourke won his first county medal with the James Stephen’s minor team in 1929, he was destined “for high things” in the hurling arena. In 1930 he played with the Kilkenny minor team that was beaten by Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final. He had already figured on the Leinster Colleges team which beat Munster in the Colleges Inter-Provincial Championships of 1929. His schoolmates on that colleges team at the time were Milo Kennedy (R.I.P.), Martin White, Kieran White (R.I.P.) – who was ordained a priest – “he was the best of the Whites in my opinion,” and Ned Hanrahan from Knocktopher.

In Tom Ryall’s *Kilkenny – the G.A.A. Story, 1884-1984*, he states that it was common practice for county teams to line out with over-age players at minor level. Kilkenny were as good as the best of them when it came to using over-age players. In fact at the County

Convention of 1931, Tom Walsh, later Minister for Agriculture and Chairman of the County Board proposed that the minor grade should be abandoned for both hurling and football, so great was the abuse of the over-age rule. “It would be better to abolish them than play them like last year”, he fumed. “I saw minors who were over 20, and some of them were even smoking”, he continued.

After leaving the minor grade, Billy Burke played with his native Dunmore for a few years, and in 1934 he caught the eye of the Kilkenny Junior selectors, who picked him for the Leinster Junior Championship. However, a star-studded Kildare team put paid to Kilkenny’s championship ambitions. Kildare were to be defeated by Waterford in the All-Ireland Final of that year. Billy Bourke must have made a huge impression with the senior selectors, because late in the same year, prior to the All-Ireland Final, Kilkenny were invited to play Clare in the prestigious “Cusack Shield” in Ennis.

Billy takes up the story from here:

“I was asked to travel, as notice for the match would not reach the South lads in time, so they came over for me on a Saturday evening in the Motor Company to see if I could travel. Well wild horses wouldn’t keep me from travelling. I had a new pair of shoes and I wore them for the first time going down to Ennis.

They were kind of hurting me in the



car, so I took them off. When we arrived outside Ennis, there was a huge parade to meet us, and escort us into town. I nearly forgot my shoes in the excitement, and I left them in the car, but one of the lads brought them on after me to put them on. I marched all the way behind the band to the hotel and not a lace tied". Billy gave a good guffaw of laughter, as his shining eyes were witness to the re-telling and the re-living of a tale from so long ago.

Billy played on the great Mick Falvey that day, and he deemed it a significant honour in his hurling career. Mind you, many of the great Clare team of 1932 were playing that same day.

For the remaining eleven years between 1934 and 1945, Billy Bourke wore the famed black and amber with a polished distinction.

In 1935 Billy threw in his lot with Tullaroan and he was a sub on the Kilkenny team that beat Limerick – Mick Mackey et al – in the All-Ireland Final. In 1936 the Shannonsiders took sweet revenge when they reversed the 1935 results in no uncertain terms – they won by 5-6 to Kilkenny's 1-5.

I suppose the pinnacle of Billy's hurling career was the winning of the 1939 All-Ireland Final against Cork. It wasn't so much the winning that mattered, but the manner in which it was

won that made it so special for Billy Bourke and his colleagues. Cork were favourites – why wouldn't they be with players of the calibre of Christy Ring, Jack Lynch, Billy Campbell and Batt Thornhill.

Let Billy take you through the last minutes of this titanic struggle.

"Although World War Two had been announced on the radio, we knew that there would be another major battle in Croke Park before the destination of the Liam McCarthy would be known. It was a terrible tight game all the way. The conditions were terrible, with the rain belting down in buckets. We were cruising up to half time, but Cork came at us with minutes to go, Billy Campbell belted a free to our net and everyone thought it would end level. We made one last effort. We earned a 'seventy'. Paddy Phelan took it. Batt Thornhill half cleared it and Jimmy Kelly collected it, and struck it over the bar. But just as he hit it, he got a woeful shoulder and was buried in the muck. He stayed down and referee Paddy Flaherty went over to him to tell him that the minute he got up he (Flaherty) would blow the final whistle. I can still see Jimmy dancing around Croke Park with delight".

As I said above, Billy played with and against marvellous players. I pressed him to name some, reluctantly he named a

few like Jim Langton, "Locky" Byrne, Paddy Phelan and Lory Meagher. I pushed my luck a little by encouraging him to go outside the Kilkenny G.A.A. University.

"I admired Mick Mackey and Christy Ring. They were exceptional hurlers. Billy O'Donnell and Tommy Doyle from Tipp were great too. Sure I could go on and on. Ned Wade, Harry Grey of Laois and Dublin and poor John Keane from Waterford.

I brought him a little closer to my own era. "Who were the hurlers you most admired in the past twenty years" I asked.

"Well", he said, "I'd only talk about the Kilkenny lads that I thought were great. Eddie Keher was brilliant. Frank Cummins would still be a star in any era. We had Ollie Walsh and Noel Skehan. I wouldn't like to have to pick between the two of them. Seamus Cleere, Jim Treacy, Martin Coogan, "Chunky" O'Brien, sure they were all great too", he continued. Finally I asked him would any of the present players figure in any of the teams of long ago – you know how far off cows have long horns.

"This young Carey chap is as sweet a hurler as I have ever seen. He would get on any team in any era".

I knew that his reply was shockingly honest – I had been in the delightful company of a very honest man.

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# Senior League Final must be given higher profile

By JOHN KNOX ("Kilkenny People")

**THE AGE-OLD** difficulty of cramming fixtures into an already-crowded schedule raised its ugly head again, but no one shouted or uttered a word of annoyance.

The Credit Union senior hurling competitions are supposed to be the highlights on the domestic scene, Kilkenny's internal equivalent of the All-Ireland and National League finals.

The championship showdown is always a great occasion, and this year over 12,000 people packed Nowlan Park for the rousing decider between new and former champions – Tullaroan and Dicksboro respectively.

Fine, everything went well!

However, when it came to the League decider, the same was not the case. This was shoved back until Saturday, November 5, which happened to be a lousy day.

Weather apart, was a date so late in the year fitting for a final that must rank among the five most important games in Kilkenny? Hardly! It was the same in 1993 when Fenians (Johnstown) had to play in the League showdown a week after being beaten in the Championship final.

Now, one realises there are problems fitting in all games, but the Senior League final, which, in real terms, takes more winning than most other competitions, is going to have to get a far higher profile slot.

## CORONATION:

This year Dicksboro played eight games, stretching over six months, before they earned the right to be crowned League kings. The coronation was in dull and dreary surrounds, and in front of an average attendance. The competition, clubs and sponsors deserve better!

The five preliminary rounds of the League were completed on July 3, but then it took four months to reach a conclusion, and that in a year when Kilkenny made an early exit from the Leinster championship. The Fixtures Committee might have to set a date just as they do for the Championship climax, and then aim for it. Whatever, something just has to be done.

It must have been very disappointing for winners, Dicksboro, and James Stephens the way the League final was squeezed. The 'Boro won by 1-8 to 0-6, after leading by 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time. There was little between the teams during the opening half. The winners had the two closing scores to pad out their lead somewhat after playing with the breeze.

## FANCIED CHANCES:

'Stephens must have fancied their chances during the rest. Afterwards, they totally lacked penetration, and in the end they could have no complaints with the result.

Dan O'Neill at centre-back played a major part in helping the 'Boro pocket the Matty Power Cup. He closed the opposition out, and received first-class back-up from Michael Walsh, Martin Hanrick, John Marnell, Mark Dowling and Tommy Bawle.



*Man of the Match – Dan O'Neill, Dicksboro, receives the "Man of the Match" award for the St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling League Final from Paddy Fry, Assistant Manager.*

Best for disappointing losers were Malcolm Murphy, Tobias White, John Scott and Peter Barry.

Ironically, Dicksboro suffered just one defeat on the way to the title. And yes, you guessed it, they fell to 'Stephens (3-9 to 2-10) in a match that produced a near £2,000 gate. This wasn't a great tussle. Too many players performed below par, except Tommy Fogarty, who was super, Jody O'Dwyer and Martin Hanrick.

Probably the best performance of all from the would-be champions was on the wet evening when they beat Fenians in Ballyragget. Here the score was 1-14 to 1-12. That reverse in the last of the preliminary round ties cost the Johnstown lads a place in the League shake-up – on scoring averages.

## IN THE BAG:

The losers looked to have the game in the bag when they took a 1-8 to 0-4 lead into the break. Ger Henderson, Pat McCormack, P.J. Delaney, Briain Ryan, Anthony McEvoy, Stephen Grehan and friends were moving well. Then, for no apparent reason, the brakes were all but applied.

The 'Boro helped their own cause considerably when they shifted Stephen Kennedy to centre-forward for the second period. His speed and ball-carrying ability caused havoc in the losers' defence, and slowly but surely their opposition crumbled.

After that, it was a pre-Championship final rehearsal against Tullaroan. The first clash was a dull draw. The replay wasn't exactly a rip-roaring affair, but the finish was tight and only a point divided the teams in the end.

Dicksboro, who won the Championship in 1993, generally displayed a lot more maturity in their hurling. The experience of the previous campaign most certainly stood to Mark Dowling, Tom Henderson, John Ayres and Sam Morrissey, who all progressed way beyond the role of 'bit part players' in the team. Allied to the cuteness of Martin Hanrick, John Marnell, Michael Walsh and Tommy Bawle, the city side could easily have completed the double.

The Dicksboro team in the League final – Michael Walsh, Martin Hanrick, John Marnell, John Ayres, Mark Dowling, Dan O'Neill, Tom Henderson, David Beirne, Stephen Kennedy, Sean Moore, Pat Henderson, Sam Morrissey, Tommy Bawle, Michael Kennedy, John Treacy.

James Stephens – Francis Cantwell, Malcolm Murphy, Tom Hogan, Philip Larkin, Tommy Fogarty, Tobias White, John Scott, Brian McEvoy, Peter Barry, Richard Manogue, Michael Walsh, Jody O'Dwyer, Brian Leahy, Ned Kelly, John Grace. Subs. – Liam Smith, Fergal Cantwell, B. Smith.

Referee – Dinny Duggan (Mullinavat).



# It was a League that never took off for the county

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

IN RETROSPECT, the warning signs that it was going to be a grim summer were showing from as far back as February! Come the turn of the year into 1994, Kilkenny, the then All-Ireland champions, were no longer able to turn up the hurling heat, and instead of burning off others, they found themselves melting in the heat of battle.

A big change in fortunes from the heady days of 1991, 1992 and even '93, when the hungry Cats made a meal of many counties in the highly charged atmosphere of the knock-out Championship.

Then came the National Hurling League of 1993-'94 and, unlike the well oiled and smooth running machine from the previous knock-out competitions, Kilkenny spluttered and chugged along like an old banger. Gone was the hunger for battle. With it went the unknown quantity – spirit, commitment, maybe even cussedness, call it what you will – that transformed Kilkenny from an average-to-good team into a crack fighting unit.

For with that hunger, drained the will- ingness of the players to push themselves that bit further beyond the pain barrier, to become that bit braver, but most of all, to have a disciplined approach, off as well as on the field.

## HUNGER:

There are many who would not believe that hunger could make all that difference. It can! Take a man with a full stomach to a feast, and he will only nibble. Take a starving man to a dinner, and he will devour. A hungry player, in the sense of honours, will generally give you more than the one bloated on success.

The reason is simple . . . one is moving on from where the other is heading. For teams with reasonable youth on their side, just like the Kilkenny side of recent years, getting there is more often easier than remaining. The players may not have known that at the time. They do now! People spoke about Kilkenny losing their appetite after the All-Ireland victory of 1993. Most certainly, their approach was low key enough up to Christmas, when no more than average wins were recorded over Offaly, Meath and Dublin. And we



Adrian Ronan figured in seven games in 1993/94 National Hurling League. (Photo: Sportsfile) are talking about Division II hurling here, remember.

During the festive break who knows what happened the Cats, but they were never the same. The sparkle was gone out of their hurling. The new year opened with a 0-12 to 2-3 defeat against Laois in Portlaoise. The losers scored two points during the opening half, and added one more score – a goal by Eamonn Morrissey – during the next 14 minutes. Before the end, just two more scores were added.

With fourteen of the players who had featured in Croke Park the previous September, that low, low performance should have given us all an inkling that all was not right.

But we were all true believers and argued that, when the ground became firmer, and the fitness level of the players was upped, things would come right.

## BRAVE SOULS:

Over 3,000 brave souls and believers even failed to see the light after what the *Kilkenny People* described as "Cat performance from the All-Ireland champions" brought a 1-10 to 0-6 hammering against Clare next time out. The losers scored one point during the opening half, that grey February afternoon.

Ultimately, that second League defeat destined Kilkenny to do no better than gain promotion as runners-up, which they eventually did to Laois. An easy enough win over Westmeath followed, and, to be

honest, there was a hint of an improvement in things when a League quarter-final place was earned by beating Kerry in Tralee.

Then events overtook the county, and what small progress had been made was lost in controversy. And that wasn't really of Kilkenny's making. An old agreement with quarter-final opponents Tipperary stated that the next time the counties met in a knock-out League clash, the Munster men would travel to Nowlan Park for the game. Kilkenny wanted things that way. Tipp were willing.

But the powerful Games Administration Committee of the G.A.A. put in the boot and ordered both Kilkenny and Tipperary to Croke Park for a double-header quarter-final bill, also involving Clare against Antrim.

There was uproar in Kilkenny. The *People* ran a front page story hinting at the possibility of challenging the G.A.C. decision through the courts. Radio Kilkenny sounded out the feeling of the populace, who gave a firm thumbs down to the Croke idea. Buses were cancelled, and fans all over the county decided they would not travel, and stayed away in their thousands.

The attendance at the double bill didn't even break 16,000, a paltry figure with four counties involved. Kilkenny were big losers in every way. In financial terms alone, taking the match out of Nowlan Park cost the Co. Board about £10,000 in lost revenue.

## ALL THE FUSS:

With all the fuss about the match, the concentration was thrown everywhere but on the game itself. There was no way of protecting the players from all the negative vibes.

A glorious chance to kick start Kilkenny's powerful hurling engine with a meaningful game against Tipperary was partially taken, and partially frittered away. The Cats had no interest in Croke, and looked awful when they surrendered on a 2-18 to 1-12 scoreline.

A dismal League ended on a dismal note. For the first time in years, there wasn't even one Kilkenny game that you could look back on and say "yes, that was a good performance". The players just could not rouse themselves.



# Morrissey top of the 'Hit' parade

ST. MARTIN'S (Ballyfoyle-Coon-Muckalee) attacker, Eamon Morrissey was top of the scoring charts for stuttering Kilkenny during the National Hurling League.

In all, the Noresiders played eight matches during the competition. Morrissey scored in seven of them, while D. J. Carey did so in six. Next best were Carrickshock's Patrick Farrell and Dermot Lawlor (St. Martin's), who each made the scoring charts in four matches.

Morrissey found the net in five ties, and ended with a very considerable 7-11 to his credit. His most rewarding performance was against Dublin in the last pre-Christmas game, when he bagged 2-2.

D. J. Carey's tally was a fine 1-19, which still left him a hefty 10-points behind the slick-finishing St. Martin's score grabber.

In all, sixteen Kilkenny players figured in the scoring chart during the League. Overall they scored 13-81, while conceding 7-88.

## THE SCORERS:

Eamon Morrissey (7-11); D. J. Carey (1-19); Dermot Lawlor (1-12); Patrick Farrell (0-10); Adrian Ronan (1-6); James Brennan (2-2); Canice Brennan (0-5); Anthony Prendergast (1-2); Pat O'Neill (0-4); John Power, Liam McCarthy, P. J. Delaney (0-2 each); Tom Murphy, Liam Keoghan, Dan O'Neill, Michael Phelan (0-1 each).

## Six played in every game

IN TERMS of the number of players used, it wasn't a very experimental National League for Kilkenny.

Most of the All-Ireland winning team of 1993 were involved throughout, and that didn't leave too many openings for many others. Still, 26 players were used by the management.

The best attenders were Michael Walsh, Eddie O'Connor, Liam Keoghan, Pat O'Neill, D. J. Carey and Eamonn Morrissey, who turned out in all eight matches.

### Attendance figures were:

Michael Walsh, Eddie O'Connor, Liam Keoghan, Pat O'Neill, D. J. Carey, Eamonn Morrissey (8 games each); Joe Walsh, Liam Simpson, Michael Phelan, Adrian Ronan (7 each); Willie O'Connor, Patrick Farrell, Canice Brennan (6 each); John Power, Liam McCarthy, James Brennan, Anthony Prendergast, Pat Dwyer (5 each); Bill Hennessy, Dermot Lawlor, P. J. Delaney (4 each); Dan O'Neill (2 games); Ray Heffernan, Tom Murphy, Paul Phelan, Patsy Brophy (1 game each).

## For the record . . .

### October 17, 1994 at Nowlan Park:

Kilkenny ..... 1-12  
Offaly ..... 1-11  
Half-time: 1-6 (K.) to 0-5.

Kilkenny scorers: Eamon Morrissey (1-2); D. J. Carey (0-3, two frees); Dermot Lawlor (0-2); Pat O'Neill (0-2, 65s); Patrick Farrell (0-2); John Power (0-1).

### October 31, 1993 at Trim:

Kilkenny ..... 4-14  
Meath ..... 2-8

Half-time 2-8 (K.) to 0-4.

Kilkenny scorers: Eamon Morrissey (2-1); D. J. Carey (0-5); Dermot Lawlor (0-5); Adrian Ronan (1-1); James Brennan (1-0); Canice Brennan, Tom Murphy (0-1 each).

### November 14, 1993 at Nowlan Park:

Kilkenny ..... 2-12  
Dublin ..... 1-6

Half-time: 0-7 (K.) to 0-3.

Kilkenny scorers: Eamon Morrissey (2-2); Patrick Farrell (0-4); Dermot Lawlor (0-2, one free); D. J. Carey (0-1, free); Liam Keoghan, John Power, Anthony Prendergast (0-1 each).

### February 13, 1994 at Portlaoise:

Laois ..... 0-12  
Kilkenny ..... 2-3

Half-time 0-9 (L.) to 0-2.

Kilkenny scorers: Anthony Prendergast (1-1); Eamon Morrissey (1-0); Pat O'Neill, P. J. Delaney (0-1 each).

### February 27, at Nowlan Park:

Clare ..... 1-10  
Kilkenny ..... 0-6

Half-time 1-5 (C.) to 0-1.

Kilkenny scorers: Eamon Morrissey (0-2, frees); Patrick Farrell (0-2); Pat O'Neill (0-1, free); Liam McCarthy (0-1).

### March 6 at Collinstown:

Kilkenny ..... 1-14  
Westmeath ..... 0-12

Half-time 0-10 (K.) to 0-4.

Kilkenny scorers: Dermot Lawlor (1-3); D. J. Carey (0-5, three frees); Canice Brennan, James Brennan, Patrick Farrell (0-2 each).

### March 20 at Tralee:

Kilkenny ..... 2-8  
Kerry ..... 0-11

Half-time 1-7 (K.) to 0-4.

Kilkenny scorers: Eamon Morrissey (1-1); D. J. Carey (0-3, two frees); James Brennan (1-0); Canice Brennan (0-2); Adrian Ronan, Michael Phelan (0-1 each).

### April 10 at Croke Park, Quarter-Final:

Tipperary ..... 2-18  
Kilkenny ..... 1-12

Half-time 2-8 (T.); Kilkenny 0-6.

Kilkenny scorers: D. J. Carey (1-2, points frees); Adrian Ronan (0-4); Eamon Morrissey (0-3); Liam McCarthy, P. J. Delaney, Dan O'Neill (0-1 each).



Liam Keoghan made eight appearances in 1994 National Hurling League

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# OVER FORTIES HURLING

## THERE'S LIFE IN "DEM DAR LEGS" YET

By: BARRIE HENRIQUES

THE Concept of hurling competitively when the postman has delivered a suitably endorsed card for the fortieth time would give most hurlers palpitations of the aorta or some such part of the anatomical engine.

I said most, but thankfully, not all hurlers would be thinking along the same lines. It was ex-President, Dr. Mick Loftus, a Mayo man, a good President, and an exemplary G.A.A. addict who first mooted the idea that our games could and should be played after players had reached their fourth decade. The football idea was an instant success, but the hurling side of the idea was a little tardy in taking off. However, lads like Mick O'Neill, Pat Henderson, Eddie Keher, Dermot Healy, Paddy Butler gave the concept a little prestige, when they involved themselves in it.

This season, Kilkenny adopted a fairly purposeful approach to the over forties concept, or, as it is more commonly

known, "Masters Hurling". Eddie Keher and his fellow mentors endeavoured to have men hurling on the "Masters" who were still hurling, albeit at a lower grade, or had just finished hurling. In Kilkenny, that would encapsulate present day players like Ger Fennelly, Michael Fennelly, Billy Fitzpatrick, Bobby Jackman, Shem Power, Andy Aylward, Jimmy Dunne, Johnny Ryan, and Nickey Brennan, to name but a few.

Keher didn't have to enforce any strict code of conduct, nor indeed did he have any problems with discipline. Rather the opposite, was the case. Keher's biggest problem was trying to point out to the lads that they were not exactly in the prime of their lives, and as such, that due attention must be paid to their limitations. Nevertheless, he put some time into them, and they, to a man, responded most admirably.

They had a rather easy first round game against Louth in Dublin on July 2nd. Victory was inevitable with the quality of

player available to Keher, and so it proved.

Kilkenny had a bye in the second round, and then faced "Deh Dubs" in Nowlan Park on the second last day in July. Dublin have always been strong in this competition, but this year the 'Cats' proved a little too strong to win with a little in hand. Things were looking good. Wexford were next to come to Nowlan Park. This was the one about which skipper, Bobby Jackman, had some trepidations. Wexford, traditionally are tough battlers. On the day, Kilkenny had better and tougher battlers. They walked away with this one on a score of 3-14 to 1-6. Despite the best efforts of Mick Jacob, the best efforts of Ger Fennelly, Mick Garrett, Sean Kiely and Dick McNamara proved too great a barrier for the Wexford men to break down.

It was All-Ireland semi-final time again for many of the Kilkenny lads. Galway beckoned in Newmarket-on-Fergus. This was a "cracker". Kilkenny had, by far, the better of the opening exchanges, but a deplorable waywardness in shooting, combined with a more frugal use of a limited supply by the Galway forwards, saw the Tribesmen go in for "the cupán tae" leading by 1-1 (Galway 1-6, Kilkenny 0-5). If Kilkenny had their all-stars, Galway weren't exactly paupers in that department. The likes of Iggy Clarke, Jimmy Cooney, Niall McInerney, P. J. Molloy and Sean Silke can still "do it".

At full time, the scores were level. Extra time couldn't divide them either. The final result read, Kilkenny 2-16, Galway 3-13. For Kilkenny, none played better than Ger and Mick Fennelly, Billy Fitzpatrick, Nickey Brennan, Johnny Ryan, Bobby Jackman, Paddy Neary and Bobby Shore.

The replay was in Tullamore. Again the fare was exciting, close, unyielding, and eventually a winning one by Kilkenny.



KILKENNY MASTERS – All-Ireland Senior Hurling Finalists 1994.

Back row (left to right): Nickey Brennan, Lotty Harte, Paddy Neary, Gerry Kenny, Charlie Carter, Billy Kennedy, Billy Fitzpatrick, Michael Fennelly, P. J. Ryan, Malachy Hogan, Andy Aylward, Mick Garrett, Billy Culleton. Front row (left to right): Willo Phelan, Johnny Ryan, Sean Kiely, Jimmy Dunne, Ger Fennelly, Bobby Jackman (Captain), Bobby Shore, Jimmy Kelly, Dick McNamara, John McCormack, Shem Power, Tom McMahon, Paddy Gaule, Frank Cleere.



Again, the hurling of "Fitz", Johnny Ryan and Ger Fennelly was enviable.

Controversy surrounded the All-Ireland final against ould enemy, Tipperary. It was on, then off, then on again, before it was eventually fixed for Nowlan Park before the National League match between Kilkenny and Cork. At half-time, Kilkenny led by just two points. At half-time, Kilkenny led by just two points (0-7 to 0-5). The game had developed into a kind of "Mexican stand-off" between the respective free-takers, Sean Fitzpatrick (Tipperary) and John McCormack (Kilkenny). It continued in the same vein to the finish - a draw (0-11 to 0-11).

Kilkenny had great performers in Johnny Ryan, Bobby Shore, Paddy Neary, Bobby Jackman, Shem Power, Gerry Kenny and Willo Phelan. Tipp's big performers were Jack Bergin, Pat McLoughney, Tadhg O'Connor, Seamus Barry, Martin Shelly, Jim Williams and Tony Dunne.

The replay took place in Boherlahan, and Tipp. ran out easy winners by 1-10 to 0-6. It was energy-sapping stuff. Tipp. deserved to win, with that even the most biased of Kilkenny supporters would have to agree. Nevertheless, Kilkenny supporters got a great "run for their money". As I said at the outset, it you had any idea that

this level of hurling is only for a menopausal species of "home sapiens" bound for the knackers yard, forget it. Here's to next season.

*Kilkenny panel:* Bobby Shore, Paddy Neary, Bobby Jackman (Capt.), Andy Aylward, Shem Power, Johnny Ryan, Jimmy Kelly, Ger Fennelly, Gerry Kenny, John McCormack, Jimmy Dunne, Michael Fennelly, Dick McNamara, Sean Kiely, Billy Fitzpatrick, Nickey Brennan, Mick Garret, Charlie Carter, Billy Kennedy, P. J. Ryan, Willo Phelan, Frank Cleere, Paddy Gaule, Lotty Harte, Tom McMahon.



Enjoying another successful year at the Annual County Board Awards night on the 2nd December. From left: Ted Carroll, Pat Dunphy, Pat O'Neill (Chief Executive Avonmore Foods plc), Senator Michael Lanigan (Mayor of Kilkenny), Nickey Brennan, Frank Tierney (Croke Park), Dick Brennan MCC (Chairman, Kilkenny County Council).

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# Supporters Club

YES, it is that time of year. The A.G.M. is approaching fast. The G.A.A. Club Secretary has at last found a spare hour to compile his annual report. He looks blankly at the four walls for inspiration. "Where are the minutes of the meetings? They will jog my memory". He turns the pages to the minutes of the last A.G.M. and the first executive meeting.

A smile crosses his lips. "What hopes and aspirations we had then. Win the championship" – a hopeful motion passed by an enthusiastic committee! The championship wasn't won this year either. Another failure?

But, he brightens up as he thumbs through the pages, sees all the activity, all the sport and recreation provided for juveniles and adults alike, and there was that new field. All this work, done by people on a voluntary basis, whose sole interest was the welfare of the community. No, it was not another year of failure, but another year of success.

Kilkenny's success, or otherwise, is generally measured by the performance of the senior hurlers. They gave us great entertainment this year, but let go of the McCarthy Cup (for this year at least!) Was it a bad year then? On the contrary, many a county would love to have even one of our titles, Under-21, Camogie, Handball.

How did the Supporters Club go? Like the Club Secretary, we thought we hadn't a great year until we perused the minutes. We were there all the way, promoting our games in the best way that we know how.

Coaching Scheme – £2,500; Schools Hurley



*Kilkenny supporters in Romania.*

Subsidy – £2,000; Sponsorship of broadcast of the Schools Finals by Radio Kilkenny.

We wanted to be proud of our All Ireland representatives on Final Day, so we sponsored:

Under-21 Team – Track Suits; Junior Team – Track Suits; Camogie Team – Track Suits and also support for their Golf Classic; James Stephens – Feile Na nGael; Mooncoin Scór Na nÓg; Lisdowney – Camogie; Masters (Over-40's) – Stockings/Sponsorship of meals.

We also supplied track suits to the Football Board for their players and supported our handballers.

We continued our policy of getting people to wear the Black and Amber colours with tee-shirts, polo shirts, flags etc. Our tee-shirts went as far as Romania to an Orphanage there! Our popular Christmas card is a major success and travels the world carrying the good news of our successes as well as the usual Seasons Greeting.

## FUND RAISING – HOW DID WE RAISE THE MONEY?

Golf Classic – 8th June at Kilkenny Golf Club. Kilkenny Association Dinner – Half share of their Golf Classic. Race Night – 11th November. Christmas Card Project.

## FAILURES?

We cannot understand why there are only 400 Kilkenny people who want to give practical help to promote and foster G.A.A. games in the County. To become a member only costs

£10 per annum (20p per week) and that includes a free draw for a holiday for two, worth £800, as well as a membership card, car sticker and inclusion in a draw for All Ireland tickets. A member's subscription helps to ensure the future of our games in the County.

We need a Sponsor for a video which will be produced professionally, in conjunction with RTE, a record of Kilkenny's All Ireland successes over the years. Anyone out there?

## SUCCESS

We were delighted to have formed a branch in Dublin, spearheaded by Mike Twomey. A hundred members came from that branch.

We were also delighted to have linked up with the Kilkenny Association in Dublin, who are doing great work for Kilkenny people in the Capital. They made a big contribution to the Supporters Club through their Golf Classic.

We established a good working relationship with the County Team Sponsors, Avonmore, and hope that we helped to promote their image as well as that of our hurlers. We are grateful to all those who supported our fund raising activities, our sponsors for the Golf Classic and the Race Night, our loyal members, and, of course, our own hard working committee, who gave hours and hours of their spare time for the good of our games.

No, it was not a good year, it was a great year.



*Kilkenny G.A.A. Supporters Club Committee, 1994. Back (left to right): John Mackey, Martin Cass, Sean Murphy, Michael Twomey, Pat Carroll, Johnnie Harte, Ned Doyle, Sean Gorey, John Phelan, Billy Norris, Denis Hogan, Jim Kavanagh. Front (left to right): Pat Wallace, Pat Dunphy, Eddie Keher, Jim Freeman, Noel O'Sullivan, Tom Holden.*

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# Cumann na mBunscoileanna

Primary Schools' Board Review – Dermot Dunphy

## LOOKING BACK . . . AND FORWARD

Reviewing the year gone by in Schools' Board Competitions, one is also encouraged to look forward. While another successful year concluded on the playing fields, one of the most important events of last year – a review of the structures of our leagues – is due to be implemented in the 1995 competitions.

### 1994 – LOOKING BACK:

The 1994 leagues in both hurling and football brought their usual mix of entertainment, high excitement and skilful displays, culminating in some marvellous finals which bore testament to the great efforts of the school-children and their mentors alike. The smooth and effective running of all competitions has been a hallmark at schools' level and great co-operation was again in evidence in this respect this year.

The number of local county competitions under the guidance of the Schools' Board is now at nine – six in hurling and three in football. The Country Cup in football, which was introduced last year, was a great success again this year, with the final played in Nowlan Park for the first time. The Country Cup in hurling received a new name this year as the Bord

dedicated this competition to founding member, Tom Waldron – so the Corn de Bhaldraithe was born.

The Roinn E competition gave way to an 11-a-side competition for smaller schools. This was partly due to the welcome return of Windgap and Glenmore to 15-a-side competition. It is heartening to see some reversal in the numbers problem affecting some rural parishes.

Another noted change was the introduction of new sponsors for schools' competitions. Along with our established sponsors, Educational Supplies (Roinn A - Hurling), Hennessy Fuels (Roinn B - Hurling), and Toymaster (Roinn B - Football), new sponsorship was welcome for other divisions. Paddy O'Connell, Dublin (Roinn C - Hurling) and Kilkenny Association (Dublin) (Roinn A - Football). This year also, the national body Cumann na mBunscol has been aided by Church & General – also sponsors of the National Leagues. A word of thanks to all.

The Summer Coaching Camps were a successful exploit again this year, with hundreds of children harvesting knowledge, skills and plenty of fun. The addition of handball was a new feature this year. Many members of the Schools'

Board were involved with the County Development Committee as coaches.

### 1995 – LOOKING FORWARD:

The 1995 season will see the implementation of the proposals of the Subcommittee on Restructuring of Divisions and Ages. At the 1994 A.G.M. the committee's proposals were passed with the proviso that they would take effect for the 1995 championships. These proposals will see some changes in how Primary Schools' Leagues are run.

The divisions of the Schools' Board will be drawn up by a Grading Committee, comprised of the officers of the Board and the outgoing chairman. There will be four divisions in hurling and two in football. Promotion and relegation will no longer be automatic. The main criteria for composition of divisions will be pupil numbers and performance in recent years, although a parish or school could opt for a higher division if so desired.

The Corn de Bhaldraithe (Hurling) and Country Cup (Football) will be open to all country schools and played on a knockout basis.

The ages structure will also be altered, based on schools' numbers from third to sixth classes. There will be three age groupings: (a) Schools with over 150 boys



TULLOGHER/ROSBERCON – Paddy O'Connell League Roinn C Champions 1994

Back Row: Richard Gaule, Amby Malone, Stephen Cotterell, Simon Kennedy, Martin Malone, Martin Woods, Alan Malone, Joseph Croke, Andrew Murphy, Kieran Barron, Michael Grennan, Martin Roche. Front Row: Moling Cotterell, John Murphy, Eamon Saunders, John Maher, Richard Murphy, Eddie Conway, Michael Murphy, Brian McElwee, Mark O'Brien, John Fitzgerald, Thomas Maher.

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in these classes will play at Under 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>; (b) Schools with 100-150 boys in this bracket will play at Under 12<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>; (c) Schools with less than 100 boys in these class groups will play at Under 13. These ages will be based on July 1, April 1 and January 1 of the given year.

It is hoped that these new structures will give more balanced competition and enable all schools to compete on a 'level playing field'. Based loosely on the similar I.N.T.O./G.A.A. mini-sevens, the new structure will be experimental in the first year and open to change if necessary.

As in other years, the under-age games have received excellent coverage in the local media, both printed press and radio. Thanks again to John Knox (*Kilkenny People*) and Pat Treacy (Radio Kilkenny) for their co-operation and help.

#### HURLERS REMEMBER THEIR ROOTS

To-day's schools' stars could be tomorrow's senior stars. Many of our past and present inter-county stars received their early hurling education at schools' level. The list of All-Ireland medal holders, who firstly held schools' medals, is highly impressive. There are many more who never achieved schools' success, but still gave all for school and parish. Even more impressive is the input these players reinvest in helping their schools.

Our present county players are not exceptions. The appearance of their faces at summer camps brought great joy and excitement over the past three years. Now, again, the county hurlers have remembered their roots. The Hurlers' Holiday Fund Committee, headed by D.J. Carey, Adrian Ronan and Mick O'Flynn, had a substantial balance after returning from their well-earned sojourn. The solution to how it should be spent – an investment in under-age games by way of a donation to the Schools' Board. To all the lads we say thank you, and we will do our best to see it is well spent.

#### HURLING 1994: SECOND TIME LUCKY:

The hurling season was full of thrilling moments and plenty of exciting games. The Educational Supplies League Final (Roinn A), provided not one but two excellent games. After a thrilling draw, St. Patrick's, Kilkenny, overcame Kilmanagh, who were playing in their eleventh straight final. A point late in the game secured a draw for the St. Pat's boys in the first game, but in the replay, the city lads made no mistakes to clinch the title.

#### FOUR DAYS, THREE FINALS

Amazingly, Kilmanagh turned out the following evening to play the Corn de Bhaldrathe Final against Ballyhale, and, in their third final in four days, gave a great display to capture this title for the

first time.

#### TULLAROAN'S YEAR

St. Patrick's themselves created their own piece of history with their 'B' squad reaching the Hennessy Fuels' League Final (Roinn B). However, their opponents in that final, Tullaroan, proved themselves tops with a fabulous display of hurling to lift the title to add to their 'C' title of 1993.

#### A SINGLE POINT

The Paddy O'Connell League Final (Roinn C), provided another thrilling game. When Tullogher-Rosbercon finally emerged triumphant over gallant Coon-Muckalee, only a single point separated the teams in what proved to be the highest

scoring final.

#### THE FINAL STEP

After some years of so close but yet so far, Lisdowney took the final step to glory and claimed the Roinn D title. Clogh-Moneenroe were the unlucky losers in an all-Northern clash which saw a determined Lisdowney side clinch that much sought after, if elusive, title.

#### THE BATTLE OF CARRICKSHOCK

The special competition for smaller schools was always destined for the parish of Carrickshock after the Stoneyford and Newmarket schools qualified for the final. In the end it was Newmarket's 11-a-siders who proved stronger and took the title after the 'Battle of Carrickshock'.

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Educational Supplies League Roinn 'A'  
**Mulcahy the super  
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Kilmanagh .....2-2  
 St. Patrick's .....1-5  
**Kilmanagh and St. Patrick's played a thrilling draw in the Educational Supplies Roinn A hurling final at Nowlan Park.**

Kilmanagh got off to a dream start with goals from Edward Delaney and Ciaran Hoyne inside four minutes.

St. Patrick's first score came after 15 minutes, a point by Richard Hayes. At half-time Kilmanagh led by 2-1 to 1-1.

A minute into the second half Declan Byrne stretched the lead with a point. Kilmanagh applied pressure, and were unlucky not to have scored a goal.

Subsequently, St. Patrick's got into the game and cut back the deficit with points from Peter O'Neill, Enda Roberts and Niall Grogan (65). With just two minutes left, St. Patrick's substitute, Keith Mulcahy, scored the equalising point.

Best for Kilmanagh were Niall Millea, Kevin Cleere, Declan Byrne, Jim Purcell, Edward Delaney and Ciaran Hoyne. For St. Patrick's, Jackie Tyrrell, Peter O'Neill, Niall Grogan, Kenny Lynch, Eoin McCormack and Richard Hayes were best.

**Scorers:** *Kilmanagh* – Edward Delaney (1-0), Ciaran Hoyne (1-0), Declan Byrne (0-2, frees). *St. Patrick's* – Richard Hayes (1-1), Enda Roberts (0-1), Peter O'Neill (0-1), Keith Mulcahy (0-1), Niall Grogan (0-1, '65').

**Kilmanagh** – M. Wall, N. Millea, S. Murphy, B. Fitzpatrick, A. O'Dea, K. Cleere, P. Cullinane, D. Byrne, B. Dalton, A. Brett, T. Purcell, E. Delaney, J. Murphy, C. Hoyne, K. Burke. *Subs:* R. Burke, J. Purcell, K. Gladney, M. Dermody, C. Hoyne, K. Burke.

**St. Patrick's** – D. Brennan, B. Keogh, J. Tyrrell, M. Eardly, M. Hoban, P. O'Neill, D. Quinn, N. Grogan, K. Lynch, E. Roberts, B. O'Neill, E. McCormack, B. Doyle, R. Hayes, N. Tyrrell. *Subs:* K. Mulcahy, M. Harkin, T. Mulcahy, N. Cody, K. Grogan, T. Langton, D. Ruth, P. Lennon.

Referee: Paschal Long.

**St. Pat's win at second  
 attempt**

St. Patrick's .....2-6  
 Kilmanagh .....0-4  
**St. Patrick's made no mistake in the replay of the Educational Roinn A hurling final, when they proved too good for Kilmanagh.**

The losers made no mistake in the replay of the Educational Supplies Roinn A hurling final, when they proved too good for Kilmanagh.

The losers opened with the breeze, but it was St. Patrick's who got the better start



*St. Patrick's, Kilkenny, winners of the INTO sevens hurling championship for 1994. In front (from left): Thomas Mulcahy, Keith Mulcahy, Declan Brennan, Brendan Doyle, Eoin McCormack, David Ruth. Behind: David Quinn, Keith Grogan, Brian Cody (teacher), Jackie Tyrrell, Maurice Harkin, Matt Ruth (teacher), Peter O'Neill, Richard Hayes.*  
 Photo: Tom Brett

on this occasion when Eoin McCormack goaled. After Kilmanagh were narrowly wide, St. Patrick's extended their lead with points from Niall Tyrrell (2) and Barry O'Neill. Kilmanagh's lone reply for the half came from a Ciaran Hoyne free.

The beginning of the second half saw a more open game. Declan Byrne had a point from midfield for Kilmanagh, but a more effective St. Patrick's added to their tally through Richard Hayes. A goal from the same player, three minutes from time, clinched the game for the city side.

Best for the winners were Declan Brennan, Bill Keogh, Jackie Tyrrell and Peter O'Neill in defence. Niall Grogan and Kenny Lynch played well at midfield. Up front, Eoin McCormack played brilliantly, well aided by Richard Hayes, Barry O'Neill and Maurice Harkin.

For Kilmanagh, Niall Millea and Kevin Cleere were tops in defence. Declan Byrne and Brian Dalton were good in midfield while up front, Jim Purcell made a good impression.

**Scorers:** *St. Patrick's* – Richard Hayes (1-2), Eoin McCormack (1-0), Niall Tyrrell (0-2), Barry O'Neill (0-2). *Kilmanagh* – Declan Byrne (0-3), Ciaran Hoyne (0-1).

**St. Patrick's:** Declan Brennan, Bill Keogh, Jackie Tyrrell, Michael Eardly, Mark Hoban, Peter O'Neill (capt.), David Quinn, Niall Grogan, Kenny Lynch, Barry O'Neill, Maurice Harkin, Keith Mulcahy, Eoin McCormack, Richard Hayes, Niall Tyrrell. *Subs:* Enda Roberts, Brendan Doyle, Thomas Mulcahy, Niall Cody, Kenneth Grogan, Thomas Langton, David Ruth, Patrick Lennon.

**Kilmanagh:** Michael Wall, Niall Millea, Shane Murphy, Billy Fitzpatrick, Anthony O'Dea, Kevin Cleere, Paul Cullinane, Declan Byrne, Brian Dalton, James Murphy, Ciaran Hoyne, Keith Burke. *Subs:* Raymond Burke, John Purcell, Keith Gladney, Michael Dermody, Noel Keane, Mark Kenna.

Referee: Paschal Long.

**Hennessy Fuels' League Roinn B  
 Tullaroan Triumph**

Tullaroan .....5-6  
 St. Patrick's II .....0-3

**Tullaroan took the Hennessy Fuels' Roinn B with great style and brought the Paddy Hennessy Cup back to Tullaroan.**

A three goal flurry before half-time set Tullaroan up for victory and, with wind assistance in the second half, the result was always going their way. For their part, the St. Patrick's boys never said die and fought to the final whistle.

After a tentative beginning, where defences were in control, St. Patrick's held a single point lead. However, just before the break, Tullaroan pressure was rewarded when Ned Sweeney, twice, and Jimmy Holland goaled and sent Tullaroan in for the break, leading 3-1 to 0-3.

In the second half, St. Patrick's soaked up some severe pressure. Ogie Kennedy and Richie Cleere added points for Tullaroan before Shane Hennessy and Ken Coogan settled matters with two goals in quick succession. Further points from Shane Hennessy and Nicholas Maher put



the icing on Tullaroan's cake The winners had heroes all over the field, with Tommy Walsh, Oige Kennedy and Richie Cleere outstanding in defence; Paul Doheny dominant at midfield, and Shane Hennessy, Ned Sweeney and Ken Coogan dangerous in attack.

St. Patrick's made a great game of it. Goalie James O'Rourke did well. Niall Coady, Maurice Harkin and Thomas Mulcahy were best in defence. Keith Mulcahy, at midfield, and Tommy Langton, up front, also impressed.

Tullaroan: Pierce Doheny, Tommy Walsh, Michael Maher, Edmund Champion, Michael Connolly, Martin Óg Kennedy (0-1), Richard Cleere, Paul Doheny, Michael Walsh, Sean Glennon, Ken Coogan (1-0), James Pollard, Ned Sweeney (2-0), Shane Hennessy (1-3), Jimmy Holland (1-0). Subs: Joe Crosby, Stephen Hennessy, Donal Cleere, Nicholas Maher (0-1), Brian Dillon.

St. Patrick's: James O'Rourke, Derek Buckley, Niall Cody, Patrick Lennon, Brendan Walsh, Maurice Harkin, Thomas Mulcahy, Kenneth Grogan, Keith Mulcahy, Alan O'Brien, Gary Hehir, Michael Morris, David Ruth (0-1), Tommy Langton (0-2), Gary Maher. Subs: Angelo Cullen, Eoin Larkin, Declán O'Neill.

**Paddy O'Connell League Final Roinn 'C'**

**Tullogher tops in thriller**

Tullogher/Rosbercon ..... 4-6  
 Coon/Muckalee ..... 4-5  
 Tullogher/Rosbercon and Coon/Muckalee produced an enthralling Paddy O'Connell Roinn C final, which will rank among the best in the history of Schools' Board competition.

In a contest played at lightning pace, their was an abundance of hurling skills and total commitment all round.

It was Tullogher who rallied when it seemed victory was to elude them, showing tremendous courage and emerging with a deserved victory.

The first half ended with the losers a single point in front. After a hectic half, where scores came thick and fast, it was the northern side who led with scores from Derek O'Mahony, Seamus Kelly and Donal Kelly, to replies from Simon Kennedy, Martin Malone and Stephen Cotterell for Tullogher.

The second half saw both sides continue to score, with the lead changing hands regularly. Seamus Kelly put Coon/Muckalee a goal clear entering the final quarter. Enter Edward Conway for Tullogher. After scoring two points, he scored a cracking goal from an acute angle. Coon/Muckalee rallied to level but a Simon Kennedy score clinched victory for Tullogher/Rosbercon.

For the Tullogher side, Richard Murphy was sound in goal, helped by Kieran Barron and Mark O'Brien in defence.



**LISDOWNEY - Roinn D Champions 1994**

Back Row: Pdraig Doheny, Noel Dowling, John Murphy, Richard Blanchfield, John Carey, Owen Maher, John Bergin. Front Row: Richard Kenny, Pat Bowden, Pat Dunne, David Dowling (capt.), David Hogan, Michael Bergin, John William Bowden, Brendan Maher. Mascot: Matthew Thornton.



Two pupils of the St. Patrick's De la Salle primary school will always remember the first Sunday in September 1994 as they took part in the I.N.T.O. Scoil Sport Sevens. The two boys, Richard Hayes (left) and Peter O'Neill (right) are pictured with their teacher and school coach, Brian Cody, after the side defeated Kilmanagh in the Roinn A Under 13 Cumann na mBuncoileanna final.



Helmets from holiday . . . the balance of money from the hurlers holiday fund has been donated to the Kilkenny Primary Schools G.A.A. Board to buy helmets for hurlers of the future and pictured at the handing over of the cheque were (from left): Adrian Ronan, Paul Kinsella (Secretary, P.S.B.), D. J. Carey, Mick O'Flynn and John Knox (Treasurer, P.S.B.).

(Photo: Tom Brett)



Alan Murphy played the captain's role while Simon Kennedy, Edward Conway and Stephen Cotterell contributed much to attack.

Coon/Muckalee can be proud even in the disappointment of losing. Kieran Kelly in goal, and a defence of Michael Mulhall, Stephen Murphy and Damien Maher were all stars. Seamus Kelly did well at midfield while Derek O'Mahony, Tom Kinsella and Pat Quirke shone up front.

**Rosbercon/Tullagher:** Richard Murphy, Kieran Barron, Michael Grennan, John Maher, Michael Murphy, Amby Malone, Mark O'Brien, John Fitzgerald, Alan Malone, Simon Kennedy (0-3), Martin Woods, Stephen Cotterell (2-0), Edward Conway (1-2), Martin Malone (1-0), Joseph Croke (0-1). *Subs:* Richard Gaule, Moling Cotterell (used), Tommy Maher, Andrew Murphy, Eamonn Saunders, John Murphy, Martin Roche.

**Coon/Muckalee:** Kieran Kelly, Stephen Murphy, Brendan Maher, Donal Keane, Damien Maher, Michael Mulhall, Patrick Byrne, Donal Kelly (0-1), Patrick Butler, Seamus Kelly (2-3), Laurence Comerford, Tom Kinsella, Derek O'Mahony (2-1), Pat Quirke, Tom Nolan. *Subs:* Michael Walsh, Anthony Agar, Niall Moran, Shane Walsh, Christopher Dowling, Tom Cody, Shane Coonan, Pdraig Murphy, John Buggy, Declan Holohan, James Holohan.

Referee: P. Butler.

#### Roinn 'D' Championship

## Lisdowney Are Champs

Lisdowney .....4-5  
Clogh/Moneenroe .....1-2

A power-packed display by Lisdowney earned them victory over Clogh/Moneenroe in the Roinn 'D' Under-13 hurling final at Nowlan Park.

Sterling performances by centre-back, David Dowling, and centre-forward, Pat Dunne, allied to the opportunism of

Owen Maher, laid the foundation for Lisdowney's deserved win.

Lisdowney dominated from the start, and, in the first minute, Richard Kenny pointed. Owen Maher picked up the first of his hat-trick when he latched on to a rebound from David Dowling's shot. Pat Dunne added a point and Richard Kenny a goal before half-time. Clogh/Moneenroe went close but Brendan Maher kept them out in the Lisdowney goal.

In the second half, Pat Dunne (L) and Damien Byrne (C/M) swapped points, before Owen Maher again was on hand to crash home a rebound. Pat Dunne and David Hogan had points for the winners, while Laurence Lyng pointed for Clogh/Moneenroe before Owen Maher completed his hat-trick and put the issue beyond doubt. Damien Byrne managed a consolation goal for the gallant losers but it was to be Lisdowney's day.

For Lisdowney, Brendan Maher did well in goal, and with his puck-outs. David Dowling stood out in defence, while Pat Bowden and Michael Bergin were in control at midfield. Up forward, Pat Dunne and Owen Maher were the heroes.

Clogh/Moneenroe never reached the heights of their league performances. Paul Clancy made some fine catches and clearances. Damien Byrne tried valiantly and Laurence Lyng looked dangerous up front.

**Scorers: Lisdowney** - Owen Maher (3-0), Richard Kenny (1-1), Pat Dunne (0-3), David Hogan (0-1). **Clogh/Moneenroe** - Damien Byrne (1-1 frees), Laurence Lyng (0-1).

**Lisdowney:** B. Maher, J. Murphy, R. Blanchfield, P. Doheny, J. Carey, D. Dowling (capt.), J. Bergin, P. Bowden, M. Bergin, D. Hogan, P. Dunne, N. Dowling, J. W. Bowden, R. Kenny, O. Maher.

**Clogh/Moneenroe:** D. Hennessy, E. Love, P. Clancy, G. O'Dowd, L. Keyes, P. O'Dowd, P. Roche, P. Brennan, D. Byrne, L. Lyng, A. Hosey, S. Deighan, C. Phillips, A. Brennan, S.

O'Shea.

*Subs:* M. Hetherington, L. Phelan.  
Referee: Podge Butler.

#### 11-a-side League - Smaller Schools

## Newmarket capture title

Newmarket .....3-9  
Stoneyford .....2-1  
Newmarket emerged victors in the final of the 11-a-side schools' league when they defeated their parish neighbours, Ath Stúin (Stoneyford).

Early exchanges were even enough, but Newmarket were the ones finding scores easier to come by. A goal by David Walsh and points from Gerard Murphy (4) and Paul Barron put them well in control. Stoneyford now played some of their best hurling and Micheál de Rís put them back in the game with a goal.

The second half began with a quick exchange of points. Brendan Hoyne goaled for Newmarket to restore their advantage, but, almost immediately, Micheál de Rís again goaled to keep Stoneyford in contention. Stoneyford went for broke and brought Seán Ó Fionnghalaí out of goals, but Newmarket finished well and William O'Shea goaled before the final whistle.

Gerard Murphy had a great game for Newmarket and was the main difference between the sides. Dan O'Brien also caught the eye. For Stoneyford, Séamus de Rís had a fine game in defence, while Micheál de Rís scored two fine goals.

**Newmarket:** Patrick Murphy, George Frisby, David Walsh (1-1), Brian Tennyson, Gerard Mulcahy, Gerard Murphy (0-5), Michael Rohan (0-1), Liam Barron, Paul Barron (0-1), Brendan Hoyne (1-0), Dan O'Brien. *Subs:* William O'Shea (1-0), James Dalton, Alan Brownrigg, Richard Frisby (0-1), Alice Tennyson, Michelle O'Carroll, Anita Dalton, John Tennyson.



ST. PATRICK'S DE LA SALLE - Educational Supplies Roinn 'A' League Champions 1994

*In front (from left): Enda Roberts, Eoin McCormack, Tommy Langton, David Quinn, Declan Brennan, Peter O'Neill (capt.), Barry O'Neill, Michael Eardly, Mark Hoban, Niall Tyrrell, Patrick Lennon, Richard Hayes. Behind: Derek Brennan, Jackie Tyrrell, James O'Rourke, Kenneth Grogan, Thomas Mulcahy, Keith Mulcahy, Niall Cody, Bill Keogh, Maurice Harkin, Kenny Lynch, Niall Grogan, Brendan Doyle, Gary Canavan.*

Photo: Tom Brett



**Ath Stúin:** Seán Ó Fionghalaí, Séamus de Rís, Séamus Tennyson, Bríd Ní Shíocháin, Diarmaid Ó Murchú, Roibeard Ó Laoi, Micheál de Rís (2-0), Liam Mac an Rí (0-1), Stephanie de Paor, Pádraig Ó Maol an Mhuaidh, Ristéard de Paor. *Subs:* Fiachra de Róiste, Aindreas Ó Suilleabháin, Linda Ní hOllóin, Pól Ó Duinn, Maitiú Ó hAnracháin, Gearóid Ó Foghlú, Colm Ó Maolalaidh, Ciarán Ó h-Oldáin, Liam de hIreolint, Roibeard Mac an Rí.

**Corn de Bhaldraithe – Country Cup Hurling**

**The Comeback Kids**

Kilmanagh .....4-10  
 Ballyhale .....2-3  
 Three times in a week, the boys from St. Aidan's, Kilmanagh, made the now familiar trek to Nowlan Park to compete in a Primary Schools' final. A Roinn 'A' final and replay on Tuesday and Thursday, followed by a Friday night return for the Corn de Bhaldraithe, country cup in hurling.

A third final in four days seemed a difficult task but Kilmanagh turned in a magnificent display, which left a valiant Ballyhale bemused.

Ballyhale began brightly and Patrick Reid opened the scoring. Michael Wall did well in the Kilmanagh goal before Tim Purcell equalised. Aidan Brett goaled to put Kilmanagh ahead and Ballyhale were put under severe pressure, which they weathered well, thanks to Michael O'Keeffe in goal. Ballyhale had two points to get right back in the game, but, before the break, Kilmanagh opened up a considerable advantage with scores from Ciaran Hoyne and Declan Byrne.

Kilmanagh got a tonic of a start in the second half when Aidan Brett goaled. Declan Byrne added two points before, in true Shamrock style, Ballyhale fought back courageously,

Kilmanagh stood firm and though Ballyhale had two goals before the finish, it was never going to be enough as the winners replied each time.

For Kilmanagh, Declan Byrne and Ciarán Hoyne had marvellous games while Niall Millea and Michael Wall in goal also starred. Brian Dalton did well in midfield and Tom Purcell led the attack well.

A fine Ballyhale team found their opponents just too good. In goal, Michael O'Keeffe made some fine saves, while Anthony Walsh showed himself to be a great hurler. Willie Coogan did well at midfield and, up front, John Kennedy always looked dangerous.

**Kilmanagh:** Michael Wall, Niall Millea, Shane Murphy, Billy Fitzpatrick, Anthony O'Dea, Kevin Cleere, Paul Cullinane (capt.), Declan Byrne (1-8), Brian Dalton, Aidan Brett (1-0), Tim Purcell (0-1), Edward Delaney, James Murphy, Ciaran Hoyne (2-1), Keith Burke (1-0). *Subs:* Raymond Burke, John



**CLOGH/MONEENROE - I.N.T.O./G.A.A. FOOTBALL SEVENS CHAMPIONS**  
*Back row: Paul Clancy, Ger Brennan, Pat Dowd (Manager), Patrick Brennan, Pádraig Dowd, Shane Deegan. Front row: Seán Dowd, Jim Dowd, Joe Joe Dowd, Philip Roche, Andrew Brennan.*

Purcell, Keith Gladney, Michael Dermody, Noel Keane, Mark Kenna.

**Ballyhale:** Michael O'Keeffe, Michael Dermody, Larry Aylward, Keith Murphy, Breda Costelloe, Anthony Walsh, John Dermody, Willie Coogan (0-1), Richard

Fitzpatrick, James Fitzpatrick (0-1), Eoin Reid, Bill Walsh, John Kennedy (2-0). *Subs:* Michael Drennan, Pat Moloney, Brian Dermody, Edward Fitzpatrick, Nicky Fitzpatrick, Michael J. Farrell, David Keogh, Derek Fitzpatrick, Thomas Dermody.



*Photographed at the National Handball Centre at Croke Park on Primary Schools' National Handball Day were Kilkenny children Colette Comerford, Muckalee; Shem Kelly, Muckalee; Bronagh Ryan, Clara; Andrew Hosey, Moneenroe; Allison Carrigan, Clara. Also in the photo are Jim King, National Handball Coach, and P.J. Geraghty, Chairman of Cumann na mBunscol. The National Handball Day was the culmination of a handball skills award scheme organised by the primary schools in co-operation with the National Handball Council.*





**TULLAROAN – Hennessy Fuels' League Roinn 'B' Hurling Champions 1994**

*Back Row (l-r): Craig Sheehan, Shane Hennessy, David Cleere, Stephen Hennessy, James Pollard, Michael Walsh, Martin Ó Kennedy, Michael Maher, Richard Cleere, Jimmy Holland, Tommy Walsh, Edmund Campion, Brendan Cabill. Front Row: Niall Ronan, Stephen Maher, James Fennelly, Michael Connolly, Nicholas Maher, Paul Doheny (capt.), Sean Glennon, Ned Sweeney, Ken Coogan, Stephen Looby, Larry Coogan. Inset: Pierce Doheny, Joseph Crosby.*



**NEWMARKET – 11-a-side Champions 1994**

*Back Row: John Tennyson, Michelle O'Carroll, Anita Dalton, Alice Tennyson, Gerry Mulcahy, Gerard Murphy, Brian Tennyson, Liam Barron, David Walsh, Dan O'Brien, William O'Shea. Front Row: James Dalton, Alan Brownrigg, Michael Rohan, Brendan Hoyne, Paul Barron, George Frisby, Richard Frisby, Patrick Mulcahy.*

Photo: Tom Brett



**BALLYHALE – Corn de Bhaldráithe Finalists 1994**

*Back Row: Derek Fitzpatrick, Brian Dermody, Michael Drennan, Anthony Walsh, Brendan Costelloe, Bill Walsh, John Kennedy, William Coogan, Larry Aylward, Patrick Reid, Keith Murphy, Tomás Dermody, David Keogh, Nicky Fitzpatrick, Liam Walsh. Front Row: William Holohan, Eamonn Fitzpatrick, John Dermody, Owen Reid, Richard Fitzpatrick (capt.), Michael Dermody, James Fitzpatrick, Michael O'Keeffe, Robert Aylward, Patrick Moloney, Edward Fitzpatrick, Michael John Farrell.*

Photo: Tom Brett





**KILMANAGH – Educational Supplies League Roinn 'A' Finalists 1994 – Corn de Bhaldraithe Champions 1994**

*Back Row: Noel Keane, Michael Dermody, Mark Kenna, Tim Purcell, Aidan Brett, Paul Cullinane, Edward Delaney, Ciarán Hoynes, Keith Burke, Raymond Burke, James Murphy. Front Row: John Purcell, Keith Gladney, Michael Wall, Brian Dalton, Kevin Cleere, Declan Byrne (capt.), Billy Fitzpatrick, Shane Murphy, Anthony O'Dea, Niall Millea.*

Photo: Tom Brett

## I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini-Sevens Competition

Yet again, this year there was a large entry for the Mini-Sevens competitions in hurling, football and handball, for boys and girls in primary schools. Kilkenny had the honour this year to be the hosts for the regional games in hurling and camogie.

Teams came from Wexford, Wicklow, Carlow, Laois, Waterford and Kilkenny to compete in these finals, held in Nowlan Park and St. John's Park.

In the regional finals, the county winners from each county are mixed together to form new teams which compete on a non-competitive basis. However, for the lucky few, there is the joy of being selected to play in Croke Park on All-Ireland final and Semi-final days.

The games in Kilkenny this year were full of fun and the boys and girls combined well to provide plenty of entertaining hurling. As well as this, it was obvious to all that the enjoyment was enhanced by the way in which new friends were so quickly made.

The full line-up of teams for the regional games was: Camogie: Kilmanagh (Kilkenny), Ballyduff (Waterford), Monamolin (Wexford), Ashford (Wicklow), Ballyfin (Laois), Kildavin (Carlow). Hurling: St. Patrick's (Kilkenny),

Mount Sion (Waterford), Oulart (Wexford), Glenealy (Wicklow), Tramone/Paddock (Laois), Bagenalstown (Carlow).

In the Kilkenny Finals, St. Patrick's retained their Sevens title and again won their way to the regional stages. Here, Peter O'Neill and Richard Hayes were selected to play on All-Ireland Final day in Croke Park, and ended up on opposite sides! The full St. Patrick's line-up was: Jackie Tyrrell, Peter O'Neill, David Quinn, Tomás Mulcahy, Keith Grogan, Keith Mulcahy, Richard Hayes, Declan Brennan, Maurice Harkin, Brendan Doyle, Eoin McCormack, and David Ruth.

In football, honours went to the footballers of the Railyard. The boys from Clogh/Moneenroe were victorious, in keeping with the great tradition of football in the parish. Paul Clancy and Pádraig O'Dowd had the honour of playing in Croke Park when Dublin and Leitrim clashed, both wearing the Leitrim colours. The full squad was: Paul Clancy, Seán Dowd, Ger Brennan, Jim Dowd, Patrick Brennan, Joe Dowd, Philip Roche, Pádraig Dowd, Shane Deegan and Andrew Brennan.

The camogie title went to the girls of Kilmanagh, emulating the feats of the boys in

sky blue. Bronagh Neary and Siobhán Maher went forward to play in Croke Park – Bronagh on All-Ireland final day and Siobhán during the semi-finals. The victorious Kilmanagh panel was: Bronagh Neary, Siobhán Maher, Marie Cody, Elizabeth Teehan, Louise O'Shea, Alison Pollard, Bernadette Ryall, Ann Marie Dunne, Aisling Murphy, Martina Comerford.

Mullinavat girls' football team retained their title and went to Portlaoise to compete at regional level. Claire Kelly was the lucky one to be chosen to play on All-Ireland football semi-final day at Croke Park.

The full Mullinavat panel was: Fiona Sutton, Anne Marie Raftice, Marie Aldridge, Claire Kelly, Angela Kenneally, Michelle Frisby, Siobhán Kelly, Brigid Raftice, Jean Murphy, Aoife Aylward, Siobhán Wall.

On the handball front, there were victories for Muckalee, Clara and Moneenroe. Muckalee picked up both the singles titles, Collette Comerford winning the girls' and Shem Kelly winning the boys'.

Bronagh Ryan and Alison Carrigan of Clara won the girls' doubles while the boys' doubles went to the Moneenroe pair of Andrew Hosey and Damien Byrne.



**ST. CANICE'S – Kilkeny Association (Dublin) League Roinn A Finalists 1994**

*Back Row: Kieran Cuddihy, Conor O'Loughlin, Brian Bergin, David O'Hara, David Hogan, Diarmuid O'Dowd, Brian Shiels, Alan Gallagher, Gavin Bourke, Richard Wallace, Tom Collins, Kieran Staunton, Michael Manning, J.J. Hogan. Front Row: Michael Keenan, Michael Morris, Francis Lee, Kenny Deegan, Patrick Dore, Niall Andrews, Tomás Dunne, Paul O'Flynn, Donal Donovan, Simon Creane, Noel Rafter, Eddie Brennan.*

Photo: Tom Brett



# UNDER-AGE FOOTBALL

Kilkenny Association (Dublin) – Roinn A

## DOUBLE CHAMPIONS

St. Patrick's won the Kilkenny Association (Dublin) League and captured the Bertie O'Callaghan Cup when they defeated their city neighbours St. Canice's, at St. John's Park.

St. Patrick's ..... 2-4  
St. Canice's ..... 1-1

Early exchanges were even enough, but, after a brief settling-down period, St. Patrick's, backed by the breeze, began to dominate. However, the only score of the first half was a Barry O'Neill point after 15 minutes. St. Canice's defended well under pressure and goalie Diarmuid O'Dowd made some fine stops.

Eoin McCormack pointed for the victors early in the second half. Brian Shiels had a goal chance saved for St. Canice's as they swept upfield. St. Pat's responded in devastating style. Brendan Doyle pointed, Barry O'Neill goaled and David Ruth scored the clinching goal five minutes later.

St. Canice's, to their credit, fought hard and after Gavin Bourke pointed, captain Conor O'Loughlin goaled from the penalty spot. It was St. Patrick's who had the last say, however, when Brendan O'Brien pointed a free to give them a deserved victory.

Best for St. Patrick's were Joseph Mernagh, Jackie Tyrrell, Gary Canavan and David Quinn in the backs. Barry O'Neill and Maurice Harkin played well at midfield. Up front, Brendan O'Brien and Eoin McCormack were best. Captain Mark Hoban was unable to start due to illness, but he came in and played his part.

For St. Canice's, Diarmuid O'Dowd had a brilliant game in goal. He brought off several fine saves. Simon Greene,

Michael Keenan, Tom Dunne and Brian Gallagher played well in a solid backline. Niall Andrews and Brian Shiels fared well at midfield. In attack, Gavin Bourke, Conor O'Loughlin and Brian Bergin did well.

Scorers: *St. Patrick's* – Barry O'Neill (1-1). David Ruth (1-0), Eoin McCormack, Brendan Doyle, Brendan O'Brien (0-1 each). *St. Canice's* – Conor O'Loughlin (1-0), Gavin Bourke (0-1).

*St. Patrick's*: D. Brennan, J. Mernagh, J. Tyrrell, G. Canavan, T. Mulcahy, D. Quinn, S. Byrne, M. Harkin, B. O'Neill, B. O'Brien, B. Doyle, S. Parsons, C. O'Grady, E. McCormack, D. Ruth. *Subs*: M. Hoban (capt.), V. Cornally, D. Kearney, E. Power, E. Larkin, D. O'Neill, D. Grogan, D. Madigan.

*St. Canice's*: D. O'Dowd, S. Greene, M. Keenan, K. Cuddihy, J. J. Hogan, T. Dunne, B. Gallagher, N. Andrews, B. Shiels, G. Bourke, C. O'Loughlin (capt.), B. Bergin, F. Lee, D. O'Hara, D. Hogan. *Subs*: R. Wallace, N. Rafter, K. Deegan, P. O'Flynn, P. Dore, M. O'Hara, M. Delaney, E. Brennan, T. Collins, K. Staunton, D. O'Donovan, M. Morris, M. Manning.



THOMASTOWN – Country Cup Football Champions 1994

Back Row: Patrick Brannigan, William Hoyne, Brian O'Keeffe, Joseph Forristal, Vincent Heafey, Niall Lannon, Ronan O'Connor, Philip Begley, John Coone, P.J. Conway, Patrick Walsh, Eoin Treacy, James Blanchfield. Front Row: Daniel Dempsey, William Bowen, David Wemyss, Kevin Lanigan, Gerard Mullally (capt.), Fergal Challoner, John Whitty, Dean Dalton, Jamie O'Brien, Michael Kelly, Barry Maher.

Photo: Tom Brett



ST. PATRICK'S – Kilkenny Association (Dublin) League Roinn 'A' Champions 1994

Back Row: Eoin Larkin, David Grogan, Eric Power, David Madigan, Eoin McCormack, Vincent Cornally, Maurice Harkin, David Quinn, Declan Brennan, Brendan Doyle, Stephen Byrne, Joseph Mernagh, Conor O'Grady. Front Row: Declan O'Neill, David Ruth, Shane Parsons, Tomás Mulcahy, Mark Hoban (capt.), Barry O'Neill, Jackie Tyrrell, Brendan O'Brien, Gary Canavan, Derry Kearney.

Photo: Tom Brett





**ATH STÚIN – 11-a-side Finalists 1994**

*Ar Chúil: Linda Ní Olláin, Brid Ní Shiocháin, Liam de hÍrleoint, Séamus de Rís, Seán Ó Fionnghalaí, Fiachra de Roiste, Roibeárd Ó Laoi, Liam Mac an Rí, Stephanie de Paor, Maitiú Ó h-Annracháin. Chun Tosaigh: Diarmaid Ó Murchú, Séamus Tennyson, Aindreas Ó Suilleabháin, Ciaran Ó h-Óldáin, Colm Ó Maolalaidh, Micheál de Rís, Gearóid Ó Foghlú, Pádraig Ó Maol an Mhuaidh, Roibeárd Mac an Rí, Risteard de Paor, Pól Ó Duinn.*

Photo: Tom Brett



*All eyes on the ball! . . . Tracy Millea displays the skills of the lift. Sister Sinéad and admiring group look on during Family Day in St. John's Park.*

Photo: Tom Brett

**BEGINNERS' LUCK**

Carrickshock entered the football competition for the first time in some years and surprised themselves and all others as they blazed an unbeaten trail to the Toymaster Roinn B Title, leaving a bemused Mullinavat in their wake in the final.

Beginners' luck? Not too many in Roinn B would agree.

**ON THE DOUBLE!**

St. Patrick's concluded a very successful year by capturing the Kilkenny Association (Dublin) Roinn A title, and in doing so completed the Roinn A double in hurling and football.

Never the easiest of tasks, the St. Patrick's boys did this in fine style, undefeated throughout and seeing off city neighbours, St. Canice's, in the final.

**'TOWN'S COUNTRY CUP**

Not a tongue twister in the caption! The town involved is Thomastown, who, after losing out in the Country Cup Final of 1993, reversed that result and captured the title this year. In the only football final played in Nowlan Park, Thomastown overcame Kilmanagh, who were chasing a country cup double. A fine second half display secured the cup for the 'Town.



**CARRICKSHOCK – Toymaster League Roinn 'B' Champions 1994**

*Front Row: Leo O'Gorman, Adrian O'Sullivan, David Millea, Brendan Hoyné, William O'Shea (capt.), Richard Frisby, Michael Rohan, Pádraig Ó Maolanmhuaidh, Patrick Mulcahy, James Dalton, Michael Rice. Back Row: Diarmuid Ó Murchú, Shane Power, Fiachra de Róiste, Brian Tennyson, Richard Cahill, Jim Rice, Robert Lee, Paul Barron, Seán Fennelly, Alan Brownrigg, Matt Hanrahan, Gerry Mulcahy, Dan O'Brien, Tom Duggan (Trainer), John Murphy, James Tennyson.*

Photo: Tom Brett



TOYMASTER LEAGUE - ROINN 'B'

## First Title for 'Shock

Carrickshock ..... 4-12  
Mullinavat ..... 1-1

The final of the Toymaster League brought together Southern neighbours, Carrickshock and Mullinavat, with the Carrickshock boys running out convincing winners over a gallant Mullinavat.

The 'Shock had wind advantage in the first half but found it difficult to break down a Mullinavat defence in which Pat Russell and Kevin Aylward were prominent.

After early wides, Carrickshock finally went ahead through scores by Dan O'Brien, William O'Shea, Shane Power and Richie Cahill. Midfielder Seán Fennelly kicked over four points before Michael Rice goaled on the stroke of half-time to send Carrickshock in at the break with a 13 point lead.

The Rod Iron lads came out determinedly for the second half and Denis Butler and Declan Aylward tried hard to get their side back into it. However, Carrickshock got the vital scores and had added 3-1 before Mullinavat got the goal they deserved, substitute Claire Kelly scoring. Claire added a point for Mullinavat but only after they had twice been denied goals by Brian Tennyson.

At the final whistle, Carrickshock claimed their first title and were well deserving victors.

Best for Carrickshock were Gerry Mulcahy, Brian Tennyson, Dan O'Brien and Shane Power while for Mullinavat goalie Gerard Anthony, Declan Aylward, Denis Butler, Damien Conway and Claire Kelly were tops.

**Carrickshock:** Paul Barron, Brian Tennyson, Jim Rice, Diarmuid Murphy, Brendan Hoyne, Gerry Mulcahy, Michael Rohan, Michael Rice (1-0), Seán Fennelly (0-4), Dan O'Brien (0-2), Richie Cahill (1-1), William O'Shea (1-1), Shane Power (1-2), Matthew Hanrahan, Robert Lee. *Subs:* Pat Molyneaux, James Tennyson (0-1), John Murphy (0-1), Alan Brownrigg, James Dalton, Fiachra de Róiste, Patrick Mulcahy, David Millea, Richard Frisby, Leo O'Gorman, Adrian Ó Suilleabháin.

**Mullinavat:** Ger Anthony, Shane Frisby, Pat Russell, John Farrell, Ed. O'Keeffe, Kevin Aylward, Paul Phelan, Denis Butler, Seamus Farrell, Ciarán Aylward, Declan Aylward, Damien Conway, Tomás Frisby, Derek Kenneally, William Dwyer. *Subs:* Tomás Bacon, Richie Raftice, Claire Kelly (1-1), Marie Aldridge, Angela Kenneally, Pat Holden, Angela Kenneally, Pat Holden, Paudie Wall, Ter. Frisby, Stephen Grace, Cathal O'Neill, Mick Coughlan, Irene Brennan.



*I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini-Sevens Hurling. Pictured at Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling Final Day (in Limerick colours): Peter O'Neill, St. Patrick's, Kilkenny (centre, back row).*

### COUNTRY CUP FOOTBALL

## Thomastown's Title

Thomastown . . . . 6-4 Kilmanagh . . . . . 0-5

Thomastown claimed the final schools' title of the year when they won the Country Cup Football championship at Nowlan Park.

A great second half performance saw the Thomastown boys take control of this final and run out convincing winners. A brave Kilmanagh effort was not enough as they tried to complete a Country Cup double.

Backed by the breeze, Kilmanagh opened the scoring with a Keith Gladney point. Thomastown replied through Ronan O'Connor from the penalty spot. Kilmanagh retook the initiative and opened a three point lead with points from Niall Millea (2) and Ciarán Hoyne.

However, the crucial score came just before half time when Thomastown pressure was rewarded by a goal from Ronan O'Connor to send the teams in level at the break.

Buoyed up, Thomastown began the second half in great style. John Whitty shot them into the lead before Ronan O'Connor scored a second goal. Thomastown's half-back line dominated though Kilmanagh made forays into their half, yielding a point for Michael Burke. Thomastown replied with a great goal from Barry Maher after some lovely combination work. William Hoyne came forward and scored two points, and, in a late flurry, Thomastown sealed victory with goals by Gerard Mullally and John Coone.



*I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Sevens Football. Pictured in Croke Park on All-Ireland Football Semi-final day (in Leitrim colours): Joseph O'Connell (Roscommon), Paul Clancy (Moneenroe), P.J. O'Mahony (Kildare), Pat McHugh (Louth), Padraig Dowd (Moneenroe), Seamus McGronn (Leitrim), Donal Millar (Laois), Andrew Halpin (Wicklouw), John Greene (Roscommon), Jason Tuite (Louth). Paul Clancy is second from left, back row; Padraig O'Dowd is third from left, back row.*



**Thomastown:** Fergal Challoner, Jamie O'Brien, John Coone (1-0), David Wemyss, William Hoyne (0-2), Gerard Mullally (1-0), Dean Dalton, Kevin Lanigan, Brian O'Keeffe, Daniel Dempsey, Ronan O'Connor (2-1), John Whitty (0-1), Barry Maher (1-0), Philip Begley, Eoin Treacy. *Subs:* Patrick Brannigan, Joseph Forristal, Vincent Heafey, Niall Lannon, P.J. Conway, Patrick Walsh, James Blanchfield, William Bowen, Michael Kelly.

**Kilmanagh:** William Brennan, James Murphy, Billy Fitzpatrick, Pádraig Dermody, Seán Keane, Kevin Cleere, Michael Dermody, Paul Cullinane, Brian Dalton, Michael Burke (0-1), Niall Millea (0-2), Ciarán Hoyne (0-1), Martin Drohan, Keith Gladney (0-1), John Purcell, Darragh Murphy, Matthew Hennessy, Dermot Hogan, Gary Burke, Shane Murphy, Alan Walsh, Damien Barry, Michael Murphy.

## Coaches in Schools

The continuing work of the coaches visiting schools goes on in a quiet and very unobtrusive way. However, the work of Bobby Jackman and Briain Ryan is well appreciated, not only by teachers and mentors, but especially by the schoolchildren themselves. The attentiveness on their faces during any coaching session is a tribute to the excellent work of both coaches, and any schoolchild will tell you how much fun it is also. This year Briain and Bobby offered football as an option during the football season and were taken up on this offer. Overall, the visit of the coach to the school is a worthwhile and enjoyable exercise and we look forward to continued visits this year. To Bobby and Briain, a hearty thank you.



*Claire Kelly who played in Croke Park on All-Ireland Football Final Day.*



**KILMANAGH – Country Cup Under-13 Football Finalists**

*Dara Murphy, Keith Gladney, John Purcell, Ciarán Hoyne, William Brennan, Billy Fitzpatrick, Kevin Cleere, Niall Millea, Damien Barry. Behind: James Dunphy, Seán Keane, Martin Drohan, Brian Dalton, Michael Dermody, Pádraig Dermody, Alan Walsh, Paul Cullinane, James Murphy, Dermot Hogan, Michael Murphy, Shane Murphy, Matthew Hennessy.*

Photo: Tom Brett



*Goal! Richard Hayes (St. Patrick's) kicks the ball to the net during the Educational Supplies League Roinn 'A' final.*

Photo: Tom Brett



# WHERE THE TITLES WENT

## HURLING:

### Educational Supplies League Roinn 'A'

St. Patrick's .....	2-2
St. Patrick's .....	2-6

### Hennessy Fuels' League Roinn 'B'

Tullaroan .....	5-6
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### Paddy O'Connell League Roinn 'C'

Tullagher/Rosbercon .....	4-6
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### Roinn 'D' Championship

Lisdowney .....	4-5
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### Eleven-a-side Championship – Smaller Schools

Newmarket .....	3-9
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### Corn de Bhaldraithe

Kilmanagh .....	4-10
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Kilmanagh .....	1-5	
Kilmanagh .....	0-4	(Replay)

St. Patrick's .....	0-3
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Coon/Muckalee .....	4-5
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Clogh/Moneenroe .....	1-2
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Ath Stúin .....	2-1
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Ballyhale .....	2-3
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## FOOTBALL:

### Kilkenny Association (Dublin) League Roinn 'A'

St. Patrick's .....	2-4
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### Toymaster League Roinn 'B'

Carrickshock .....	4-12
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### Country Cup

Thomastown .....	6-4
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St. Canice's .....	1-1
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Mullinavat .....	1-1
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Kilmanagh .....	0-5
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## I.N.T.O./G.A.A. MINI-SEVENS

Hurling: St. Patrick's. Football: Clogh/Moneenroe. Camogie: Kilmanagh. Girls' Football: Mullinavat.

Girls' Handball – Singles: Collette Comerford, Muckalee.  
– Doubles: Bronagh Ryan and Alison Carrigan, Clara.

Boys' Handball – Singles: Shem Kelly, Muckalee.  
– Doubles: Andrew Hosey and Damien Byrne, Moneenroe.



MULLINAVAT – Toymaster League Roinn B Football Finalists 1994

Back Row – Claire Kelly, Angela Kenneally, Paul Phelan, Seamus Farrell, Damien Conway, Kevin Aylward, Denis Butler, Gerard Anthony, Shane Frisby, Ciaran Aylward (capt.), Patrick Russell, John Farrell, Mr. P. Bacon, Marie Aldridge, Irene Brennan. Front Row: Stephen Grace, Cahal O'Neill, Pdraig Wall, Tomás Bacon, Eddie O'Keefe, Terence Frisby, Declan Aylward, Derek Kenneally, William Dwyer, Tomás Frisby, Richard Raftice.



COON/MUCKALEE – Paddy O'Connell League Roinn C Hurling Finalists 1994

Back Row: Declan Holohan, Shane Walsh, Donal Kelly, Seamus Kelly, Patrick Byrne, Kieran Kelly, Patrick Butler, Tom Nolan, Michael Mulhall (capt.), Laurence Comerford, James Holohan, Shane Coonan, Tom Cody. Front Row: Pdraig Murphy, John Buggy, Derek O'Mahony, Pat Quirke, Stephen Murphy, Brendan Maher, Damien Maher, Donal Keane, Tom Kinsella, Anthony Agar, Christopher Dowling, Niall Moran, Michael Walsh.



# Camogie queens ascend the throne once more

by ENDA McEVOY

They came, they saw, they conquered. Just like old times for the Kilkenny camogie team! Cats 2-11, Yellowbellies 0-8, read the Croke Park scoreline on the last Sunday of September.

Ann and Angela Downey were winning their twelfth All-Ireland senior medals. Deirdre Malone, almost unnoticed, was



ANGELA'S GOLDEN MOMENTS . . . Angela Downey slips through the Wexford rearguard to score Kilkenny's first goal in this year's All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final played at Croke Park. Photo: Tom Brett

winning her ninth. The Black and Amber were top of the national pile again.

Most importantly of all, they were top of the pile with a young team. Take away

Ms Malone and the three Downeys – the genuine survivors of the seven-in-a-row queenpins – and you're talking about a frighteningly young side, an outfit with an average age of around 21. As long as the hunger and the will to stay winning are not mislaid, these girls look like being there or thereabouts for many a September to come. The future's so bright, Kilkenny camogie's gotta wear shades.

In the opinion of many, the "real All-Ireland" of 1994 was the Black and Amber's visit to, and defeat of, Cork in the semi-final in August. While there may be some measure of truth in that – and indeed there has to be, seeing as the Leesiders were reigning champions – one must give full credit to Wexford for the challenge they posed on the big day.

Catherine Murphy, Mary Hayden, Paul Rankin, Fiona Dunne and exciting 15-year-old Esme Murphy shoved it up to the hot favourites, no doubt about that. Clearly better suited by the wet conditions and greasy sod, the Slaneysiders (trained, ironically, by Urlingford man, Ray Quigley) gradually found their feet following a slow start, and, approaching the interval, were patently giving as good as they got.

Four minutes short of the break, in fact, and to the temporary delight of one section of supporters in the 6,000 attendance, May Hayden's massive line-ball



Angela Downey hand-passes Kilkenny's second goal in the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Final. Pic. Tom Brett



from under the Cusack Stand found Anne Marie O'Connor sneaking in behind a static Kilkenny rearguard and finishing the sliotar past a helpless Michelle Fennelly. The TV pictures proved, as conclusively as one can get in these circumstances, that O'Connor jumped into the square in the process of fielding the sliotar – and, consequently, that the score should have stood.

It didn't. Instead, the Cats led by 1-3 (good work early on by Catherine Dunne sent Angela Downey in for the goal) to 0-4 at half-time, but the head of steam their opponents had been building up resulted in the scores being levelled ten minutes after the restart. The O'Duffy Cup was there for the taking – by either side.

Not for the first time since they burst on the scene in 1974, the Noresiders grasped the initiative when the crunch came. On came Brigid Barnaville, and almost immediately the Lisdowney player shot over a flying point. Suddenly the initiative had been regained. Angela Downey robbed Paula Rankin out on the left to stretch the lead. Ann Downey pointed a free won, by Sinéad Millea. The new champions went on to hit an unanswered 1-4 in the closing twelve minutes, with the game long won and lost before Angela – courtesy of help from Brigid Barnaville – smothered netminder Terri Butler's attempted clearance to add her second goal of the afternoon.

Call it a case of the old dog for the hard road. Kilkenny knew the twists and turns that little bit better, held their nerve and fell back on their reserves of ammunition. This may not have been a vibrant or stylish victory, but under such tough, physically draining circumstances, it never could have – nor was it any less satisfying for that. It was an afternoon for real women, not sunshine hurlers, and Tom Ryan had them in abundance.

#### TOUCH OF GENIUS

He also had Angela Downey, who walked off with a tally of 2-3. Nine points, the exact difference between the protagonists at the final whistle. No offence to her colleagues, for this was nothing less than a splendid team effort, but without the Ballyragget maestro the Black and Amber almost certainly would not have won. With her, Wexford certainly would have.

Clare having been seen off in the quarter-final at Ballyragget, Angela's enduring genius extricated the team from a tight corner in the semi-final in Ballinlough. Confined to seven or eight clean touches in the hour, she managed to magic up three goals nonetheless. Nice going for a woman who had retired a year earlier (or thought she had!) and didn't come back to the fold until the spring.

Her contribution, combined with a couple of breathtaking late saves by young



*Kilkenny's Maria Downey and Tracy Millea in full flight with a watchful captain, Ann Downey, in background.*

Pic. Tom Brett

goalie Michelle Fennelly and some heroic defending by the backs, was enough to keep the door bolted when Cork threw the kitchen sink at their oppressors in the closing stages. The visitors squeaked through by 4-9 to 2-12 in the end; the heartbreak of their 5-10/2-18 defeat by the Rebels in that all-time Nowlan Park classic of August 15th, 1993, was well and truly averted.

As with all championship-winning combinations, the rearguard was where the Kilkenny foundations were laid. Michelle Fennelly was always competent and sometimes brilliant. Sinéad Costelloe showed calmness and steadiness in front of

her, and the half-back line of Tracy Millea, Gillian Dillon – she had a stormer in Ballinlough – and the ever-reliable Deirdre Malone provided a defensive screen that also springboarded many an attack. In praising the midfielders – of whom captain Ann Downey was again the heartbeat – and the forwards, let's not overlook the work Brigid Mullally got through in this sector in the All-Ireland decider; covering here, running there, metaphorically dirtying her hands the way at least one attacker invariably must, and unselfishly creating points all over the shop.

Ultimately this was, as already stated, a



*All Kilkenny eyes, tongues and teeth on-ball as Wexford's Fiona Dunne shoots for goal.*

Pic. Tom Brett



combined effort. Kilkenny are All-Ireland senior camogie champions for the twelfth time. And don't they deserve it!

The team which saw service against Wexford was: Michelle Fennelly (Carrickshock), Sinéad Costelloe (Freshford), Tracy Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan), Gillian Dillon (Freshford), Deirdre Malone (Graigue-Ballycallan), Marina Downey (Lisdowney), Ann Downey (Lisdowney), Marie Maher (Tullaroan), Brigid Mullally (Glenmore), Catherine Dunne (Lisdowney), Angela Downey (Lisdowney), Sinéad Millea (Graigue-Ballycallan). Sub: Brigid Barnaville (Lisdowney) for Dunne, 43 mins.

**ROLL OF HONOUR:**

Dublin (26) – 1932-33, 1937-38, 1942-44, 1948-55, 1957-66, 1984.

Cork (16) – 1934-36, 1939-41, 1970-73, 1978, 1980, 1982-83, 1992-93.

Kilkenny (12) – 1974, 1976-77, 1981, 1985-91, 1994.

Antrim (6) – 1945-47, 1956, 1967, 1979.



*Sinéad Millea gets in a ground stroke, closely watched by Wexford's Catherine Murphy.*

Pic. Tom Brett



*A study in concentration as Maura Costelloe, Kilkenny, and a Clare defender spot the ball in the All-Ireland camogie quarter-final played at Ballyragget.*

Pic. Tom Brett

## Glenmore man to represent Kilkenny



*Frank Kirwan (Glenmore) Long Puck champion Kilkenny 1994. Sponsored by Kilkenny Credit Union Ltd.*



# GOODBYE TO ALL THAT

## **BIDDY:**

# **A farewell to full-back arms**

By: ENDA McEVOY

**“IT’S MUCH worse watching from the sideline or the stand than it is being out there on the pitch yourself.”**

One of the most familiar of all sporting clichés, that. But is it true, or is it merely a – well, a sporting cliché?

“Definitely true,” is the verdict according to Bidy O’Sullivan. She knows. She knows because she found herself sitting in the Hogan Stand last September. Sitting there helplessly, enduring the agonies every player suffers when watching his or her former colleagues in action. Unable to lift a finger in assistance.

Kilkenny were out on the Croke Park swārd. The first Kilkenny team since 1977 to be contesting an All-Ireland senior camogie decider without the services of the Tullogher woman. They looked so young, so inexperienced.

“Watching the girls against Wexford, I was more nervous for them than I had been playing myself. At half-time I was thinking, ‘Oh God, will they be able for it?’”

“I needn’t have worried. The young ones certainly proved that the future of camogie here is in safe hands.”

It’s safe to say, now that she’s retired, Ms O’Sullivan misses the game horribly?

“Aw yeah. Aw yeah.” Ink on paper cannot convey the heartfelt tones in which the sentiment is expressed.

A shame Bidy was unable to make her top-level exit to tunes of glory. Her last championship outing in the black and amber was the 1993 All-Ireland semi-final at Nowlan Park. The game, an all-time classic, took place on August 15th; the safe assumption would have been that in racking up a massive 2-18, Kilkenny had scored enough to win two matches. Unfortunately for them, old rivals Cork proved deadly from close-range frees and finished with 5-10. A

famous day for the Leesiders, a rotten one for the homesters. A rotten one that provided a good deal of food for thought for the latter’s full-back.

“That was a bad match to finish on. Very disappointing to lose. The most disappointing one of all to lose, because we’d done more than enough to win.

“Anyway, a few months later, over the course of the winter, I decided to pack it in with the county. I’d been there a long time, since 1981, and I was worried about hanging on. I felt it would be better to go myself than to be told to go. By staying around, I would have been putting the selectors under pressure to keep me on the panel – and I didn’t want a place on the team out of sympathy.”

So goodbye to All-Ireland finals and league deciders. Goodbye to Croke Park and Nowlan Park and Ballinlough. Goodbye to all those nights of 50-mile round trips from Tullogher to Kilkenny and back. No more thumbing to training. Or driving. Or motorbiking. Bidy O’Sullivan never travelled into town by helicopter, but it’s about the only mode of transport she didn’t use to make her way to the training field.

The thought that she might ever be involved with the county camogie team was not something that bothered the young Bidy. There was no camogie at home; she spent her youth hurling with the boys. Then, thanks to the efforts of Michael Moore in New Ross and then P.P. Fr. Joe Delaney, the Tullogher club was established in 1976. From there to Croke Park, most Septembers, was an inevitable, if gradual, progression.

### **FANTASTIC COMMITMENT**

Her first All-Ireland medal, in 1981, made her feel the luckiest girl in the whole world. If Ger Henderson and Eddie Keher had been her heroes on the hurling field, their female counterparts, Bridie McGarry and Angela Downey, had



*BIDDY O’SULLIVAN*

been her camogie idols. Now, here she was on the same pitch, a member of the same team, winning the All-Ireland. Unreal.

“I remember that final much more clearly than I do a lot of the later ones, probably because it was my first. We came back from nine points down against Cork and snuck a draw. In the replay, Angela scored the winning goal when we were a point down with time running out. I can still see her getting the ball 30 yards out and heading for goal. Everyone just knew a goal was coming, and nobody was going to stop it.”

A midfielder early on in her career before moving to wing-back and later to full-back, Bidy was an ever-present during the county’s 7 Up All-Ireland run between 1985 and 1991. (Her treasure trove of honours also includes eight National League mementoes, a Smithwick’s Sports Star in 1987 and a B&I Award twelve months later.) Given the choice, she admits to preferring a wing-back slot.

“Playing there, you just have your own side of the field to take care of, whereas at full-back you have a bigger responsibility. You have to stick close to your woman and forget about playing the ball. One mistake and that’s it. Growing used to the position took a while. But I had Bridie McGarry in front of me, and Marie Fitzpatrick was a powerful goalie to have behind. It was great for confidence, to know that someone really sound was there.”

Did Kilkennys’ monopoly during the late 1980s – successful September after successful September after successful September – ever reach a seen-it-all-before stage of monotony for the players?

“No, because when you’re on a roll it’s so good. We knew it was going to end some day, but you never get tired of winning. To me it wasn’t the medals that



counted so much as the being out there, enjoying yourself, being part of a great team with players you have looked up to all your life and were so lucky to be playing with.

"All the girls on the seven-in-a-row team had fantastic commitment. Never missed a night's training. I don't think there'll ever be a bunch of girls as dedicated. Even the married girls were always first to the field for training. We were like a big family. Everyone took care of each other. Those were the best days of my life."

They might not have been so good

without the presence of a certain Tom Ryan. Pre-Tom, Bidy asserts, Kilkenny had a good team but still weren't quite getting their act together. A metaphor: they were the engine of a car, but they needed a key to start up. Tom Ryan did the igniting.

"Most of all, he was so determined himself that he made everybody feel special. Though we all had our ups and downs with him, we knew where we stood. 'You're only as good as your last game,' he kept hammering into us.

"And his enthusiasm! He loved the game, he trained harder than we did. I

don't believe that the team would have lasted as long as it did, but for Tom."

Biddy O'Sullivan lasted longer than most. May she enjoy her retirement. May she have lots of fun with her 10-handicap golf. And may she take pride in the knowledge that though the Black and Amber may have plenty of good full-backs in the future, they'll do well to have one as nice, decent, honest-to-goodness, likeable and universally popular as the big woman from Tullogher.

# Word Sleuth

Compiled by Brendan O'Sullivan

- Kilkenny Senior Hurling Champions 1994.
- Offaly Senior Hurling goalie. Jim .....
- County grounds in Clare .....Park.
- All-Ireland Senior Football Champions 1994.
- This DJ is a World Handball Champion.
- Treacy and Sinéad ... are camogie stars.
- .....Corcoran is a Cork dual star.
- This Martin captained Dicksboro in 94. ....
- Popular Radio Kilkenny G.A.A. broadcaster. Barrie .....
- Coach/trainer of Minor Hurling Champions, Graigue/Ballycallan. Jim .....
- Father and son involved with Kilkenny Under-21 team. Philip and Fan .....
- ..... Barr played centre-back for Dublin.
- ..... Murphy is Wexford inter-county referee.
- Father and son Kilkenny goalkeepers. Ollie and Michael .....
- 1994 Kilkenny Senior Football Champions.
- Tom and Joe ..... play hurling for Mooncoin.
- He managed Derry to victory in 1993. Eamon .....
- Defeated All-Ireland Hurling Finalists '94.
- President of the G.A.A. Jack .....
- Kilkenny captain '83 and '92. Liam .....
- Billy, Joe, Johnny ..... play for Offaly.
- This Kerry hurler plays for Bennettsbridge ..... Walsh.
- He won seven All-Ireland medals at mid-field. Frank .....
- Dr. .... Park is in Carlow.
- Michael "....." plays midfield for Kilkenny.
- Dr. Bill ..... takes care of the Kilkenny team.

- Liam and Tomás ..... play hurling for Wexford.
- John ..... is the "Kilkenny People" G.A.A. correspondent.
- Railyard and Kilkenny footballing brothers, Michael, Kieran, Martin .....?
- Munster Under-21 Hurling Champions 1994.

The answers to the above clues are hidden in the grid, horizontally, vertically or diagonally. Send your completed solutions to:

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Closing date - February 1st, 1995. £25 each to first four correct solutions opened.

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SHADE IN YOUR ANSWERS AND FIND THE MESSAGE



# **BRIDIE: Facing a new camogie challenge**

By: ENDA McEVOY



*Bridie McGarry at home (not often) with husband Benny and sons Shane and Cormac.*

IT WAS time to call a halt. As simple and matter-of-fact as that. No tears, no regrets, no might-have-beens. After 25 years of playing camogie at or around the highest level, nine All-Ireland medals and two occasions captaining the 'Cats' to the O'Duffy Cup, might-have-beens were the furthest thing from Bridie McGarry's mind.

She too had shipped the kick in the teeth (an unfortunate metaphor in her case; you'll shortly discover why) of finishing a loser in that 1993 Nowlan Park epic. The outcome wasn't something that bothered her in the slightest, for such outcomes, rare as they were, never did. But the Freshford woman had reached the end of the line all the same.

"The younger generation were coming through – and they were good enough. I had had my chance, I had served my time. It was the right juncture to let them take over. The decision wasn't difficult."

Like Bidy O'Sullivan, Bridie's introduction to the game had come at home with the boys – in her case, up and down the old hurling field in Freshford every night of the week. At the time under-age camogie at primary schools' or under-14 level was unheard of. Not until her years in the Presentation Convent secondary school in Kilkenny did she get to sample the organised version.

One taste and she was hooked. The Pres "were going a bomb at the time", and Bridie was a member of the team that won the 1969 All-Ireland senior colleges' title. Three years later, she was lining out for the county on the biggest day of all.

"I played at right-corner forward against Cork in 1972. I laugh at the thought of it now. Me playing corner forward! I don't remember much about the game, but I must have been sending everything wide and making the selectors say, 'we'd better bring this wan back to the defence'! From there on I was always centre-back."

"That was my only losing All-Ireland. I started on a losing note and finished on a losing note. But you live with that. Medals and trophies never meant anything to me."

Easy enough to say that when one has the haul of silver and gold Bridie McGarry has, surely . . . ?

"No, I'm being serious. Ask me to find the All-Ireland medals at home and I wouldn't be able to. Don't ask me how many league medals I have, because I haven't a notion. Winning wasn't the main thing. Participation was. Participation and love of the game."

And if you had no All-Ireland medals instead of nine, Bridie?

"I still wouldn't mind. If winning meant nothing, neither did losing. I accepted the two of them the same way. It didn't trouble me in the least to have to bow out on an unsuccessful note."

Okay, point taken. But while we're on the subject of winning, here's something interesting: Bridie McGarry – a B&I Award winner in 1976, a Smithwick's Kilkenny Sports Star in 1978 and a Cospóir Women in Sport Award recipient in 1985 – firmly believes that the 'Cats' might have brought the O'Duffy Cup back to Noreside on as many as eight occasions in the 'Seventies instead of the three seasons in which they did. She

honestly does.

The line-up of the era included the likes of Liz Neary and Helena O'Neill, "some really fabulous players. It was as good a team as any county could put on the field. But there was no proper management, no structured approach or all-out commitment. We just went out and played. Tom Ryan changed the set-up completely, brought more organisation. With him in charge, the commitment was total. You either played or you didn't. A hundred per cent or nothing."

## **A DREADFUL EXPERIENCE**

Under the Dunnamaggin man, Bridie twice led the side to All-Ireland glory. (Her first shot at captaincy, in 1979, had ended abruptly when Kilkenny travelled to Cushendall and got stuffed by Antrim. To atone for the let-down she promptly "decided to go off and get married"!)

The hegemony of the St. Paul's Club locally ensured she was captain again in 1985. The defeat of Dublin is not a game she looks back on with pleasure, however. Two minutes from the end, the 'Cats' had the silverware in the bag when she took a whack across her unhelmeted face; three front teeth went flying, and she accepted the cup with another tooth hanging out. The incident spoiled the day completely, with matters not improved any by the hefty dental bill she had to pay subsequently. From that "horrible" afternoon on she always wore a helmet.

The year 1987 was an altogether pleasanter experience, Cork being seen off in convincing fashion. An imaginative *Irish Press* front page next day showed,



reading from left to right just below the masthead, captain Tony Jacklin shedding a tear after Europe retained the Ryder Cup by virtue of their first ever victory on American soil; captain Geraldine Dwyer shedding a tear after Kildare won the All-Ireland junior camogie title; and captain Bridie McGarry all fully-toothed smiles after the Black and Amber had held onto their crown. The luck of the draw from a hat had made her captain this time.

The arrival of Cormac meant she missed out in 1988. She was there in more than mere spirit, though; she left hospital at 11 o'clock on the morning of the All-Ireland final, promptly handed the infant over to the babysitter and headed off to Croker to cheer her team mates on! And by the way: In case the readership of the Kilkenny G.A.A. Yearbook includes the odd seriously concerned social worker or two, we can

exclusively reveal that Cormac, now a healthy and happy six-year-old, is not reported to have suffered any major psychological trauma as a result of his temporary abandonment at such a young and impressionable age. Expect to see him and elder brother Shane (10), who hurls with Dicksboro and kicks soccer with Evergreen, carrying on the McGarry name on the playing fields when they're older.

Active career done and dusted, her enduring love of the game propelled Bridie onto the administrative side. Now county registrar, she's also a member of the Kilkenny Camogie Board's finance committee and referees the occasional match ("far more girls should give back more to camogie when they retire than do at the moment"). The great work being carried out in schools and clubs around the county – in marked contrast to the situation in her younger days –

leaves her with few worries about camogie's health here; a bigger headache is the eternal task of raising the money needed to keep the show on the road. If she had saved all the money she spent during her own days on hurls and travelling and whatnot, Bridie acknowledges she'd be "one rich girl".

One thing the former Revenue Commissioners employee – she now works with De Loughrey O'Gorman in Vicar Street in the city – sincerely appreciates is the treatment received over the years from the Nowlan Park powers-that-be, assistance that takes on a still more favourable dimension when it emerges that her biggest disappointment was to have never trodden the Pairc Uí Chaoimh sod. "Imagine. All the times we played in Cork, yet we never got inside the gate."

Perhaps Shane or Cormac will end up beating her to that one!



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**THIS IS THE ONLY KILKENNY TEAM TO WIN THREE ALL-IRELANDS IN-A-ROW TO DATE**

*Back: Dan Kennedy, Jack Rochford, Dr. P. Grace, J. Keoghan, J. T. Power, J. J. Brennan, M. Gargan, R. Grace. Front: J. Kelly, S. Walton, J. Lennon, R. Walsh (captain), M. Doyle, R. Doherty, R. Doyle.*



**ST. KIERANS COLLEGE – ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1971 –  
THEY DEFEATED ST. FINBAR'S, FARRANFERRIS IN THE FINAL**

*Back row: Terry Brennan (Erin's Own), Martin Gibbons (O'Loughlin's), Joe Ryan (Lattin-Cullen), Brian O'Shea (Ardfinnan), John Power (Dunnamaggin), Tony Teehan (Coon), John Dunne (Lisdowney), Jimmy Walsh (Tullaroan), Billy Fitzpatrick (Fenians), Martin Healy (Conahy Shamrocks). Front row: Des Kennedy (Borrislisleigh), Richard Beck (Thomastown), Jimmy Moore (Tullaroan), Brian Cody (James Stephens), Louis Campion (Shinrone), Ger Woodcock (Danesfort), Pat White (Kildare), Nicky Brennan (Conahy Shamrocks), Noel Minogue (Thomastown). Seated: Pat Kearney (Thomastown, captain), Joe Reidy (James Stephens).*



**ALL-IRELAND MINOR CHAMPIONS 1936**

*Left to right and back row: "Sag" Carroll, M. Phelan, K. Carroll, M. Loughman, C. Bollard, E. Brett, T. Waldron, R. Shortall, J. Tierney, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Mulcahy, C. Murray. Middle row: T. Mabon, N. Hyland, J. O'Brien, R. Brannigan, E. Tallant (captain), J. Langton, M. Grace, J. Kenny, J. McGuinness. Front row: P. Giles, P. Kavanagh, T. Delaney, J. O'Neill.*

*(Photo: Moran, Kilkenny)*





**1959 BENNETTSBRIDGE HURLING TEAM**

*Back row (l. to r.) Liam Cleere, Timmy Kelly (R.I.P.), Seamus Cleere, Paddy Moran, Jim Dobbyn, Mickey Kelly, Jimmy Dowling (R.I.P.). Front row: Johnny McGovern, Martin Treacy, Dick Carroll, Sean Treacy, Liam Hackett, Sammy Carroll, Jack Galway, Frankie Ryan.*



**ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR CHAMPIONS, 1946**

*Back row: Syd Bluett, Din Maher, Mark Marnell, Paddy Connors, Bill Cahill, Ned Power, Peter Prendergast, P. Butler, Jack Egan, Martin Egan. Middle: Paddy Cahill, J. Heffernan, M. Kenny, Pat Stapleton, Pat (Diamond) Hayden, Henry Giles. Front: B. Murray, James O'Donnell, Wattie Ryan, Podge Dack, Ned Doyle, P. McEvoy.*



**1931 ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS**

*Front (l. to r.) Peter Kelly, Paddy Cashin, Paddy Denieffe, Mick Brennan, Jack Phelan, Willie Walsh, Christy Barry, Marty Barry. Middle row: (l. to r.) Liam Cody, Mick Tyrrell, John Shortall (captain), Mick Doyle, Dr. Hayden (Bishop of Hobart), Dermot Hughes, Bill Ayres, Tom Shortall, Alfie Cullen, John Dwyer. Back row (l. to r.) John McSweeney, Mick Loughman (trainer), John Shortall, Dan Dunne, Jimmy Morrissey, Eddie Downey, Gerry Dunne, Charlie Wiley, Pat Shortall, Sean Gibbons (Chairman Co. Board), Jack Rochford.*





**KILKENNY'S FIRST EVER SENIOR ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS 1974**

*Back row (from left): Ann Carroll, Carmel Doyle, Mary Conway, Teasie Brennan, Liz Neary, Peggy Carey, Annie Bowden, Mary Kennedy, Mary Purcell. Front row: Angela Downey, Marie Kavanagh, Bridie Martin, Teresa O'Neill, Mary Fennelly, Helena O'Neill, Ursula Grace, Ann Downey. Mascots: Bernadette Treacy, Maria Glendon.*



**ERIN'S OWN, CASTLECOMER - KILKENNY JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1958**

*Left to right (back row): Robert Brennan (sec.) R.I.P., Tom Coogan, Paddy Brennan, Micheal Bealin, Phil O'Meara, Martin Meally, Michael Rowe, Edward Holland, Paddy McEvoy (captain), Seamus Farrell, Ger Moran (R.I.P.), Lar Devlin (R.I.P.) (trainers). Front (l. to r.): Tommy Delaney, Tommy O'Neill, Larry O'Keeffe, Dick Brennan, Kieran Meally, Mick Byrne, Michael Dormer, Tom Shalloe, Martin Coogan, Seamie Coogan, Tom Brennan, Jimmy Byrne (not in photo). Team manager and coach Rev. John Kearns R.I.P. (not in photo).*



**TULLAROAN 1958 SENIOR HURLING COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

*Back row: Mick Dalton, Tom Hennessy, T. Hogan, John O'Neill, Jerry Dunne, Pete Dowling, Paddy Hennessy, Sean Clobosey, Jim Young, Jim Hogan, Kieran Tobin. Front: P. Malone, W. Gaffney, W. Fitzgerald, J. Clobosey, Joe Hennessy, Dan Hogan, Bill and Jim Hennessy, Milo Moore.*





**CALLAN C.B.S. – WINNERS LEINSTER U-17 COLLEGES FINAL (KYNE CUP) 1968**

*Kneeling (l. to r.) Willie Hughes (Dunnamaggin), Pat Sheehan, Tom Ryan, P. J. Townsend. Front (l. to r.) Mr. Pat Brennan, John McCormack, Jimmy Joe Brett (Windgap), County Councillor, Ollie Hennessy, Davy Kelly (captain), Pat Butler (Dunnamaggin), John Hall (Tullaroan), Brother Shreenan. Back (l. to r.) Tom Townsend, Joe Byrne, Pat "Nobby" McCormack, John O'Sullivan, Jim Cahill, John Coonan (Ald. Kilkenny Corporation), John Carey (Ballinagarry), Pat Buter (Graigue/Ballycallan), Bobby Kennedy.*

**FOUR ALL-IRELAND FINALS IN 1955-'56**

*Michael Sullivan, Clogh and John Murray, Talbot's Inch, both minor handballers, who are concerned in all four minor finals. Mick Sullivan is in the final of the hardball singles and John Murray is in the final of the softball singles and they partner each other in the hard and softball doubles. They have won the Leinster titles in all four, and were again successful in the semi-finals. John Murray is also All-Ireland Colleges Champion, playing for St. Kieran's. Incidentally he also secured a University Scholarship this year as a result of his success in the Leaving Certificate Examination. They have the good wishes of their many admirers for their success in the finals.*

*Photo: Pierce Hanlon*



**1920 LISDOWNEY-BALLYRAGGET TEAM AT FEIS V. 'COMER**

*Back row: George Kenny, Joe Blake, Matt Keane, John Holohan, Lar Fitzpatrick, Tom Phelan, Jim Brett. Middle row: Paddy Carroll, Pat Stapleton, Bill Kenny, Jack Butler, Harry Quirke. Front row: Jimmy McCraith, Paddy Dunne, Pat Mullally, Martin Lalor.*





**ACTION FROM ALL-IRELAND HURLING FINAL**

*Kilkenny v Tipperary in Croke Park 1967. Left to right: "Babs" Keating, Pa Dillon, Seamie Cleere, Liam Devanney, Sean McLoughlin, Pat Henderson, John Flanagan (R.I.P.) and Ollie Walsh.*



**SLIEVERUE SENIOR HURLING TEAM - COUNTY CHAMPIONS 1954**

*Back row (l. to r.) John Hartley, Mick Murphy, Bill Cahill, Gerry Buggy, Dick Mahony, Sean Griffin, Tom (Builder) Walsh, Martin Buggy, Andy Irish, Larry Roche, Martin Dowling. Front row (l. to r.) Ned O'Dwyer (captain), Tommy Walsh, John Hokey, Mick Walsh, Paddy Buggy, Paddy Grant, Dick Rockett, Pat Irish.*



**CUFFESGRANGE CAMOGIE CLUB CIRCA 1960**

*Front row (l. to r.) Bea Roche (Callan), Olive O'Neill (Callan), Teasie Brennan (Parliament Street), Chrissie Gleeson (Farmley), Mary Gargan (nee Ireland), Mary Corr (Churchill), Ann Gargan (nee Taylor), Luke Morrissey (Graignamanagh). Back row (l. to r.): Billy Carroll (R.I.P.), Breda Barry (Callan), Ann McDonald, Ann Carroll, Josie Lawlor, Mary Lawlor, Beatrice Brennan (Gowran), Michael Hayes, Maria Fleming.*



# ALL-IRELAND CAMOGIE CHAMPIONS

## Lisdowney twins peak

*Lisdowney's brilliant camogie players accomplished one of their greatest ever feats at Ballyragget on Sunday, November 20th, 1994.*

LISDOWNEY . . . . . 5-9  
GLEN ROVERS (Corcaigh) . . . 1-15

They were 1-13 to 0-6 in arrears with 14 minutes of the second half gone, but they then devastated their more illustrious opponents, reigning All-Ireland champions and hot favourites, Glen Rovers by 5-9 to 1-15 to win their first ever All-Ireland Seior Club Championship.

When the Downey twins, Angela and Ann, reflect, in years to come, on their many memorable and heroic victories, and, indeed, rare defeats, there is little doubt that they will recall their latest victory as one of their sweetest of all.

Ten points down to a seemingly impregnable Glen Rovers side and time ebbing away! To all save the bravest Lisdowney hearts, the position must have seemed utterly impossible. What could any team do against the Leesiders in full flight and coasting to an inevitable victory?

Enter the Downey twins (or should it be the Downey triplets on this occasion?) sisters Ann and Angela and unrelated Marina. In the process of mocking adversity, they proceeded, over the remaining sixteen minutes, to score an amazing and scarcely credible tally of 5-3, to crush the great Glen Rovers who departed the scene with heads bowed and bodies bruised.

By any standards, this was a victory born out of the indomitable spirit and pride of, not alone the great Downey sisters, but each and every girl who played her heart out to bring glory and honour to their native Lisdowney.

It was sweet revenge for Lisdowney who had suffered a crushing defeat by the same opposition in last year's semi-final. One could only marvel at the super skills of both teams who served up a rip-roaring contest in soft underfoot conditions.

The 'Rovers were first to settle when Lynn Dunlea, their unerring free taker, scored from a 30m. free. A minute later the same player landed arguably the score of the game - a superb point from play way out on the right wing, while under



*Lisdowney captain Catherine Dunne being presented with the All-Ireland senior club camogie cup by the President Cumann C mogai chta na nGael after her team's historic victory over Glen Rovers at Ballyragget.*

siege from at least two Lisdowney players.

Three minutes later, Angela Downey opened the homesters' account with a point from a free. The decisive score of the first half came when Glen Rover's Ger McCarthy sent a great overhead stroke to the Lisdowney net, to leave Glen Rovers leading after 18 minutes by 1-6 to 0-3.

The remainder of the first half was evenly and sportingly contested, with the 'Rovers scoring four points to Lisdowney's three, to leave the half-time score Glen Rovers 1-10, Lisdowney 0-6.

There were few among the big home following who would have given their side any chance after 14 minutes play in the second half, when the 'Rovers, with three points from placed balls by Lynn Dunlea, had increased their lead to a massive and seemingly insurmountable ten points.

Marina Downey started the unbelievable comeback with a point from a free. Over the remaining 15 minutes play, the great Angela Downey helped herself to four marvellous goals, her sister Ann

another, and Marina completed the 'Rovers rout with a brace of points.

Of such passages of play, dreams are made, and even Angela, in her wildest dreams, could not have visualised rattling the Leesiders net four times within thirteen minutes. Angela, and, indeed, all the Lisdowney forwards, had been well policed up to that stage.

This was by no means a one, two or three woman display. Each and every Lisdowney player played a part in this heroic victory. Lisdowney should not forget, either, the shrewd positional changes made by their coach Noel Barnaville.

Most observers present marvelled at the superb fitness of Lisdowney and this was surely due to the physical preparations of their team by their trainer Annie Murphy.

Veronica Wall in goal was soundness personified and brought off two great saves at crucial times. She was well protected by a resolute and stubborn rearguard of Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Bridget Barnaville and the youthful Fran Shore,



who had one of her best ever games, with a performance that belied her youthfulness.

Captain, Catherine Dunne, turned in a great second half performance at midfield, where she was ably assisted by the diminutive and all-action Sandra Gleeson who seems to improve with every outing.

The Downey trio Angela, Ann and Marina accounted for all of Lisdowney's scores, and their names will surely be remembered for posterity in their homeland of Ballyragget and Lisdowney. They were ably assisted by Áine Dunne and Anne Marie Hughes in the forward line.

Substitutes Noelle O'Driscoll and Olivia Donnelly also contributed handsomely to victory.

During the game, this intrepid reporter was seated alongside Finbarr McCarthy

from Glen Rovers. My abiding memory of the afternoon will be the sight of Finbarr taking a portable telephone from his pocket early in the second half, speaking live to Cork local radio and advising them: "Glen Rovers now lead by 10 points. There is no way Angela Downey can pull this one out of the fire for Lisdowney".

But when you speak of Angela, Finbarr, you can never say "never".

I, for one, look forward to seeing Angela play again next year. But, even if she chooses to hang up her boots, we are fortunate (borrowing Mick Dunne's words re Christy Ring) "to have lived through her years of greatness, to have witnessed her fabulous feats, and to have seen the splendour of her superiority".

*Lisdowney Scorers:* Angela Downey-Browne (4-1), Marina Downey (0-8), Ann

Downey (1-0).

*Glen Rovers:* Lynn Dunlea (0-14), Ger McCarthy (1-0), Patricia Murphy (0-1).

*Lisdowney:* Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Bridget Barnaville, Fran Shore, Catherine Dunne (captain), Ann Downey, Sandra Gleeson, Marina Downey, Áine Dunne, Angela Downey, Ann Marie Hughes.

*Subs:* Noelle O'Driscoll for Áine Dunne, Olivia Donnelly for Anne Marie Hughes.

*Glen Rovers:* Mairéad O'Leary, Deirdre McCarthy, Mary Ring, Stephanie Dunlea, Sandra Fitzgibbon (captain), Denise Cronin, Theresa O'Callaghan, Patricia Murphy, Linda Mellerick, Lynn Dunlea, Ger McCarthy, Claire McCarthy.

*Referee:* Dine Derham (Baile Átha Cliath).

## Lisdowney Camogie Club

If 1993 was a remarkable year for the Lisdowney club, surely 1994 has surpassed it in terms of the senior team's achievements, winning their third county championship in-a-row and successfully retaining their Leinster title and reaching the All-Ireland Club Final for the first time.

Early in the year, the senior team set their sights on regaining their county championship. They put an enormous effort into training, and used the league section of the championship to experiment and blood some younger players. Sandra Gleeson, Fran Shore and Mary Brennan blossomed.

As St. Lachtain's were the only team Lisdowney fell victims to, this left them with a semi-final confrontation with St. Brigid's where Lisdowney impressed and coasted to a 4-10 to 1-9 victory.

The county final was a repeat of the 1993 final – neighbouring clubs and keen rivals, Lisdowney versus St. Lachtain's was expected to be a severe confrontation. St. Lachtain's had been highly impressive in their league games, and were hell-bent on revenge and confident of reversing the previous year's result. Highly regarded in many sectors, St. Lachtain's simply had no answer to the power and might of the Lisdowney girls who triumphed on a scoreline of 7-8 to 2-4.

Lisdowney set out on their Leinster Championship trail on the 28th August, and had the good fortune of playing Dublin champions, Marino, at Ballyragget. Marino signalled their intentions to beard the lion in his own den, when they carried the fight to Lisdowney in no uncertain manner. After an epic struggle, with both teams evenly matched, Lisdowney found courage in the face of

defeat to force the game to extra time. Substitute Martina Tallis scored 1-1, her point taking the game to extra time. After normal time, the scoreboard read 3-11 each. It wasn't until extra time that Lisdowney opened their shoulders and escaped on a scoreline 5-16 to 5-12 after a thrilling game. Players to impress were goalie, Veronica Wall, Fran Shore, Bridget Barnaville, Ann and Angela Downey.

Buffers Alley (Wexford) were the next to fall victims to the Lisdowney onslaught in the Leinster Final played in Monamolin. The girls ran out victors on a scoreline 4-12 to 2-5, and despite the flattering scoreline, this was a hard fought game.

Ballyragget, 6th November, was the next port of call for a semi-final clash with Cuchulainns Dunloy (Antrim). The Ulster Champions were an unknown quantity, and Lisdowney were very wary of overconfidence. Reports filtering back were that the Ulster Champions would make an almighty effort to make history by reaching their first All-Ireland Final.

This was evidence by the large following who travelled south to support their heroes. After a tentative first half display, Lisdowney led 0-8 to 1-1 after playing against the breeze. During the second half, they ran out easy winners on a scoreline of 7-14 to 2-4. This was a tremendous team performance but special mention must go to goalie, Veronica Wall, and Marina Downey who scored 4-4.

The scene was now set for an All-Ireland Final showdown with our conquerors of last year Glen Rovers (Cork).

The story of that historic day was eloquently recorded by our intrepid reporter in the match report which appeared in the *Kilkenny People*. We reproduce elsewhere in full that account of Lisdowney's greatest

hour. For the record, hereunder is the full Lisdowney senior panel for 1994.

Veronica Wall, Caroline Glendon, Brigid Wall, Fran Shore, Bridget Barnaville, Catherine Dunne (captain), Ann Downey, Sandra Gleeson, - Marina Downey, Anne Marie Hughes, Áine Dunne, Angela Downey-Browne, Noelle O'Driscoll, Mary Brennan, Martina Tallis, Olivia Donnelly, Deirdre Delaney. Coach: Noel Barnaville. Trainer: Annie Murphy.

Unfortunately, the other teams within the club have not been as successful. Due to lack of interest by the players we were forced to withdraw from the junior championship which was very disappointing to say the least.

At present the Under-21's have qualified for the semi-finals having defeated Clara on 26th March and Thomastown on 9th April. Tullogher are our semi-final opponents. This will be played possible in December – some seven months later.

Our under-18's have yet to start their competition, which was scheduled for September 18th. Their opponents in the opening game are St. Brigid's. This will also be played in December when it is not fair to ask players, who have been competing since mid-March, to get out.

The minors didn't qualify for the latter stages of their competition, while the under-14's were defeated by Castlecomer in a playoff for a semi-final place. The primary section were unlucky not to reach the semi-finals. The club would like to thank Marina Downey, Vera Hogan, Bridget Barnaville and Ann Kavanagh for the good work done with the juvenile section during the year. Hopefully their persistence, patience and dedication will pay off in the not-too-distant future. Players to watch out for in the future are Áine Henderson, Sinéad Delaney, Patricia



Fitzpatrick, Stephanie Cummins, Lesley Stapleton and Ann Marie Lacey.

Congratulations to Ashling Fitzpatrick who won Leinster junior/senior colleges medals with Loreto convent, Kilkenny. Deirdre Delaney won a Purcell Cup Inter-Varsity medal with U.C.C.

We were represented on the county junior panel by Anne Marie Hughes, Catherine and Áine Dunne, Fran Shore and Sandra Gleeson, who won Leinster junior medals and had a fruitless trip to London for the All-Ireland quarter-final.

On the Kilkenny senior panel the club was represented by "woman of the game" Angela Downey-Browne, Marina Downey, Catherine Dunne, Ann Downey (captain), Bridget Barnaville, who made a huge impact when introduced in the second half of the All-Ireland Final, and Sandra Gleeson.

Ann Downey was the first person from Lisdowney club to walk the steps of the Hogan Stand to receive the O'Duffy Cup.

Congratulations and best wishes to Claire Jones on her marriage during the year and also to Veronica Wall on her engagement.

On the administrative side, this year our officers and committee members have been tireless workers, ensuring there is always money to meet our endless expenses. The club is ever grateful to them and also to the many people who contributed in any way throughout the year, especially those who contributed financially. All financial assistance was particularly welcome this year for our "All-Ireland Training Fund".

On a sad note, our club lost one of its most loyal servants Billy Fogarty R.I.P. during the year.

What a pity he didn't live to see his beloved Lisdowney win an All-Ireland title. There is a void remaining in those who knew him, and to his wife Betty and family and his many friends, we say take comfort from the many cherished memories he left. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Lisdowney Camogie Club would like to sincerely thank the following people who contributed to their All-Ireland Training Fund. Your support was very much appreciated.

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*Tullaroan U-16 Roinn A winners 1994 – Behind (l. to r.) Mary Ellen Butler, Fiona Coogan, Ruth Walsh, Ann Marie Young, Sarah Butler, Oliver Hennessy, Martina Maher, Ann Marie Cleere, Betty Cummins, Deirdre Glennon, Margo Hennessy, Mary Breen. Front (l. to r.): Deirdre Maher, Laura Sweeney, Una Hennessy, Paula Doheny, Olivia Maher, Cathriona Hennessy, Diana Delaney, Fiona Hall, Margaret O'Dea and Cathriona O'Dea (captain).*

# Tullaroan Camogie Club



*Ms. Sheila Dowling, Chairperson, Co. Camogie Board, presents the cup to Caitriona O'Dea (captain), Tullaroan Under-16's, Roinn A champions 1994.*

This year proved to be a tough, but fruitful one, for Tullaroan. The under-16's had a fine victory over neighbours, Freshford, in the Roinn A County Final, played in Danesfort in ideal conditions, the winning margin being one point. A very close, sporting game resulted in Tullaroan taking their first ever Roinn A title. The winning team was:

Catherine O'Dea, Mary Ellen Butler, Paula Doheny, Martina, Maher, Ann-Marie Cleere, Deirdre Maher, Oliver Hennessy, Olivia Maher, Una Hennessy, Ann Marie Young, Fiona Coogan, Sarah

Butler, Laura Sweeney, Margo Hennessy, Deirdre Glennon, Fiona Hall, Betty Cummins, Mary Breen, Ruth Walsh, Margaret O'Dea, Cathriona Hennessy and Diane Delaney.

The under-14's were in hard luck with most of their matches played early in the year, in adverse weather conditions, but these girls show great potential for the coming years.

The primary school team went out of the championship at the semi-final stage.

Our senior team struggled this year, with many of the girls away working.

Maria Maher was a member of the senior All-Ireland winning team. She also

travelled to London and played with the Junior County team.

The following girls also were representatives on county teams:

*Under-14:* Sarah Butler, Mary Ellen Butler, Una Hennessy, Ann Marie Young.

*Under-16:* Martina Maher, Olive Hennessy.

*Junior:* Kay Bowden, Maria Maher, Martina Maher, Olive Hennessy.

Tullaroan girls who played for their schools were:

*St. Brigid's, Callan:* Maria Maher, Martina Maher, Janet Sweeney, Cathriona O'Dea, Ann Marie Coogan, Ann Marie Cleere, Mary Ellen Butler.

*Loreto Convent, Kilkenny:* Olive Hennessy, Una Hennessy.

## U-16 Roinn B Champions 1994



*Shamrocks Under-16 Roinn B Champions 1994 – Front row (from left): Deirdre Hoyne, Joanna Murphy, Olive Ryan (captain), Alma Fitzpatrick, Anne-Marie Coogan, Niamb Holden, Paula O'Neill. Second row: Karina Connolly, Lavinia Connolly, Mary B. Aylward, Geraldine Walsh, Emma Fitzpatrick, Martina Kenneally. Third row: Jennifer O'Brien, Marie Walsh, Grace Fennelly, Maressa Fennelly, John Kenneally (trainer and selector). Back row; Lisa Phelan, Elaine Fitzpatrick, Cathriona Fennelly.*



# THE BAD ONE! – YOU MUST BE JOKING

“WHY had Kilkenny not won an All-Ireland Senior Final since 1991 and how long would it be before they would contest one again?” were the questions everybody was asking.

The answers were many and varied – Cork were the team of the '90s and were unbeatable! Too many retirements? They were team building! The attitude was wrong! So why was 1994 to be any different, remember, Cork had only won the previous year with a goal in the final thirty seconds – robbed!

The thought of feeling as physically sick again, after a defeat, had spurred the players on. The younger ones who had yet to experience a Senior success were hungry. Another reason was that the captain of the team was Ann Downey, who, even after achieving all that she and Angela had achieved, were still hungry for success. It is well known that when she undertakes anything, you can be guaranteed there will be no stones left unturned to achieve that goal. She was also a good link between players and mentors, and wasn't afraid to express her opinions, which is also imperative if one is to succeed.

In any dictionary you read, the definition of the following word is practically the same: “Captain” – a leader, chief, the commander of a vessel”. In 1994, this definition was indeed justified with the Kilkenny camogie panel.

Captaining any winning side entails more than just being first to run out onto the pitch on Final Day, taking the toss, and accepting silverware. To some people, this can be a burden, which ruins their concentration and leads to problems with their own game. This is something Ann seems to thrive on.

Little did people know in years gone by when they would ask Shem Downey, in his butcher's shop, “Is she the good or bad one?” How wrong could they have



Ann Downey

(Photo: Tom Brett)

been! She will be the first to admit she hasn't “Angela's skill and speed”. But her game is so simple, so determined, she has such resolve never to give up and will keep chasing until the bitter end. Achievement in sport boils down to hard work and attention to detail, probably more than it does to brilliance. Ann Downey epitomizes these qualities.

During the past year, she was a far more influential captain than she was in 1989, when she last captained Kilkenny to victory. Not because she had experienced it before. This was so different. There was no “Fitzie” in goal, no Bridie, Bidy or Breda; instead, there were eight “New kids on the block”, who had yet to experience Croke Park, most of them still teenagers.

Would it be left to Angela, Deirdre,

Gillian or Marina to do things? She had confidence in them, she knew they could “hurl” they had proved they could. They wouldn't be there if they didn't. The youngsters acquitted themselves admirably and proved they will be there for a while.

Fifteen minutes into the second half in Croke Park, Kilkenny were leading Wexford by two points. They were defending stoutly. Deirdre Malone cleared her lines and Ann collected on the half-way line, at the Hogan Stand side. As she attempted to play the ball, she received a “dig” from her immediate opponent. Free to Kilkenny. She herself duly pointed, an inspirational score. Kilkenny were three points in front. Typical Ann, leading by example. These are the kind of things you expect from

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## The Bad One! – Cont'd.

her and were the things which brought the best out of the young players throughout the year.

Yes! Kilkenny were back! and the Downeys ("the good and bad one") have each accumulated a dozen All-Ireland medals. In her gracious acceptance speech, it was dignifying when she paid tribute to Angela and referred to her as "the greatest camogie player I know".

Whan of Ann Downey for 1995? She hasn't announced her retirement, unlike Angela. The legs may be lighter than they were a decade ago, but she has overflowing heart, invaluable experience and an unending will to win.

Why stop when you are playing well and still enjoying it? How wrong those people were in Shem's shop years ago. She has proved countless times she is not the "bad one".

# St. Anne's Camogie Club

**ALTHOUGH** only in existence since 1993, St. Anne's Camogie Club has made great strides in such a short period.

The highlight of our year was the winning of the Under-16 Roinn C County Final, defeating our neighbours and arch-rivals, Emeralds, in a hard-fought, keenly-contested, derby game.

St. Anne's led by 2-4 to 2-1 at half-time, and eventually ran out winners on a scoreline 3-5 to 3-2, with two-goal hero, Lorraine, Ryan, securing the vital winning goal three minutes from the end.

Great credit for the club's success in winning the Under-16 final and in qualifying for the Under-14 final, where we were beaten by Piltown, must go to team trainers Donncha Gray and Ashling Delaney.

A special word of thanks also to our shy and retiring P.R.O., Michelle

## KILKENNY CAMOGIE ROLL OF HONOUR 1994

All-Ireland Senior Champions: .....	Kilkenny
Leinster Junior Champions: .....	Kilkenny
Leinster Senior Club Champions: .....	Lisdowney
Kilkenny Senior Champions .....	Lisdowney
Kilkenny Junior Champions .....	Shamrocks
Kilkenny Junior B Champions .....	Freshford
Kilkenny U-16 Roinn A Champions .....	Tullaroan
Kilkenny U-16 Roinn B Champions .....	Shamrocks
Kilkenny U-16 Roinn C Champions .....	St. Anne's
Kilkenny U-14 Roinn A Champions .....	Freshford
Kilkenny U-14 Roinn B Champions .....	Mullinavat
Kilkenny U-14 Roinn C Champions .....	Piltown
Kilkenny Primary Schools Roinn A Champions .....	Clara N.S.
Kilkenny Primary Schools Roinn B Champions .....	Ballyhale N.S.
Kilkenny Primary Schools Roinn C Champions .....	Castlecomer N.S.
Kilkenny Primary Schools Roinn D Champions .....	Thomastown N.S.
Leinster Colleges Senior Champions .....	Loreto S.S., Kilkenny
Leinster Colleges Junior Champions .....	Loreto S.S., Kilkenny
Leinster Colleges 7-a-side Champions .....	Loreto S.S., Kilkenny
Leinster Vocational Schools Senior Champions .....	Thomastown V.S.
Kilkenny Colleges First Year Champions .....	Presentation S.S.
Community Games County Champions .....	Clara/Castlewarren
I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens County Final .....	Kilmanagh N.S.
Smithwick's Sports Star .....	Angela Downey-Browne



ST. ANNE'S – UNDER-16 ROINN C COUNTY CHAMPIONS, 1994

Front row (from left) – Orla Phelan, Margaret Tobin, Antoinette Russell, Ailish Doyle (captain), Ann Marie Gray, Catherine Doherty. Second row – Gillian Ryan, Triona Lonergan, Avril Phelan, Margaret Hickey, Ella Lonergan, Claire Delaney. Missing from photo: Tanya Hughes. Inste: Lorraine Ryan, Deirdre Bowe and Claire Brennan.

Grehan, who did marvellous work during the year. Michelle is, indeed, one of the unsung heroes of St. Anne's Club.

Congratulations also to Antoinette Russell who won an All-Ireland

Rounders medal with Rathdowney. Our grateful thanks to our sponsors – Arcon, Spa F.C., Galmoy and Fenians Hurling Clubs, Pat Delaney, Sean Shortall and Joe Delaney.



# PILTOWN CAMOGIE CLUB

FOR THE Piltown Club it has been a long wait for that elusive county title. In 1987 we won the Under-14 Roinn C title, and since then we have contested three Under-12 county finals, and semi-finals in Under-14, and have always travelled home empty-handed.

At long last, we were rewarded this year with our Under-14 team capturing the Roinn C County Final. The successful team was trained by two members of our last team to win the same competition in 1987 – Mairead and Cathy Brennan.

On our path to the final we accounted for Young Irelands, Mooncoin and St. Anne's. We were beaten once by a very strong Black & Whites team, and received a walk-over from Gael Scoil and Tullogher.

Mooncoin provided the opposition in the county semi-final, played in Mullinavat. After an evenly-contested first half, our girls gained the initiative in the second half and ran out convincing winners.

A surprise win by St. Anne's over a highly-fancied Black & Whites in the other semi-final set the stage for the county final, which was played in Callan, on 3rd August.

Now in the final for the first time since 1987, a concentrated effort was made in preparation for the final. John Lockes Park, Callan, was a special place to be on August 3rd. After a shaky opening ten minutes, our girls gained in confidence and played their hearts out.

The game was a spectacle of everything that is good in camogie, and at the end of a very exciting and sporting game, victory was ours. The excitement at the end of the game, with the cup destined for Piltown, was tremendous with tears of joy being shed by player and mentors alike.

The winning team was: Mary



PILTOWN – UNDER-14 ROINN C CHAMPIONS

*Back – Mairead Brennan (trainer and selector), Brid Cunningham, Michelle Hickey, Nora Gordon, Michelle McCarthy, Deirdre Galavan, Rosemary Doody, Mary Gordon, Miriam Reid (capt.), Helen Walsh, Avril O'Brien, Pauline Farrell (selector), Mary Reid (committee member). Front – Cathy Brennan (trainer/selector), Aoife O'Sullivan, Rachel Dunne, Shirley McCarthy, Grace Coffey, Helena Brennan, Julie Grace, Emma Walsh, Maura Brennan (chairperson).*

Gordon, Miriam Reid, Aoife O'Sullivan, Grace Coffey, Bríd Cunningham, Avril O'Brien, Rosemary Doody, Deirdre Galvin, Helen Walsh, Rachel Dunne, Helena Brennan, Shirley McCarthy. *Subs.* – Nora Gordon for Shirley McCarthy, Julie Grace for Miriam Reid (injured), Emma Walsh, Claire Minahan, Michelle McCarthy, Michelle Hickey.

Congratulations to all concerned.

Our under-12s were beaten in the semi-final by a much stronger Carrickshock team. However, as this is a very young side it gives us great hope for the future. Unfortunately, we were unable to field a Junior team this year as

some of our girls emigrated, and others transferred to Carrickshock. Michelle O'Shea, one of these, played with the county minor team.

Hopefully, for 1995, we will be able to field an Under-16 and Junior team along with Under-12 and Under-14s.

Our dedicated and hard-working chairperson, Maura Brennan, who has helped in no small way to promote camogie for many years, would like us to thank the local G.A.A. club for all their help. Our thanks, also, to Cathy and Mairead Brennan who trained the teams, and Mary Reid who helped out during the year.

## PRESENTATION SECONDARY SCHOOL KILKENNY COLLEGES FIRST YEAR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS 1994



Presentation S.S. 3-2; Loreto S.S. 1-2

*Back row – Sheila Dalton, Jennifer Dalton, Aoife Brennan, Eimear Walsh, Natasha Phelan, Elaine Phelan, Natalie Dowling, Mary Purcell, Jo-Ann McCormack, Marie Doyle. Front row – Louise Bourke, Claire Brennan, Pauline Comerford, Ann-Marie Seymour, Helena O'Rourke, Ann Colclough, Laura Hanley, Deirdre Wal, Carmel Muldowney.*



# GLENMORE CAMOGIE CLUB

IN 1994, Glenmore camogie team participated in the senior county championship for the first time in the club's short history. The team advanced to the county semi-final by accounting for Thomastown and Dicksboro, and receiving a walk-over from Tullogher.

They were defeated in the semi-final by a talented Freshford team which included many county players. For such a young club, it was a notable achievement to reach the senior semi-finals in their first year in senior ranks. The credit for this is due to an extremely dedicated team trainer, P.J. O'Connor, and a lot of commitment from all the players.

The club can boast of two really outstanding inter-county players. Joan Aylward had the great honour of captaining the Kilkenny Junior camogie team to a Leinster Final. Her skill, determination and never-say-die attitude gave great inspiration to her colleagues. Unfortunately, due to a serious knee injury, she was unable to participate in the Senior All-



*Pictured at a celebration party held by Glenmore Camogie Club earlier this year. From left – Bridget Murphy (club treasurer), Joan Aylward (captain, Kilkenny Junior Leinster winning team), Bridget Mullally (member of Kilkenny All-Ireland Senior winning team), Margaret Helen Doherty (Club P.R.O.) and Marie Ennett (Club Chairperson).*

Ireland Final. We wish her a speedy recovery, and look forward to seeing her in the Glenmore and Kilkenny colours, again, next year.

Bridget Mullally also had an outstanding year with the Kilkenny Senior team.

She was part of the team that regained the Senior All-Ireland title by defeating Cork in the semi-final, and Wexford in the final.

Congratulations to both girls, and the very best of luck to Glenmore camogie club in 1995.

# ROWER-INISTIÖGE CAMOGIE CLUB

THE Rower-Inistiöge Camogie Club had quite a successful year under the guidance of their mentors, Anita White and Mary Cottrell, who did outstanding work throughout the year in their efforts to promote and foster the game in the area.

Under Anita's and Mary's guidance, the Club has been developing over the past five years. In 1990, the girls won their first schools' title in Roinn C followed by a win in the Roinn B final in 1992. Following these successes at schools' level, the Under-14 Roinn Championship was secured in 1993, and the Under-16 team reached the County semi-final.

This year the school team reached the semi-final in the Roinn A championship, losing out to Freshford.

Our Under-14 team had wins over Thomastown, Emeralds, Mullinavat, Lisdowney, Castlecomer and James Stephens on their way to the semi-final against Castlecomer whom we beat by 6-5 to 2-0.

The county final against Castlecomer was played at Ballyhale. This was a very close-fought and exciting game with both teams giving their all in pursuit of victory. After an epic encounter, Mullinavat emerged victors on a scoreline 1-5 to 1-2.

This was a day on which Lady Luck did not smile favourably on our girls, with two dubious and controversial decisions going Mullinavat's way.

Our Under-16 team also reached the County Final with wins over Mooncoin, Blacks and Whites and Lisdowney, drawing with Dicksboro in a great game, and losing to Shamrocks in the opening rounds.

Dicksboro again provided stiff opposition in the county semi-final, played at Inistiöge. The final score was 3-1 to 2-1, and we had now qualified to meet a highly rated Shamrocks team in the county final. This game was played in Thomastown before a large attendance.

From the throw-in, it was action all the way with both team playing brilliantly. After an intriguing and sporting game, our girls eventually gave way to a physically stronger and more experienced Shamrocks team, losing out by just five points.

However, with nine of our players eligible again in 1995 for this grade, our hopes are high that victory could be ours if a determined effort is made by all.

The Club wishes to thank Mary Cottrell and Anita White for giving so unselfishly of their time in coaching and preparing the girls for the many games played during the year.



**ROWER-INISTIÖGE UNDER-16 ROINN B CAMOGIE RUNNERS-UP**

*Front (from left) – Becky Dempsey, Mairead Holohan, Michelle Flood, Mairead Kelly, Catriona Holohan, Siobhan White, Linda Minogue, Deirdre Brennan. Back – Catherine Corcoran, Elizabeth Cahill, Lourde O'Brien, Nora Barron, Linda Cottrell, Mairead Galavan, Ann Barron, Miriam Lyster, Michelle Tierney. Missing from photo: Valerie Minogue, Catherine Naddy, Pauline Wilmot, Briona Langton.*



# St. Brigid's (Ballycallan) Camogie Club

**NOT A very successful year for the club on the local scene, with no county titles garnered.**

The senior team, however, showed better form than previous years, and gave Lisdowney their toughest test on their way to county honours. They had victories over Tullaroan, Tullogher, Thomastown and Dicksboro, but lost to Lisdowney and St. Lachtain's.

This set them up for a semi-final meeting with Lisdowney. As so often in the past, it was Angela Downey-Browne who destroyed the locals with a devastating display in the first half. She was well contained in the second period by Catherine Kehoe. The final score was 4-10 to 1-9.

The team that played Lisdowney in the semi-final at Danesfort was as follows: Siobhan Holden, Ashling Byrne, Catherine Kehoe, Deirdre Malone, Mary Ryall, Tracy Millea, Kay Dunphy, Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford, Orla Ryall, Breda Power, Sinead Millea. *Subs.* - Deirdre O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Ryall, Lynn Holden (subs not used).

The under-21 team had victories over Tullaroan and Dicksboro to qualify for the county semi-final against St. Lachtain's. This game has not yet been played. With Tracy Millea and Olive O'Sullivan not available, the team has become very depleted.

The panel was as follows: Siobhan Holden, Ashling Byrne, Sinéad Millea, Tracy Millea, Catherine Kehoe (captain), Olive O'Sullivan, Deirdre O'Sullivan, Ann Marie Ryall, Orla Ryall, Margaret Comerford, Aoife Neary, Mary Purcell, Lynn Holden, Fiona Walsh, Ellen Murphy and Eimear Walsh.

The under-16 team qualified for the county semi-final of the Roinn B championship where they lost out to Shamrocks, the eventual champions, by 4-0 to 2-1, after they had led by 2-1 to 1-0 at the interval. Shamrocks had also beaten them in the League section. St. Brigid's beat Blacks and Whites, Mooncoin, Lisdowney and Dicksboro in the league section.

For the record, the team in the semi-final was: Aoife Neary, Ellen Murphy, Andrea Murphy, Mary Purcell, Eimear Walsh, Nicola Murphy, Ann Marie Ryall, Aoife Brennan, Deirdre Treacy, Pauline Comerford, Moira Coady, Carol Ireland. *Subs.* - Lynn Holden, Fiona Walsh, Martina Comerford, Louise Young, Nicola Fitzpatrick, Bronagh Neary,

Elizabeth Teehan, Pauline Ryall, Gemma Dillon.

The under-14 team went all the way to the county final. They beat Clara, Shamrocks, and Tullaroan, twice. After a great game, they went under in the last ten minutes to St. Lachtain's.

The panel was: Bronagh Neary, Eimear Walsh, Martina Comerford, Mary Purcell, Andrea Murphy, Nicola Murphy, Pauline Comerford, Aoife Brennan, Siobhan Maher, Aoife Neary, Deirdre Treacy, Aileen Carey, Moira Cody, Nicola Fitzpatrick, Bernadette Marnell, Elizabeth Teehan.

On the national front, there were five further All-Ireland senior camogie medals. Deirdre Malone won her ninth award, seven of them won on the field of play. Sinéad and Tracy Millea both won their second medals. Also on the panel were Siobhan Holden and Mary McGrath who won their first medals.

Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford, Catherine Kehoe, Kay Dunphy and Siobhán Holden were involved with the Kilkenny Junior team which won Leinster honours, and then travelled to London where they were beaten by the home side in the All-Ireland quarter-final.

Catherine Kehoe helped Waterford RTC to the Shield triumph in the Ashbourne Cup. They had been beaten by University of Limerick, for whom Sinead Millea was playing (in the first round). University of Limerick were beaten in the Ashbourne Cup final.

Two local girls figured in Croke Park in the mini-sevens games. Siobhán Maher played on the day of the All-Ireland Hurling Senior Semi-final, while Bronagh Neary figured on All-Ireland Hurling Final day and scored a cracking goal.

Four of our under-14 team figured on the Presentation Kilkenny team which won the Leinster First Year Blitz competition. They were Pauline Comerford, Aoife Brennan, Mary Purcell and Eimear Walsh. Margaret Comerford was voted the Sportsperson of the Year at St. Brigid's College, Callan.

The club took part in the recent Scór na nÓg competition. The Question time team of Yvonne Mullins, Ann Marie Ryall and Ellen Murphy were beaten into second place by just one mark. They also competed in the Set Dancing and Recitation.



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# KILKENNY

## All-Ireland Senior Camogie Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Angela Downey, Brigid Mullally, Marie Maher, Deirdre Malone, Tom Ryan (Team Coach).  
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Michelle Fennelly, Marina Downey, Tracey Millea, Ann Downey (Captain), Catherine Dunne, Sinead Costello, Gillian Dillon, Sinead Millea.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

# GRAIGUE/BALLYCALLAN

## Roinn 'A' Minor Hurling Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Jim Neary (Trainer/Coach), Alan Hoyne, Edward Brennan, Dermot Hoyne, James O'Connor, Pat Marnell, Niall Egan, Alan Trayer, John Comerford, Paddy Dwyer, Micheál Hoyne, Philip Butler, Samuel Ryall. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Joseph Cody, Patrick Nugent, Tommy Manogue, John Hoyne, Anthony Drohan, Damien Cleere, Joseph Young, Paul Dermody, Paul Hoyne, James Cullinan, Jimmy Lynch, Sean Dermody.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# DICKSBORO

## Senior Football Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Liam Scott, John Ruane, John Cunningham, Niall Morrissey, David Belrne, John Conlon, Derek Kenny, Liam Cassin, Christy Walsh, Michael Devane, Simon Walton, Stephen Kennedy, Brian Kennedy. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Tim Butler, John Madden, Phillip Spillane, Eoin Begley, Aidan Maher, Martin Harrick (Captain), Niall Lacey, Michael Kennedy, Kieran Boland, Sam Morrissey, Mick Lane.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

# MOONCOIN

## Vale Oil Intermediate Hurling County Champions 1994

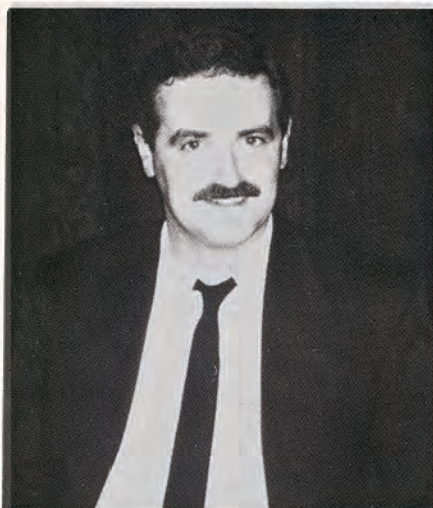
FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Michael Comerford, Billy Quinn, Eddie Crowley, Ger O'Shea, Jimmy Dunphy, Mark Tyler, Patrick Doyle, Domo Connolly, Paddy Crowley, Noel Phelan, Andy Phelan. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Jack Kearns, David Phelan, Tom Murphy, Joe Murphy, Trevor Dunphy, Michael Purcell, John Mahon (Captain), Pat Hogan, Michael Kinsella, Eamon Mackey, Eamon Delahunty, Michael Walsh.

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)





## Thanks to Brendan Williams



Brendan Williams, who has served as Secretary of the Kilkenny Camogie Board for the past three years, announced at this year's Convention that he would not be seeking re-election.

During his tenure of office, Brendan brought a new level of efficiency and professionalism to this very onerous position.

Brendan, who hails from Kilmacow, is on the teaching staff of the Loreto Secondary School where he is also actively involved in the coaching and administration of camogie.

There is an old adage that if you need to get something done, you should ask a busy person. Well in the case of Brendan, that adage can certainly be applied. The following is a list of positions, held during 1994, by Brendan.

Kilkenny Camogie Board Co. Secretary.

Kilkenny Camogie Board Fixtures Subcommittee.

Leinster Colleges Provincial Secretary.

Leinster Colleges Provincial Treasurer.

Leinster Colleges Provincial Registrar.

Leinster Colleges delegate to Leinster Council.

Leinster Colleges delegate to Colleges Central Council.

Leinster Colleges North Kilkenny zone secretary.

Co-Trainer (with Ted Browne) of County Minor and U-14 teams.

Trainer of Loreto Secondary Schools' Senior, Junior, Minor, First Year and 7-a-side camogie teams.

Trainer of Freshford club senior and minor camogie teams.

Leinster Junior Gael Linn selector.

N.C.T.C. National Camogie Tutor.

The above list of positions held by Brendan gives some insight into the extraordinary dedication and commitment he gives to the fostering and promotion of camogie at schools, club and county level.

Brendan can best be described in one word "Perfectionist". He will certainly be a hard act to follow.

Thanks Brendan, agus go n-éirí an bóthar leat.

## Thomastown Vocational School Leinster Vocational Schools' Senior Camogie Champions 1994

Thomastown V.S. 3-0;  
Banagher V.S. 1-1



Ruth O'Connor (Thomastown) Kilkenny Féile na nGael Skillstar 1994



Back row: Mary Doyle, Shirley Walpole, Brenda Murphy, Liz Dempsey, Martina Mullally, Florence Lanigan, Ann Delaney, Mary Norris. Front row: Bridget Cassin, Olivia Burke, Ruth O'Connor, Dolores Lanigan, Siobhán White, Yvonne Malone, Georgina Foley. Missing from photograph: Olivia Hayden.

## Loreto Secondary School Leinster Colleges Senior Champions 1994



Loreto Secondary School Leinster Colleges senior champions 1994 – Back row: Ann-Marie Hogan (Dicksboro); Lisa Skehan (Lisdowney); Rachel McEvoy (Dicksboro); Anita Heverin, Olive Hennessy (Tullaroan); Mary Doyle (Emeralds); Ann-Marie Trait (Dicksboro); Sheila Dooley (Freshford); Middle row: Dierdre Doyle (Dicksboro); Ruth Comerford (Dicksboro); Deirdre Costigan (Dicksboro); Eimear Connery (Freshford); Mary Ryan (Freshford); Mairéad Costelloe (Freshford); Imelda Kennedy (Freshford); Niamb Phelan (Clara); Sinéad Costelloe (Freshford); Front row: Brenda O'Reilly (Dicksboro); Caitriona Carey (Clara); Kathleen Ryan (Freshford); Jennifer Dillon (Clara); Fiona Connery (Freshford); Margaret Kavanagh (Freshford) (captain); Nickie Tynan (Dicksboro); Pauline Hogan (Dicksboro); Ann Wall (Freshford); Aisling Fitzpatrick (Lisdowney).



# Shamrocks Camogie Club

1994 will certainly rate as the most successful year in our club's history with the unprecedented success of three teams in county finals.

The three championship finals won were as follows:

Junior, Primary Schools Roinn B, and Under-16 Roinn B.

In addition to these successes, our Under-14 team reached the county semi-final and our Under-18's are still in contention for further honours, having reached the county semi-finals also.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS ROINN B CHAMPIONS:

On 23rd June, 1994, Ballyhale Primary School became Roinn B County Champions, beating Tullogher 6-0 to 3-0 in Mullinavat. Ballyhale held a three goal lead approaching half time, but a spirited rally by Tullogher yielded a goal just before the break, and a further two goals in quick succession early in the second half put the teams on level terms. A rattled Ballyhale then moved Ciara Fennelly into the backs. This move proved a match winner with the team settling and going on to secure three further goals before the full-time whistle sounded. Hero for Shamrocks was their full-forward, Siobhán Dermody, who scored 4 goals, with Rachel O'Brien and captain, Irene Connolly, securing the other two goals. On route to the final, Ballyhale defeated St. Canice's, Tullaroan, Gaelscoil and Lisdowney.

Winning team: Marie Connolly, Paula Kenneally, Lisa Knox, Linda Fitzpatrick,



*Ballyhale N.S. Roinn B Primary School Champions. Front: Assumpta O'Farrell, Elaine Aylward, Irene Connolly (captain), Breda Walsh, Siobhán Dermody, Paula Kenneally, Marie Connolly, Orla O'Keeffe. Middle row: Una O'Sullivan, Carol Cottrell, Rose Kiely, Lisa Knox, Linda Fitzpatrick, Ciara Fennelly, Rachel O'Brien, Andrea Holohan. Back row: J. J. Dunphy (Principal), Mary Connors, Yvonne Holohan, Breda Millea, Evelyn Morrissey, Elaine Dermody, Aoife McMahon, Geraldine Fennelly, Laura Wemyss, Imelda Moloney (coach)*

*(Photo by Photo: Michael O'Byrne)*

Rose Kiely, Carol Cottrell, Irene Connolly, Una O'Sullivan, Rachel O'Brien, Ciara Fennelly, Andrea Holohan, Siobhán Dermody. Subs: Breda Walsh, Elaine Aylward, Assumpa O'Farrell and Laura Wemyss.

Ballyhale Primary School also contested the County Final of the I.N.T.O. Mini-Sevens Competition, and, having led all through the game, were very unlucky to have victory snatched from them, at the end, by Kilmanagh.

## UNDER-16 ROINN B CHAMPIONS:

The Under-16 team which won Roinn B County Final have made steady progress



*Shamrocks - County Junior Camogie Champions 1994 - Front row (from left): Joanne Phelan, Angela Ireland, Martina Aylward, Christine Aylward, Alison Hayes, Fiona Lambert, Olive Ryan, Mary B. Aylward. Back row: John Kenneally (Trainer and Selector), Siobhán Ryan, Geraldine Walsh, Frances Holohan, Maureen Cullen, Ethel Anne Moloney, Ber Doyle (captain), Eleanor Walsh, Marie Aylward, Caroline Dunne, Pascal Connolly (mentor).*

over the past number of years, having won Under-12 and Under-14 Finals. They are a very dedicated and courageous group of girls and future of camogie looks assured in Ballyhale for many years if they continue to play the game. Having begun this year's campaign with a draw against Mooncoin, they beat Rower-Inistioge, Black & Whites and Lisdowney to qualify for the county semi-final where they met St. Bridget's. This game was played in terrible underfoot conditions at a wind swept Hugginstown. Despite the conditions, both teams treated their loyal supporters to a great game of camogie, with Shamrocks winning by 4-0 to 1-2. The final was played in Thomastown on 2nd October before a large crowd, with Shamrocks coming out victors by 4-4 to 3-2. Shamrocks' scorers were Grace Fennelly (2-2), Geraldine Walsh (1-2), and Mary B. Aylward (1-0). Stars of the campaign were Captain Olive Ryan and Marie Walsh, who would have been on the Shamrocks winning Junior team but for a nasty hand injury sustained early in the season. Marie's sister, Geraldine Walsh, was brilliant throughout the year getting many vital scores. Goalkeeper Martina Kenneally and defenders Joanne Murphy, Niamh Holden, Lavinia Connolly, Mary B. Aylward all played notable parts in the team's victory. Karina Connolly, Deirdre Hoyne, Emma Fitzpatrick, and top scorer, on Final Day, Grace Fennelly, also contributed handsomely to the victorious



campaign. In addition to the aforementioned, the remaining players on the panel were Elaine Fitzpatrick, Anne Marie Coogan, Maresa Fennelly, Catriona Fennelly, Paula O'Neill, Sharon Connolly, Lisa Phelan, Jennifer O'Brien and Alma Fitzpatrick.

#### JUNIOR CHAMPIONS:

Shamrocks defeated Mullinavat, Carrickshock, Mooncoin and Young Ireland's to qualify for the county semi-final where they defeated Freshford by 5-10 to 2-2. Heroes of the semi-final victory were Christine Aylward, Maureen Cullen, Marie Aylward and Ethel Ann Moloney. In the County Final, played before a large crowd at Piltown, Shamrocks defeated old rivals Mooncoin

by 4-8 to 1-7. There were tears of joy after the game when Shamrocks captain, Ber Doyle, was presented with the Cup by County Chairperson Sheila Dowling.

The Shamrocks club has enjoyed a remarkable year of success with the winning of three county finals, but the success of the Junior team was undoubtedly the highlight. The full panel for the Junior winning team was as follows:

Ber Aylward-Doyle (captain), Martina Aylward, Marie Aylward, Maureen Cullen, Alison Hayes, Ethel Ann Moloney, Siobhán Ryan, Frances Holohan, Christine Aylward, Eleanor Walsh, Fiona Lambert, Joanne Murphy, Joanne Phelan, Marie Walsh, Mary B.

Aylward, Geraldine Walsh, Angela Ireland, Olive Ryan, Caroline Dunne.

The future of camogie in Ballyhale looks assured for many years to come, and great credit for the present healthy state of camogie in the club must go to their trainer John Kenneally. John's patience and dedication has contributed in no small way to the development of camogie in Ballyhale. John has been ably assisted by his wife Joan. Congratulations to both Joan and John on the birth of a baby boy in November.

The club eagerly looks forward to 1995 and have signalled to the best in the county that they are a force to be reckoned with. Congratulations to all concerned on a marvellous year.

## Tullogher Camogie Club

1994 proved to be a very difficult one for our club. Having enjoyed considerable success over the past number of years – graduating from winning the Junior B title in 1988 to contesting the county senior championship semi-finals for the past two years – the club was only able to fulfil one game in this years senior championship.

What was our problems, one may ask? Well, first of all, we lost our great hero and servant for many years, the legendary Bidy O'Sullivan, who, perhaps most knowledgeable camogie followers would say, hung up her boots prematurely. Bidy the Great was suitably honoured with a presentation made by our Chairperson, Eileen Murphy, to mark her retirement after almost twenty years service to Tullogher and Kilkenny camogie. Bidy gave us many happy memories, and who knows but we may see Bidy back at a future date as a mentor or trainer with some of the Tullogher teams.

Bidy's close friend and inter-county colleague – Noreen Tierney – also announced her retirement. Noreen's

departure dealt a severe blow to our younger players' morale as Noreen was always looked up to by all our youthful players. We also wish Noreen well for the future.

Losing two inter-county stars was difficult, but the club was dealt an ever greater body blow at the start of the year when our other inter-county star Una Murphy sustained a horrific knee injury which was to deprive her of any further involvement on the playing fields during 1994. Una's injury required major surgery from which she is presently recuperating.

The concluding paragraph of a profile of Una featured in last year's Kilkenny G.A.A. Yearbook read as follows:

"Perhaps 1993 wasn't as successful as Una would have wished, but, at twenty, Una, like many of her county colleagues, has plenty of time on her side. For the young Tullogher girl the 1994 season can't come quickly enough, and, perhaps with it will come the chance to finally put the horrors of that Holyday in 1993 out of her mind forever. For Una is a girl with a mission and one All-Ireland isn't enough by a long shot".

Let's hope that Una can now put the

much greater horror of 1994 behind her, and who, knowing Una's determination and unquenchable spirit, would bet against her donning the black and amber at some state during 1995 in pursuit of that elusive second All-Ireland medal. We hope Una's and Tullogher's fortunes improve during 1995.

Our senior team trainer for the past six years, Denis Murphy, also took a break from club duties during the year. Denis had the great honour and distinction of training the county junior camogie team which captured the Leinster title. Denis takes up the story:

"It was a great honour and privilege for me to be nominated by Tullogher camogie club to train this great group of girls, and I will always cherish the happy memories of being associated with this team. My pride is, however, tinged with regret that circumstances outside of their control deprived our two teenage stars Catherine Murphy and Dolores Lanigan of the opportunity to represent Tullogher on the winning Leinster Final panel". Again we hope to see both Catherine and Dolores back playing with Tullogher and Kilkenny in 1995.

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# CLARA CAMOGIE CLUB

CLARA Camogie Club enjoyed another good year of training, playing, and the excitement of winning. The Primary School had a very successful year, and credit for this must go to trainer/teacher John Bolger who has done trojan work over many years in helping the young boys and girls develop their skills.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of the year was the winning of the Primary Schools Roinn A title, where we beat Freshford by just one point in a tremendously exciting, but nerve-racking, encounter.

On our way to the final, we overcame old rivals, Ballycallan, in a very close and exciting game. Winning the Roinn A title was a marvellous achievement for our school as we had been upgraded from Roinn B at the beginning of the year.

Our under-14 Roinn A team were defeated by Freshford in the county semi-final. Our under-16 team also reached the Roinn A semi-final where we were beaten by eventual winners of the county final, Tullaroan, by the minimum margin – one point. Our Junior team won all games in the league section, but were eventually knocked out in the county semi-final by a highly rated and stronger Mooncoin contingent.

The Junior 'B' team qualified for the County Final where we again were beaten by the "auld" enemy, Freshford.



**CLARA-CASTLEWARREN – COMMUNITY GAMES CAMOGIE COUNTY WINNERS**  
 Front row (left to right) – Laura Hanlon, Helena Nolan, Karen Kealy, Bronagh Ryan, Jane Foley, Helena Nolan, Mary Foley. Back row (left to right) – Phil Dowling (secretary), Colette Comerford, Valerie Mulrooney, Emer O'Loughlin, Emma Mullins, Elizabeth Drea, Maeve O'Loughlin, Deirdre Dowling (trainer). Missing from photo: Catherine O'Keefe.

Emigration and examination commitments deprived us of some of our best players in this grade.

Clara-Castlewarren won the Community Games camogie county final, accounting for St. Patrick's and Urlingford on their passage to the final where they defeated Tullagher/Rosbercon-Glenmore. Unfortunately, we were unable for Wexford in the next round and were deprived of the opportunity of a trip to Mosney this year.

Congratulations to Catriona Carey on winning the Hotel Kilkenny Sports

Personality of the Month in February, having had the honour of captaining the Under-16 Irish hockey team. Catriona, who is one of our most promising under-age players, was also captain of our Under-16 camogie team this year. Like her illustrious brother, D.J. Carey, Catriona is an accomplished and dedicated sports person.

In conclusion, a very special word of thanks to our secretary, Phil Dowling, and her husband, John, who have done more than their share to foster the great game of camogie in our parish. Well done, Phil and John.



**CLARA PRIMARY SCHOOL – ROINN A WINNERS, WITH THE PÁDRAIG LENNON MEMORIAL SHIELD**

Included in the picture (front row, left to right) – Deirdre Armitage, Ashling McDonald, Deirdre Shortall, Gemma Dowling, Helena Nowlan, Karen Morrissey. Middle row (left to right) – Kathleen Culleton, Marlyn Nolan, Bronagh Ryan, Karen Kealy (capt.), Colette Comerford, Alison Carrigan, Emer O'Loughlin, Lisa Collins. Back row (left to right) – Yvonne Armitage, Christine Mathews, Alice Butler, Mairead Brennan, Phil Dowling (secretary), Breda Butler, Sharon McDonald, Laura Hanlon, John Bolger N.T. (trainer), Rosanna Murphy, Ciara Comerford, Valerie Mulrooney. Inset: Jane Foley.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



## The Pádraig Lennon Memorial Shield

This Shield was presented to the Camogie County Board by Mrs. Dollie Lennon and her family in memory of her husband, Pádraig. Pádraig Lennon was a keen and skilful sportsman, and, after his playing days were over, turned his attention, to coaching and training the boys and girls in hurling and camogie.

He was a great ambassador for the game and his parish until his untimely death in 1990, while in Mosney with the Clara camogie team. The Clara girls won the All-Ireland Community Games Camogie Final in that year.

Pádraig was a noted and accomplished hurler, winning three Senior Hurling Championship medals with Éire Óg in 1944, 1945, 1947. He was also a member of the senior county hurling panel in 1946/1947. Pádraig was also a noted footballer, winning two county championship medals with St. John's in 1946, 1948.

Mrs. Dollie Lennon's father was another great ambassador for Gaelic game – Tom Walshe, of the Blacks and Whites club, winning a Senior Football Championship in 1932, and a Harty Cup medal with Rockwell in 1918. He was Chairman of the County Board from 1944 to 1956 and Chairman of Leinster Council from 1948 to 1950.

Two cups perpetuate his memory – the Walshe Cup for the Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship (presented by himself), and the Walshe Cup for the Leinster Accident Fund (donated by Mahon & McPhillips).



The Pádraig Lennon Memorial Shield being presented by Mrs. Dolie Lennon to John Phelan. Left to right – John Dowling, Clara Camogie Club; John Phelan, Treasurer, Camogie County Board; Brendan Williams, Secretary, Camogie County Board. Mrs. Dolie Lennon, Chairperson, Clara Camogie Club; John Bolger, N.T., Clara; Mrs. Phil Dowling, Secretary, Clara Camogie Club; Mrs. Mary Reade, daughter of the late Pádraig Lennon; Karen Kealy (capt.), Clara Primary Schools Camogie.

(Photo: T. O'Neill)



St. Paul's, Navan, with their trainer, Marr Bolger, pictured on a recent visit to Clara. Clara girls included in the photo are: Laura Hanlon, Karen Kealy, Roseanna Murphy, Alison Carrigan, Mary Foley, Catherine O'Keefe, Eimear O'Loughlin, Jane Foley and Maeve O'Loughlin.

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# Mullinavat Camogie Club

Camogie continues to prosper in Mullinavat and credit for this must be given to club trainer, Tom Anthony, who has done sterling work over many years to bring success to the club. This year, he produced a great crop of young players who won out the Roinn 'B' Under-14 County Final.

In their march to the final the club defeated Castlecomer, James Stephens, Thomastown, Emeralds and Lisdowney, losing to The Rower-Inistioge in the League Section. Mullinavat qualified for the County Final beating Emeralds in the Semi-Final. In the final, Mullinavat beat the Rower-Inistioge 1-5 to 1-2 in a highly competitive and entertaining game in Ballyhale.

The future of camogie in Mullinavat seems assured if this group of skilful and dedicated players continue to respond to the promptings of their coach and mentor, Tom Anthony.



*MULLINAVAT - Under-14 Roinn B County Champions 1994.*

*Front row (from left): Angela Kenneally, Siobhán Wall, Fiona Sutton, Louise Foskin, Kathleen Atkins (captain), Ada Kenneally, Ann Aylward, Serena Roche. Back row: Elaine Wall, Sinéad Maddock, Anne Marie Raftice, Bridget Aylward, Diana Coughlan, Yvette Aylward, Valerie Sutton, Nora Sutton.*

# St. Lachtain's Camogie Club



*ST. LACHTAIN'S - Kilkeny Senior Camogie Finalists - 1994*

*Back (l. to r.): Pa Dillon (selector), Mairéad Costelloe, Gillian Dillon, Sinéad Costelloe, Margaret Kavanagh, Hilda Butler, Margaret Hickey, Imelda Kennedy, Kathleen Dooley, Margaret Dooley, Breda Dooley. Front (left to right): Sheila Dowling (selector), Kathleen Ryan, Esther Kennedy, Maura Costelloe, Patricia Dalton, Paula Dowling, Fiona Connery, Helen McGrath, Mary Carmel Ryan, Eimear Connery.*

*(Photo: Tom Brett)*

Once again St. Lachtain's members and supporters can look back on a relatively successful year. The numerous triumphs at under-age level during the past few years were added to by the Under-14's and carried a step further by the winning of the Junior B championship. While the breakthrough has yet to be made at senior level, the fact that the club qualified with a young team for its second senior final in-a-row, shows that the work is bearing fruition. Losing the county final to

the eventual All-Ireland senior club champions indicated that the necessary standard within the club is attainable.

The Scoil Lachtain team set the scene early this year by qualifying for the county Roinn A final. Clara proved the opposition in Nowlan Park. The teams were evenly matched, with both sets of defenders dominating the entire game. Only a last minute disallowed goal for Scoil Lachtain prevented the Freshford girls from stealing victory from Clara, who held on to win by an amazing 0-1 to 0-0 scoreline.

The Scoil Lachtain team was:

Sinéad Kavanagh; Catherine Walsh; Michelle Cass; Nicola Brennan; Charlotte Brennan; Breena Phelan; Ellie Butler; Bernadette Dooley; Lindsay Kavanagh; Caitriona Watson; Lisa Kennedy; Grace Dalton; Anne Fortune; Selena Quinn; Juliette Ryan; Gráinne Hurley, Marie Phelan; Caitriona Cormack and Marie O'Connor.

Lady Luck smiled on St. Lachtain's in the Under-14 final, however, as they held out for a hard earned victory over St. Brigid's of Graigue/Ballycallan. Thus they qualified for an unprecedented sixth time



to represent Kilkenny at Féile na nGael. The venue this year was Limerick. The Grannagh Club of Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, were hosts to St. Lachtain's. While the Limerick ladies were delightful hosts, they didn't allow their friendship to intrude on the opening game as they defeated the Freshford girls and left them with an uphill battle to qualify for the final stages. While St. Lachtain's tried gallantly, they lost out to the eventual All-Ireland champions from Galway.

St. Lachtain's Under-14's: Louise Burke, Emma Fitzpatrick, Pamela Byrne, Claire Dermody, Sheila Dalton, Breana Phelan, Sinéad Shortt, Sinéad Kavanagh, Claire Burke, Mary Carmel Ryan, Bernadette Dooley, Mairéad Costelloe, Marie O'Connor, Caitriona Cormack, Marie Phelan, Regina Hughes, Aisling Kelly, Juliette Ryan, Sabrina Grace, Breda Kavanagh, Marie Kennedy.

St. Lachtain's used up their share of luck in that Under-14 County Final. A small bit would not have gone astray as the Under-16's lost an enthralling final to neighbours, Tullaroan, by just one point in Danesfort. The high standard of camogie served up in this game was a tribute to both sets of players. The skill and commitment of the neighbouring teams left nothing to be desired, with Tullaroan just holding out for victory.

St. Lachtain's Under-16's: Orla Brennan, Breda Dooley, Emma Fitzpatrick, Kelly Long, Julie Ryan, Sinéad Hurley, Eimear Connery, Marie Dowling, Mairéad Costelloe, Mary Carmel Ryan, Frances Cleere; Ann Marie Butler, Claire Dermody, Sinéad Shortt, Lisa Rafter, Marie Fitzpatrick, Mairéad Kelly, Orla O'Connor, Breda Wall.

The winning of the first Junior B title was another milestone for the club. Clara were the opponents, but went down to a strong St. Lachtain's team:

Siobhán Dermody, Breda Dooley, Miriam Butler, Kelly Long, Margaret Dooley, Emma Fitzpatrick, Sinéad Hurley, Catherine Teehan, Marie Dowling, Geraldine Ryan, Mary Carmel Ryan, Elaine Butler, Claire Dermody, Julie Ryan, Ann Wall, Ann Marie Butler, Lisa Rafter.

Qualifying for a second senior final in-



**ST. LACHTAIN'S – County Junior "B" Camogie Champions 1994**

*Back: Ann Wall, Kelly Long, Margaret Dooley, Lisa Rafter, Sinéad Hurley, Julie Ryan, Breda Dooley, Marie Dowling, Ann Marie Butler. Front: Claire Dermody, Emma Fitzpatrick, Mary Carmel Ryan, Geraldine Ryan, Elaine Butler, Siobhán Dermody, Catherine Teehan, Miriam Butler.*



**ST. LACHTAIN'S – Roinn A Under-14 Champions 1994**

*Back: Aisling Kelly, Claire Burke, Regina Hughes, Louise Burke, Sinéad Shortt, Emma Fitzpatrick, Mairéad Costelloe, Sinéad Kavanagh, Mary Carmel Ryan. Front: Bernadette Dooley, Sheila Dalton, Marie Phelan, Breda Kavanagh, Marie O'Connor, Caitriona Cormack, Juliette Ryan, Breana Phelan, Sabrina Grace.*

a-row was a great achievement for a relatively young St. Lachtain's team. Hopefully they will go all the way in the near future.

Congratulations to players and officials who were connected with Kilkenny's All-Ireland senior camogie victory. Sinéad Costelloe and Gillian Dillon starred on the winning team while Margaret Kavanagh, Margaret Hickey, Esther Kennedy and Imelda Kennedy were panellists.

Sheila Dowling maintained St. Lachtain's highly successful connection with the chairmanship of the Co. Board as she held the position this year, following Teresa Dillon's successful stint in that position. Club member Brendan Williams held the position of Secretary of

the Co. Board again this year.

On the county junior team were:

Helen McGrath, Esther Kennedy, Sinéad Costelloe, Margaret Hickey, Paula Dowling, Hilda Butler, Fiona Connery, Imelda Kennedy and Margaret Kavanagh.

On the county minor team were:

Eimear Connery, Mairéad Costelloe, Mary Carmel Ryan and Kelly Long.

Representing St. Lachtain's on the Under-14 county team were:

Mary C. Ryan, Mairéad Costelloe, Emma Fitzpatrick, Claire Dermody.

The Under-13 shield, held in conjunction with the Philip Kinane Cup competition, was won by Mairéad Costelloe's team in October.

Our thanks to players, officials, and members who supported St. Lachtain's



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# Kilkenny Junior Camogie Team - triumph and defeat

SUNDAY, 13th March, 1994 marked the season's first appearance of the Junior Camogie team at a cold, blustery and rain-sodden Ballyragget for a National League game versus Limerick.

Playing with the assistance of a strong wind, the home side built up what indeed seemed a precarious half time lead of 1-3 to 0-0. Playing under the experimental 15-a-side rules, an under strength Kilkenny team were quickly overtaken in the second period and eventually lost out to a much stronger and more determined Limerick side by 1-4 to 4-5. Michelle Fennelly who had been kept on the subs bench for this game was handed the goalkeepers jersey for the senior league game against Dublin which immediately followed the Junior game.

The next outing for the Junior team was at Nowlan Park on Sunday, 14th April, 1994. Little did we think as we left the field of play on that glorious April day that we had annihilated a Galway team that, come September, would be All-Ireland Junior Champions. This was a day on which our team showed skills and determination in abundance and sent a signal to all that it would be a force to be reckoned with during the remainder of league and championship. The final score of 2-13 to 0-3 was a true reflection of Kilkenny's superiority throughout the field of play. This game also marked the

introduction after an illness, of Fran Shore making her inter county debut for the Junior team. Gaining in strength and confidence, young Fran improved the proverbial ton with her every subsequent outing and quickly established herself as one of the defensive stars of the team.

With May 8, 1994 very much fixed in our minds for our Championship showdown against neighbours and old rivals, Wexford, to be played in the traditional format of 12-a-side, we arranged a challenge game against Tipperary. After a close fought encounter, we emerged victorious on a scoreline 3-6 to 1-9 in a game played at Lisdowney on April 27, 1994.

On then to Oylegate for our first round championship showdown with Wexford. After a tentative and lack lustre performance, we emerged fortunate victors on a scoreline 0-12 to 1-7. A feature of this game was the outstanding performance of Freshford's Margaret Hickey who gave a virtuoso performance at centre back.

A twice-postponed league fixture against Offaly was eventually played on a rain-sodden pitch at Shinroe on Wednesday evening, May 11, 1994. Even though short a number of regulars, the team showed great fighting spirit and a highly fancied Offaly side were brushed aside by the awesome power of the hungry cats. Final score - Kilkenny 3-5, Offaly 1-2. My abiding memories of this game will be of three fantastic saves brought off by

Michelle Fennelly, and of team captain, Joan Aylward defiantly repelling wave after wave of Offaly attacks.

Ten day later, we were back to championship 12-a-side camogie at Lisdowney, where we beat a gallant Meath team by 4-8 to 1-2. The two Margarets - Comerford and Kavanagh - were in sparkling form, scoring 2-2 and 2-1 respectively.

Our next outing brought us to the banks of the Lee for a League Quarter Final against Cork at Ballincollig. With just two minutes played, disaster struck. Margaret Hickey, our outstanding and courageous centre back, sustained a broken hand. This was a dreadful blow for the team as Margaret had been the rock on which so many of our opponents had faltered during the year to date. If it was as a disaster for the team, it was an even greater misfortune for Margaret as she was unable to sit very important examinations at University College, Cork scheduled to start the following day. We salute Margaret's courage and dedication, and while she could play no further part in our march to Leinster glory, she demonstrated her great courage and love for the game to come storming back later in the year to win an All Ireland Senior Medal at Croke Park in September. For the record, we lost the league game at Ballincollig by 2-6 to 0-2. Thanks to Maura Costelloe for coming out of a self imposed retirement to assist our heavily depleted ranks on that



Kilkenny Junior Camogie Team, Officials and supporters, pictured at Kilkenny Station before departing for London last July for the All Ireland Quarter Final game against London. Front Row (from left): Imelda Kennedy, Aine Dunne, Sandra Gleeson, Catherine Dunne, Mary McGrath, Esther Kennedy, Helen McGrath, Fiona Connery, Siobhán Mackey. Back Row: Mrs. Butler, Catherine Kehoe, Catherine Neary, Siobhán Holden, Billy Malone, Hilda Butler, Carmel Savage, Margaret Kavanagh, Denis Murphy, Joan Aylward, John Phelan, Annie Dunne, Fran Shore, Martin Butler, Margaret Comerford, Diarmuid Dunne, Marie Maher, Sinéad Costelloe, Anne Murphy.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



day. Later in the year, Maura was to show her marvellous generosity once more when she agreed to play for Kilkenny Senior team in their championship debut against Clare at Ballyragget in order to avoid any of the Junior panel having to lose their Junior status. Thanks Maura, it was much appreciated.

Fortunately our Junior team had three weeks to regroup after this defeat before taking on Carlow, our conquerors of the previous year. The pain and disappointment of last year's defeat in the Leinster Final played in Myshall was firmly etched on all the players' minds as we strode out on the Ballyragget pitch, to play the Leinster semi-final. This time there was to be no mistake, and we eventually ran out convincing and easy winners by 3-11 to 1-5. Feature of this game was the unerring accuracy of full forward Imelda Kennedy and the rock like resistance of captain, Joan Aylward, in defence.

The scene was now set for our Leinster Final showdown with Offaly. Sunday, 10th July was a proud day for this brave team with the winning of the Leinster title after a titanic struggle at Nowlan Park on a scoreline 3-10 to 2-10. Each and every

player played her heart out to secure this great victory, but none more so than Freshford's Sinéad Costelloe who gave an outstanding display of defensive play in the pivotal centre back position. After the game, our brave captain Joan Aylward ascended the steps of the stand to receive the magnificent Leinster trophy from Leinster Council Chairperson Phyllis Breslin. If ever a player deserved to get her hands on that trophy, it was Joan, who had been an inspirational captain all year. With Joan it can truly be said that her actions always spoke louder than words.

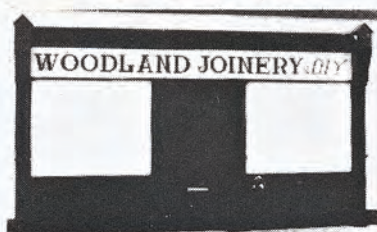
After savouring this Leinster success our thoughts turned to our next assignment which was the All Ireland Quarter Final which required us to travel to London to play the home team. There was a great air of expectancy and confidence in the build-up to this game, and spirits were high as we left Kilkenny Station by train on the first leg of our journey to London on Saturday, 30th July. The party then travelled by air to London.

The following day, we took the field at Parnells Park, Greenford, hoping to beat London and set ourselves up for an All Ireland semi-final against Galway. On a

day when temperatures reached the high seventies, our girls appeared not to be on speaking terms with their hurleys. Having led by 0-3 to 0-1 at half time we were quickly overhauled in the second half by a physically stronger and more highly motivated London team who ran out deserving and convincing winners 2-8 to 0-5. The mood, as one might easily appreciate, was very sombre in the Kilkenny camp afterwards and our hearts went out to these brave girls who had done so much and worked so hard all year in pursuit of All Ireland glory. I salute this great group of dedicated and talented girls who were gracious in defeat and marvellous ambassadors for Kilkenny camogie. Roll on 1995.

**Kilkenny Junior Camogie Panel 1994:**  
Helen McGrath, Paula Dowling, Esther Kennedy, Hilda Butler, Sinead Costelloe, Margaret Hickey, Imelda Kennedy, Fiona Connery, Margaret Kavanagh, Joan Aylward (captain), Marie Maher, Kay Bowden, Mary McGrath, Margaret Comerford, Kay Dunphy, Catherine Kehoe, Anne Marie Hughes, Catherine Dunne, Aine Dunne, Sandra Gleeson, Fran Shore, Siobhan Holden.

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Waterford R.T.C. Ashbourne Panel 1994 . . . . Back Row (left to right): Lillian Kavanagh, Ciaran Scallan, Brigid Wall, Deirdre Breen, Emma Donegan, Marita Tobin (capt.) Bobby Stack, Siobhán Holden. Front Row (left to right): Sinéad Nealon, Martha Cahill, Jackie Murphy, Cáit O'Leary, Una Murphy, Hilda Butler, Catherine Kehoe. Missing from photo: Sonya Maher, Elaine Diviney, Patricia Kelly.

1915 – The first University Camogie Club was founded in U.C.D. The oldest competition of which Camogie can boast began in 1915, and this was the Ashbourne Cup for Inter-Varsities. The inaugural competition was won by U.C.D.

1972 – Una Bean Uí Phuirseil became Prèisident of the newly established Comhairle Chamógaíochta na hInstitúid um Ardoideachas (C.C.I.A.) Purcell Cup Competition 1997.

Agnes Purcell's Camogie career spanned over 50 years by the time of her death in 1983. A native of Ballingarry, Co. Limerick, She was a student and graduate of U.C.D. Through her involvement with U.C.D. in the administration of affairs of the association at various levels, Agnes realised how much the graduates of third level colleges had to contribute to the camogie association. The Purcell Cup competition is in honour of Agnes Purcell. The competition is confined to Teacher Training Colleges and Regional Technical Colleges. Many camogie players from Kilkenny have featured on such teams. However the structure of the Camogie Competitions was altered in 1993 thus allowing Teacher Training Colleges and Regionals to compete in 1994 in the Ashbourne Cup Competition. For two years the Waterford Regional Technical College beat the Ashbourne Champions in the League Final. This was a huge step for a college of 4000 students.

In 1994, Kilkenny camogie players at Waterford Regional Technical College

competed in an Ashbourne Competition for the first time ever. The players were: Catherine Kehoe, Ballycallan; Siobhán Holden, Ballycallan, Una Murphy, Tullogher, Lillian Kavanagh, Dicksboro, Brigid Wall, Lisdowney, Hilda Butler, Freshford, Deirdre Breen, Muckalee.

The teams that the W.R.T.C. played were – St. Mary's, Belfast, which W.R.T.C. beat, putting them into the Semi-Final decider against University of Limerick to decide who qualified for the Shield and for the Cup. Kilkenny inter county star, Sinead Millea from Ballycallan played for University of Limerick that day. University of Limerick beat W.R.T.C. to qualify for the Cup, while W.R.T.C. had to settle for playing in the Shield Competition.

W.R.T.C. played D.C.U. (Dublin City University) in the Shield semi-final in which their long standing stalwart, Catherine Dunne (Lisdowney and Kilkenny) featured, marking Hilda Butler (Freshford and Kilkenny Juniors).

W.R.T.C. emerged victorious and set their sights on playing in the Shield Final against Athlone R.T.C. After extra time, W.R.T.C. again emerged winners.

Highlight of the victory was the outstanding display of goalkeeper, Siobhán Holden and full back, Catherine Kehoe (affectionately known as the 'square one'). The victorious Shield winning team was as follows:-

Siobhán Holden (Ballycallan); Catherine Kehoe (Ballycallan), Brigid Wall (Lisdowney), Marita Tobin (Cashel Tipp), Ciara Scallan (Wicklow, Avoca),

Marita Cahill (Ardkeen, Waterford), Hilda Butler (Freshford), Sonia Mahe (Clare); Jackie Murphy (Ardkeer Waterford), Cáit O'Leary (Limerick), Sinéad Nealon (Tipperary), Bobby Stac (Castlemahon, Limerick). Subs: Un Murphy (Tullogher - injured), Emm Donegan (Meath), Deirdre Bree (Muckalee), Lillian Kavanagh (Dicksboro), Elaine Diviney (Galway), Siobhá O'Shea (Cork).

Incidentally, wing forward Sinéad is daughter of well known inter-county an multi-All Ireland medal winner Doni Nealon. Like father like daughter, as the say.

## PURCELL CUP - ROLL OF HONOUR

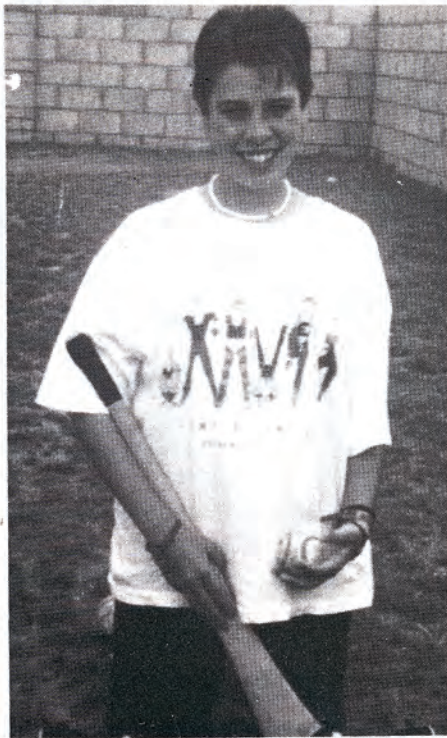
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- 1989 Mary Immaculate, Limerick.
- 1990 Waterford Regional Technical College.
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- 1993 Waterford Regional Technical College.



PROFILE

# SIOBHÁN HOLDEN

WATERFORD R.T.C.



SIOBHÁN, who plays her club hurling with Ballycallan, is an environmental engineering student at the W.R.T.C. Since Siobhán arrived on the scene at the W.R.T.C., she has made an absolutely huge impact with the camogie team. Throughout the whole season, Siobhán's strength, courage, voice and superb reaches, have served her, and the team brilliantly. From her position on the goal line, she marshalled all the outfield players. The goal posts were her kingdom, and she, their protector. Siobhán caught the watchful eyes of the C.C.I.A. selectors with her masterly displays throughout the year, and she was honoured to be selected as goalkeeper for the Combined team which took part in the Combined Competition. The Combined Competition is a game played between a team picked from the Asbourne teams and a team picked from the Purcell Cup teams. This match, which features the cream of camogie players at Colleges level, is played on the Fitzgibbon weekend in an effort to promote and display the skills of Third Level Camogie players. On this particular weekend, Siobhán gave a really outstanding performance and was widely acclaimed as an outstanding goalkeeper with a big future in camogie.

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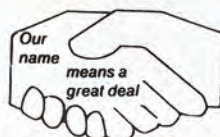


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# Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny

1994 represented the most successful year so far for the Loreto Secondary school. The school's senior and junior camogie teams won their respective Leinster championships, both for the first time. The school's 7-a-side team regained their Leinster title after a lapse of one year.

Prior to this year, the senior team had appeared in the previous two Leinster Finals, losing both times by a margin of one goal, to St. Brigid's College, Callan. This time, however, they met and defeated their arch rivals at the semi-final stage, before winning the title against St. Brigid's College, Enniscorthy, on a scoreline of:

**Loreto, Kilkenny 5-5;  
St. Brigid's College, Enniscorthy 1-6**

The Junior team had appeared in the finals of 1991 and 1992, losing on both occasions to Wexford opposition. This year, they met their conquerors of 1992, St. Brigid's College, Enniscorthy, and reversed the result on a scoreline of:

**Loreto, Kilkenny 3-4;  
St. Brigid's College, Enniscorthy 1-7**

Both teams were defeated at All-Ireland semi-final stage by Munster opposition, who, in each case, went on to become All-Ireland champions.

The school's 7-a-side team completed the year's trophy collection by defeating St. Brigid's College, Callan, in the Leinster final on a scoreline of:

**Loreto, Kilkenny 3-3  
St. Brigid's College, Callan 2-0**

This is the first time that this particular treble has been accomplished by any Leinster school and five players achieved the unique distinction of winning medals with all three teams in the one year; Ruth Comerford (Dicksboro), Mairéad Costelloe (Freshford), Jennifer Dillon (Clara), Olive Hennessy (Tullaroan) ... and Many Ryan (Freshford).



*Loreto Secondary School – Leinster Colleges Junior Champions 1994 – Back row: Bernie Doyle (Emeralds), Emma Fitzpatrick (Freshford), Catherine Nolan (Lisdowney), Olive Hennessy (Tullaroan), Mary Ryan (Freshford), Emer Tynan (Dicksboro), Sheila Doyle (Emeralds). Middle row: Julie Ryan (Freshford), Avril Phelan (St. Anne's), Claire Dermody (Freshford), Ann-Marie Butler (Freshford), Elaine Phelan (Dicksboro), Deirdre Trait (Dicksboro), Caitriona Fitzgerald (Clara). Front row: Oonagh Hennessy (Tullaroan), Edel Anderson (Clara), Jennifer Dillon (Clara), Mairéad Costelloe (Freshford), Geraldine Hogan (Dicksboro). Missing from photograph: Ruth Comerford (captain, Dicksboro) and Orla Phelan (St. Anne's).*



*Loreto Secondary School Leinster Colleges 7-a-side champions 1994 – Back row: Caitriona Carey (Clara), Aisling Fitzpatrick (Lisdowney), Eimear Connery (Freshford), Olive Hennessy (Tullaroan), Oonagh Hennessy (Tullaroan), Mary Ryan (Freshford). Front row: Deirdre Doyle (Dicksboro), Kathleen Ryan (captain, Freshford), Jennifer Dillon (Clara), Mairéad Costelloe (Freshford). Missing from photograph: Ruth Comerford (Dicksboro).*



*Winners of Leinster Colleges Senior, Junior and 7-a-side medals with Loreto Secondary School, Kilkenny, 1994. Mary Ryan (Freshford), Olive Hennessy (Tullaroan), Ruth Comerford (Dicksboro), Mairéad Costelloe (Freshford), Jennifer Dillon (Clara).*



# Primary Schools Camogie

## Roinn C winners – Castlecomer



Front row (from left): Lorraine Whyman, Claire Rothwell, Stephanie Nolan, Linda Crennan, Ruth Rothwell, Marie Coady, Jennifer Brennan. Back row: Danny Lawlor (trainer), Christine Walsh, Karina Dunne, Anne Marie Quinn, Linda Phelan, Anne Marie Shore, Eleanor Brophy, Paula Stone, Maria Jackman, Andrea Hetherington, Sheila Lawlor (trainer). Not included in photo: A. Bollard, R. Mullins, D. Brennan, S. Holden.

(Photo by Tom Brett)

The Castlecomer Primary School Camogie Club was founded in 1992, and much has already been achieved over the past two years. Team trainers, Danny and Sheila Lawlor, give unsparingly of their time, and their dedication and commitment have laid a solid foundation for camogie to prosper in 'Comer over the coming years. They have been greatly encouraged in their efforts to promote camogie by the assistance of club treasurer Ted Browne and the hard working committee of Frances Shore, Catherine Crennan, M. Rothwell and Theresa Hetherington.

### Castlecomer's path to final:

#### *1st round:*

Castlecomer 7-2, Galmoy 0-0.

#### *2nd round:*

Castlecomer 2-0, Carrickshock 1-0.

#### *3rd round:*

Castlecomer 8-4, Piltown 2-0.

#### *Play-off:*

Castlecomer 8-3, Galmoy 1-0.

#### *Final:*

Castlecomer 2-0, Carrickshock 1-0.



Roinn D winners – Convent Primary School, Thomastown – Front row (from left): Emma O'Keeffe, Aoife Kelly, Elaine Walsh, Catriona Treacy, Bernie Phelan, Hilda Cullen (captain), Celine Minogue, Andrea Brennan, Emer Challoner, Karen Lanigan, Debbie Quinn. Second row (from left): Sarah Lynch, Anne Marie O'Carroll, Ema Wemyss, Cynthia Murphy, Patricia Dempsey, Anne Marie Gibbons, Mairéad Whitty, Leah Delahunty, Serena Denieffe. At back: Breda O'Shea (trainer), Josephine Duggan (manager), Sister De Lourdes (coach).

We used to speak about the "Singing Nun", but in the Convent Primary School they now have the "Swinging" Nun – Sister De Lourdes who coaches the school camogie team. Sister De Lourdes has done trojan work improving the skills of all the players in her school, and her work was suitably rewarded with her young pupils winning the Primary Schools Roinn D Final beating neighbours Danesfort 3-1 to 1-0 in a thrilling final replay. Sister De Lourdes was ably assisted in preparing her charges during the year by Breda O'Shea (Trainer) and Josephine Duggan (Manager).



# RADIO KILKENNY - LIVE

By:  
TOMMY LANIGAN

PLANNING a live commentary begins sometimes weeks in advance of important games to ensure they are allocated appropriate air time on the schedule. This involves Pat Treacy working with Sue Nunn, Programme Co-ordinator and John Purcell, Station Manager.

Sales Manager, Paddy Horohan will be very involved in this area too, as he will interest some prospective businesses with regard to advertising or perhaps sponsoring the broadcast. With local club games, a business from one of the competing parishes is often more than willing to sponsor the game.

From the commentators viewpoint, the planning begins in the week before the game. Essentially, what I want to do in advance is to build a kind of information bank about the contestants, on which I will be able to draw at any stage of the commentary. This may be particularly necessary when there is a long delay due to an injury, or, horror of horrors, a very one sided game in which there is an inevitability about the result from an early stage. Unluckily for me this year, I seemed to have found myself trying to liven up games when everybody present was praying and encouraging the referee to 'blow it up. . .'

I work my way through the likely composition of both teams. It is dangerous to be in certainty at this stage, because there are last minute injuries, changes of minds by selectors and of course the 'cute hoor' selectors who think that nobody has a right to know the team, particularly the spectators and programme makers. I check all TV, newspaper and radio reports I can, difficult to do if dealing with two local Junior teams!! What I frequently do in that case is contact a friend or acquaintance in the parish and check a few facts with him about the teams. Some club PRO's are excellent in this regard. I also have begun to collect old programmes and they are a mine of information.

Three days before the game I will check with Pat Treacy on details like sponsor's name, what equipment we will be using, whether I have a fellow commentator, time schedules, and make arrangements about travel, etc.

That can sometimes be a problem. Due to begin broadcasting the Under-21 All Ireland semi-final from Semple Stadium at 6.45 p.m. on an August Sunday evening, I was stranded at the lower end of Liberty Square with ten minutes to air time. I jumped from my car, leaving my wife to endure the traffic jam, ran like the clappers up the street, knowing I would be late, and then, rescue!! Tommy Phelan of Ballyragget stops beside me at Park House, yells at me to jump in and then takes a few liberties to get me to the back of the Old Stand with four minutes to go. Then I realise all my notes on the teams, particularly Waterford players, are still somewhere in the traffic jam I had just left. Nothing for it, but race ahead. Reader, it is quite a distance from the entrance to the old stand to the commentary position perched high in the roof. I had also lost my ID card and had to



persuade several officials to allow me through until, finally, I arrived at the commentary box just as Liam Langrelle was handing over. No time to check on who was playing where, but on with the game. . .

I suppose it's the commentator's duty to keep talking between the silences, but to whom do I talk? I like to think that I talk to somebody who would like to be at the game but for some reason is unable to attend. What should s/he know? First and foremost, where the action is at any time. S/he must be aware at all times of the time elapsed and the scoreline, even though s/he may have just joined the commentary. S/he must know the evolving pattern of the game. This is the most difficult concept for the commentator. How do you describe the action and analyse the pattern of play simultaneously?? We have managed to bring in experts like Joe Hennessy and Noel Skehan, co-commentators if you wish, who dovetail with us to bring another opinion to the listener. While I am following the play, notes may be shoved under my nose containing anything from hospital requests to notes about substitutes to upcoming local events. When the game is poor, they may add some variety, but they can be a distraction.

Half time comes and we return to studio after a quick wrap of the first half action. Relief at last, maybe a cup of tea at the better appointed venues like Nowlan Park, but definitely not Croke Park, where Independent radio stations are treated poorly in contrast to our national rival.

Returning to the second half just before throw in, I check for substitutes, hoping that they are numbered correctly, because in some cases, I might not know the player in question. You know how sometimes it is difficult to recognise the person in the helmet at ninety yards?

With no time to choose words, it is safest to describe only what one sees. But this is unsatisfactory for the listener, as the commentator must be both eyes and ears. We try to be unbiased and avoid cliché. But much of the language of sport is clichéd. There is a language of gaelic games built

over the years by rule, custom and the inimitable O'Hehir and O'Muircheartaigh, but often it is the personal language of those great commentators. I try to avoid the cliché and expression of other sports and keep the words and thoughts simple.

What of misinterpretation? Remember that magnificent point in the 1993 Leinster final drawn game. Time was well up, . . . "Simpson in the corner - passes the ball to Bill Hennessy - a long clearance down the Cusack sideline to Ronan - to Morrissey - twenty five metres from the Wexford goal - he turns past Cush . . . it's over . . . (Cheers). "Damn you!" thundered my friend the following day. "When you said 'its over' I switched off the radio in disgust and thought Kilkenny had lost. It was only when I went for a pint that night I discovered you meant that Yummy had pointed the ball. You and your "It's over"!!!" Such is the power of radio!!!

Then, to the post match analysis, a quick run back over the significant moments of the game, possibly somebody to interview, interaction with guest commentator and finally back to the studio after thanking the sponsor.

A word here on one great radio man. John Walsh, our Sunday Sport anchorman is a marvel. He not only keeps a wealth of information in his head, but always seems to ask the pertinent questions and his timing is immaculate. Without him, our Sunday afternoons would be much poorer.

But the day doesn't end there. Sunday scoreboard is to come and I may still have to prepare a three minute report on the game. The difficulty is that somebody else has taken notes and the job is to try to decipher them. Sometimes other local radio stations look for short match reports and they have to be prepared. You may kill two birds with one stone here when you design the first minute of your report in such a way that it is a self contained account of the game while the remaining two or three minutes are specifically for Radio Kilkenny. Easier said than done!!

It all adds up to an exhausting day, but the compensation is in watching the skill, endeavour, commitment and excitement which makes the greatest game on earth, and in trying to bring a flavour of the contest to those who cannot witness it.



Radio Kilkenny G.A.A. team at large. From left: Tommy Lanigan, Pat Treacy, Paddy Horohan, Tommy O'Brien and Barry Henriques.



# NOWLAN PARK DEVELOPMENT

Nowlan Park, which is the County Ground in Kilkenny, commemorates Alderman James Nowlan – a great Gael and a great Irishman who had the distinction of being President of the Gaelic Athletic Association with the longest term in office.

The first pitch used by the G.A.A. in Kilkenny was situated on the Freshford Road. This pitch was used until 1896 when the Association were given permission by the Kilkenny Agricultural Show to use James' Park. Within one year, however, a dispute arose regarding rent and the G.A.A. moved to Asylum Lane, Larchfield. This is now home to the James Stephen's Club. Games were also played in Kilcreene. In 1906 the G.A.A. returned to James' Park and remained at this venue until 1928.

In 1927 the field which is now Nowlan Park was purchased from Peter Corcoran for £700. To finance the development, a levy of £1 was imposed on every affiliated club in the county and the field was called Nowlan Park.

On June 11th, 1928, the first games were played between Cotterstown and Conahy in the Junior Football Final and Mooncoin defeated Dicksboro in the Senior Hurling Final.

Many improvements have been carried

out in Nowlan Park since 1928. In the 'thirties a stand was erected. In 1947/'48 a new stand was erected and this was replaced by the present stand in 1965. The former County Secretary, Paddy Grace, was the guiding light in carrying out these improvements and the fact that the Terrace on the Hebron Road side is the best terraced area in any stadium in Ireland bears testimony to his foresight.

In 1993 the County Board under the watchful eye of energetic Chairman, Nickey Brennan, decided that improvements in Nowlan Park were needed in order to bring our games and our association in Kilkenny into the 21st Century. The new developments will provide superb facilities not alone for the spectators but also for the players, members of the County Board and the Media.

## THE NEW FACILITIES

The new facilities being provided in the development of Nowlan Park will include:

- \* A covered standing area on the terrace on the Hebron Road side of Nowlan Park.
- \* Provision of facilities in the New Stand for the Televising of games.
- \* Better facilities for the Emergency Services.

- \* Erection of a new complex which will incorporate, Meeting Room, Store Room, Medical Room and Office.
- \* Car Parking facilities for members attending meetings.

## SCHEDULE OF WORK

The "Design and Planning" team with responsibility for the development is Barry Kelleher – Consulting Engineer (Cork) and Bob McGarry – Project Manager/Quantity Surveyor (Kilkenny). It is hoped that the Development will commence in early 1995. The cost of the Development will be in excess of £400,000. We are indebted to Liam Aylward T.D., Minister for Sport, for securing a grant of £200,000 for the Development.

## FUNDING OF PROJECT

The incoming County Board and all the clubs in the county will have the responsibility of funding the project. An annual levy will be imposed on the clubs and various fund-raising schemes will be put in place to raise finance. I am confident that we can rely on our clubs, their members, the Business Community and the Corporate Sector to play their part in ensuring that Nowlan Park will be a stadium of which we can all be proud.



KILKENNY G.A.A. COUNTY BOARD – 1994

Front (left to right): Barry Hickey, Martin Treacy, Joe Pyke, Kieran Meally, Nickey Brennan, Ted Carroll, Pat Dunphy, John Healy, Tom Ryall, Ned Quinn, Pat Mulrooney, Tom Cunniffe. Middle (left to right): Charlie McCarthy, Billy Gaffney, Joe Dunphy, Martin Brennan, Jim Rice, Jimmy Purcell, Tommy Murphy, Michael Hoyne, Eamonn Kelly, Ned Buggy, Tommy Lanigan, Pat Dalton, Paul Kinsella, Lar Carroll, Liam Duggan, Billy Ireland, Seamus Delaney, Enda Walsb, Eddie Blackmore, Tom Ryan, Pat Treacy, Michael Carroll, Jim Phelan, Sean Tyrrell, Michael Shortall, Bob Shortall. Back (left to right): Barry Henriques, Michael Dermody, John Lanigan, Pat Henderson, Jimmy Holden, John Lacey, Danny Coonan, Patsy Murphy, Seamus Martin, Gerry Murphy, Seamus Fitzpatrick, E. J. Ryan, Eugene Dunphy, Toddy Lacey, Shem O'Donnell, Nicky Grace

(Photo: Tom Brett)





*D. J. Carey scores second goal*

*(Photo: Tom Brett)*

# Céard A Tharla??

*Seosamh Ó Donnchadha,  
Oifigeach na Gaeilge*

## TRI CHINN AS A CHÉILE

Bliain o shoin, bhíomar uile ag caint faoi agus ag súil le “trí chinn as a chéile”. Bhíomar sásta go raibh seans iontach againn, gur bheag a bhí ann chun stop a chur linn! Céard a tharla mar sin? Bhuel, tá an chuid de fhreagraí curtha leis an gceist sin ón lá úd i bPáirc an Chrócaigh – ba mhór an cailliúnt é seo, ní raibh mo dhuine úd réidh, cén fáth nach raibh a leithéid ag imirt, cad a bhí á dhéanamh acu ar an taobh line, dá ndéanfadh – é seo nó é siúd, bhí an réiteoir go h-uafásach, agus mar sin de.

## UIBH FHÁILI NÍOS FEARR

Dar ndóigh bhí cúiseanna ann ach in ainm Dé, cen chúis nach féidir linn riamh an dearcadh deimhneach a bheith againn. B'é bun agus barr an scéil ná gur chaillear agus an príomh chúis a bhí le sin ná go raibh Uibh Fháili níos fearr ar an lá. D'fhoghlaim siad uainn agus thaispeáin



*Billy Dooley (Offaly) just avoids Pat Dwyer's block*

*(Photo: Tom Brett)*



siad é sin go mór ar an gcéad Domhnach de Mheán Fómhair. Ceann de na tréithe is láidre a bhíonn i ngach fhoireann ón gcondae seo 'gainne ná nach mbíonn deireadh linn go mbíonn an cluiche thart. Nach mar 'sin a bhí ag Uibh Fháili sa chluiche ceannais i mbliana. Ní hamháin go raibh siad marbh, bhí siad curtha freisin, ach ní dúirt éinne leo é. Agus cosúil leis na Cait, bhí beatha nó dhó sa bhreis ag Uibh Fháili i mbliana. B'fhéidir anois go stopfaidh siad de bheith ag caoineadh faoi mar a ghoid Cill Chainnigh an cluiche seo nó an cluiche siúd uathu.

#### DHÁ BHLIAIN IONTACH

Ach níos tábhachtaí fós, b'fhéidir go stopfaidh ár lucht leanúna féin de bheith ag clamhsán nuair a chaillimid cluiche. Chuir sé déistean orm a bheith ag éis-teacht le cuid acu ar an mbealach as Páirc an Chrócaigh i mbliana. Shílfeá gur chaill na leids agus Ollie é d'aon ghnó. In ainm Dé, ba chóir duinn buíochas a ghabháil leis an slua iontach sin a thug dhá bhliain iontach dúinn. Ceart go leor níor bhumar trí chinn as a chéile ach bhumar dhá cheann.

#### NA CAIT LOITE??

Leis an fhírinne a rá, is loite atáimid anseo i gCill Chainnigh. Is annamh a n-íomíonn bliain nach mbíonn Cluiche Ceannais na hÉireann de shaghas éigin nó cúpla ceann againn b'fhéidir, ach muna mbíonn an Chraobh Shinsireach againn ní bhímid sásta. Smaoinigh ar chondaethe mar Phort Láirge, mar Chondaie an Chláir, mar Luimneach, mar Loch Garman. Smaoinigh ar an ré, le linn m'óige féin, ó 1940 go 1962 nuair nár bhumar ach dhá teideal ar fad, trí bhliain is fiche - dhá chraobh - 1947 agus 1957. Deirimse leat go raibh an dá cheann sin milis. Loite atáimid i láthair na huair.

Mar sin, in áit a bheith ag olagón faoi trí chinn as a chéile nár tharla, cuirimis ár n-aighthe ar an mbóthar ata rómhainn i 1995 agus tuigimis go bhfuil an dream seo le Ollie a stiúradh, maith go leor chun craobh nó dhó, nó trí chinn as a chéile, a ghnóthú fós.

#### RUD AMHÁIN EILE

Ós rud é go bhfuilim ag trácht faoi rudaí a chuir déistean orm i rith na bliana, caithfidh mé an ceann seo a lú. Is mór an náire é, dár liom, gur mheas na hudaí i bPáirc an Chrócaigh go raibh gá le hamhránaíthe cáiliúla a thabhairt isteach agus a íoc as ucht Amhrán na bhFiann a chanadh dúinn ag na Cluichí Ceannais. Ar lá mór mar sin, le craobhscaoileadh ár gcluichí ar fud an domhain uile, ba chóir ligint do'n domhan sin éisteacht le slua amhránaíocht ó'n lucht féachana ag canadh ár nAmhrán Náisiúrta. I gcónaí riamh, chuir sé go mór leis an aitheascféar.

Fág an canadh faoin slua agus tabharfaidh na himreoirí an taispeántas. Gach rud ina áit féin. I Meán Fómhair na bliana 1995,

le cúnamh Dé, fágfar an amhránaíocht fúinn agus tabharfaidh Ollie agus na leids an taispeántas!

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# AVONMORE ENJOY MIXED FORTUNE

By Nicky Brennan

The past year saw two senior All-Ireland Inter Firm hurling titles decided. This unusual situation arose due to a delay in playing the 1993 final which left many wondering if that game would ever be played. Eventually, the final between Avonmore and Duracks' from Ennis took place in November with the men from Ballyragget notching up their tenth title in impressive style.

Avonmore's title trail began in Bennettsbridge where Suir Electric provided the opposition. On the day, the Mooncoin side found Avonmore too hot to handle and never displayed the type of form expected from such a star-studded outfit. Avonmore's success ensured that the side entered another Leinster Final,

and, with a home venue, the county champions were immediately installed as favourites. The team fully justified that tag but not before a number of anxious moments from the Garda Club, the Dublin representatives.

The delay in playing the 1993 All-Ireland Final was due to the success of Galway's Sarsfields in the Club Championship with the result that the All-Ireland Semi-Final between the Munster and Connacht representatives did not get played until 1994. Then the progress of Clare and Limerick in the Munster Championship caused another hiccup. The game was eventually fixed for Ennis in November, but, with both teams without a competitive game for some time, predicting the outcome was nigh impossible.

In a high scoring contest, Avonmore's impressive team play was eventually to see

a tenth title coming back to Ballyragget. The early stages saw the Munster champions well in command with an over-worked Conahy defence and goalie, Paul Brennan trying desperately to cope with a lively attack, superbly led by Clare's Cyril Lyons and Jamesie O'Connor. Then, just as happened so often in the past, Avonmore's Billy Fitzpatrick fastened on to a long delivery from Eamonn Holland to score a crucial goal. Another goal arrived moments later courtesy of Dick Walsh.

Avonmore were now right back in the game and some majestic hurling in the second half, helped by goals from Dick Walsh and Oliver O'Connor, saw the side take a commanding lead as the game entered the closing stages. A lapse in concentration saw the Munster men grab two late goals to give a more pleasant look to the scoreboard. Avonmore's tenth title was



Avonmore Creameries – 1993 All-Ireland Senior Inter Firm Hurling Champions

Back (left to right): Martin Fitzpatrick (team coach/manager), Jimmy Ruth, Michael Maher, Derek Gaffney, Billy Fitzpatrick, Michael Walsh, Bobby Dillon, Pat McEvoy, Tom Ryall (Selector). Middle (left to right): Paddy Butler (Selector), Nicky Brennan, Liam Dowling, Dick Walsh, Richie Minogue, Paul Brennan, Eamonn Holland (captain), Ciaran Phelan, Oliver O'Connor, Jim Delaney (selector). Front (back to front): Philip Doheny, Sean Meally, Paudie Everard, Pierce Ryan, Morgan Kelly, Adrian Stone, Patsy Brophy. (Dilger Photography)



as sweet as any before, with the team giving an outstanding display.

The 1994 campaign was the shortest ever. Avonmore had no opponents in Kilkenny with Suir Electric opting to try their luck in the Munster Championship. The Ballyragget side's first outing saw them travel to Dublin to take on the Prison Officers. The early exchanges were evenly divided but the second half saw Avonmore take control to run out deserving winners.

The Castlegar club grounds staged the All-Ireland Semi-Final between Avonmore and the Connacht representatives C.R. Baird. On a pitch more suited to mud wrestling, the reigning champions, despite scoring seven goals, had to fight all the way to reach their thirteenth final.

Meanwhile, the campaign in Munster was also "hotting" up with Stanley Cookers from Waterford looking impressive. Their eventual success in the Munster Championship was not unexpected and certainly well deserved. Their meeting with reigning champions Avonmore was eagerly awaited, particularly in view of the number of Kilkenny players involved with both teams.

The sticky underfoot conditions in Ballyragget on the 3rd December made good hurling difficult but both teams deserve full marks for effort. The more eager Waterford side totally dominated the early stages with the Decies county players Tony Brown and Fergal Hartley making a mockery of the conditions with an awesome display of hurling to which Avonmore had no answer.

The Ballyragget lads made a gallant effort to get into the game in the second half and came mightily close to grabbing at least a share of the spoils. However, it would have been rough justice on the Stanley men who deserved their first success for their overall commitment and never-say-die attitude.

This was a particularly poor display from Avonmore. An overworked defence coped well but midfield and attack were well contained. What a change from the heights of All-Ireland glory just a few weeks earlier in Ennis. Was this the shortest reign ever for All-Ireland Championship winners?

The Avonmore panel during the 1993 and 1994 championship campaigns was:

Paul Brennan (Conahy Shamrocks), Tom Brophy (Erin's Own), Morgan Kelly (St. Patrick's), Bobby Dillon (St. Lachtain's), Sean Meally (Cloneen), Richie Minogue (James Stephen's), Philip Doheny (Tullaroan), Patsy Brophy (Erin's Own), Ciarán Phelan (Young Ireland's), Michael Maher (St. Martin's), Joe Casey (Clara), Liam Dowling (St. Martin's), Michael Walsh (James Stephen's), Derek Gaffney (Tullaroan), Eamonn Holland (Erin's Own), Ollie Blanchfield

(Lisdowney), Dick Walsh (Tullaroan), Billy Fitzpatrick (Feniens), Oliver O'Connor (St. Lachtain's), Brian Leahy (James Stephen's), Pat McEvoy (Mullinavat), Adrian Stone (St. Patrick's), Jimmy Ruth (St. Patrick's), Johnny Ryan (Dunnamaggin), Pierce Ryan (Moynel-Templetuohy), Nickey Brennan (Conahy Shamrocks).

Waterford Stanley Team: John Dunphy (Mullinavat), Sean Cullinane (Passage), P. J. O'Connor (Glenmore), Denis Mullally (Glenmore), Derek Keane (Portlaw), Fergal Hartley (Ballygunner), Conor Walsh (Roanmore), Tony Browne (Mount Sion), Michael Phelan (Glenmore), Denis Byrne (Graigue/Ballycallan), John Caulfield (Roanmore), Fintan O'Shea (Portlaw), Dermot Fennelly (Ballyhale Shamrocks), Liam McCarthy (Piltown), Noel Kelly (Erin's Own).

*Subs:* Brian Conway, Mark Corcoran, Martin Murphy, John Codd, Edmund Quann, Paul Connors, Michael Mackey, William Carroll, Paul Fitzgerald, Philip Walsh.

#### STANLEY COOKERS - FACTSFILE

1. Entered the Inter Firms Junior Championship in 1990, winning the All-Ireland title at the first attempt.
2. Kilkenny players on the Junior All-Ireland winning side were: Michael Fennelly, Dermot Fennelly, John Dunphy, Willie Carroll, Walter Gahan, John Joe Aylward, Eddie O'Connor, Michael Phelan, P. J. O'Connor and Liam McCarthy.

3. The side lost the Munster Senior Finals in 1991 and 1992.
4. In 1993, they failed to get out of Waterford losing out to Bosch and Lombe.
5. 1994 saw the team reach their first All-Ireland Senior Final, and, as results now show, their first success.
6. The Kilkenny players on the 1994 All-Ireland Senior winning side were: John Dunphy, Brian Conway, Willie Carroll, Michael Phelan, P. J. O'Connor, Denis Mullally, Dermot Fennelly, Liam McCarthy and Denis Byrne, Eddie O'Connor was unavailable for the 1994 final.
7. The members of the Waterford Inter-County panel on the 1994 All-Ireland winning side were: Fergal Hartley, Sean Cullinane, Tony Brown (captain) and Fintan O'Shea.
8. Also involved with the 1994 All-Ireland winning side were Mick Walsh and Dickie Roche (Waterford goalie in 1957).
9. The company was re-structured in 1983 having gone into receivership in 1982.
10. The company now employs 530 people, many of whom are from South Kilkenny.
11. Avonmore, incidentally, are one of the many valued stockists of Stanley Cooker products through their extensive network of Home & Farm shops in Kilkenny, Tipperary, Laois, Offaly and Westmeath.

### All-Ireland Inter-Firms Roll of Honour

1954	Clover Meats (Waterford)	Smithwicks (Kilkenny)
1955-1962	No Finals	
1963	Cosets (Carlow)	Roscrea Meat Products
1964	Cosets (Carlow)	Waterford Glass
1965	Roscrea Bacon Company	Clover Meats (Waterford)
1966	Paper Mills (Grannagh)	Irish Tanners (Portlaw)
1967	McInerney's (Dublin)	Roscrea Meat Products
1968	Golden Vale (Charleville)	Paper Mills (Grannagh)
1969	Clover Meats (Waterford)	Antigen (Roscrea)
1970	Roscrea Bacon Company	Paper Mills (Grannagh)
1971	Golden Vale (Charleville)	McInerney's (Dublin)
1972	Clover Meats (Waterford)	Erin Foods (Thurles)
1973	Waterford Glass	Clover Meats (Waterford)
1974	No Final	
1975	Irish Leathers (Portlaw)	Smithwick's (Kilkenny)
1976	Avonmore Creameries	Commercials (Waterford)
1977	Avonmore Creameries	Tynagh Mines (Loughrea)
1978	Avonmore Creameries	Commercials (Waterford)
1979	Avonmore Creameries	Tynan Mines (Loughrea)
1980	Commercials (Kilkenny)	McLysaghts (Clare)
1981	Golden Vale (Charleville)	Avonmore Creameries
1982	Teachers (Clare)	Public Services (Kilkenny)
1983	Avonmore Creameries	Limerick County Council
1984	Green Isle (Banagher)	Public Services (Kilkenny)
1985	Avonmore Creameries	Thermo King (Galway)
1986	Avonmore Creameries	Thermo King (Galway)
1987	Avonmore Creameries	Thermo King (Galway)
1988	Avonmore Creameries	St. Joseph's Hospital (Limerick)
1989	Shannon Diamond	Avonmore Creameries
1990	Auto Electrical Rewinds (Limerick)	C. R. Baird (Galway)
1991	Thermo King/Connor Concrete (Galway)	Shannon Diamond
1992	Thermo King/Connor Concrete (Galway)	Allied Irish Banks (Dublin)
1993	Avonmore Creameries	Duracks (Ennis)
1994	Stanley Cookers (Waterford)	Avonmore Creameries



# League curse strikes down 'Town

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

The mystifying sequence continued, and this time Thomastown were first to fall prey to the unusual chain of events which has become the norm since the current hugely successful Senior and Intermediate Hurling League/Championship system was introduced.

The unusual occurrence? That whoever wins the League is destined to lose out in the Championship.

In the senior competitions, the league decider is usually played after the championship final. But still, no one has yet completed the League-Championship double.

The Intermediate League - Championship double has not been done either. Mooncoin, O'Loughlin Gaels and, this time, Thomastown, all won the Intermediate League, and then, weeks later, crashed out of the Championship as if burdened by an over-taxing load. Coincidence or what? Hard to know, but the challenge is there for some club to break the unhappy chain of events.

## COMING GOOD:

The unusual chain of events was particularly striking with Thomastown this season, because, at the time they won the League, they looked to be coming into their best form. They won a good semi-final against up-to-then unbeaten Graignamanagh, and followed that up with a battling victory over Conahy Shamrocks in the decider.

Thomastown looked to be on a roll. But the only place they rolled was out of the championship. The following week, they suffered a shock 0-12 to 0-11 reverse against Barrow Rangers (Paulstown) in the knock-out competition, and their season was over.

During the League, the 'Town progressed handily rather than spectacularly. They lost to Carrickshock, and then bettered O'Loughlin Gaels, Bennettsbridge and Barrow Rangers. In between, they received a bit of a clipping from Clara, but they had done enough to make the cut into the knock-out section.

Their semi-final against Graignamanagh was a right good match. Goalkeeper John Brennan brought off a string of second half saves that made all the difference (3-7 to 0-14). Billy O'Keeffe ruled midfield and Paul Treacy, John Donnelly, Paddy Galwey, Michael Donnelly, John Lanigan, Rory Bourke and Cathal Fitzgerald were all in top form. There was all to play for at half-time when Graig, trailed by a manageable 0-5 to 1-5. However, 12 minutes further on, the game had tilted firmly in 'Town's favour when they opened up a commanding lead (3-5 to 0-8), courtesy of goals from Rory Bourke and Billy O'Keeffe.

## CONFIDENCE GOOD:

The Barrow boys let rip afterwards, but 'Town met fire with fire, and scored a victory that had to do the confidence plenty of good.

The final against dogged Conahy Shamrocks was no soft touch. Ten minutes into the second half, Shamrocks looked to be wilting when 0-10 to 2-11 down. Really, they were only winding-up their effort.

The opening half was no great shakes, and, at the rest, Thomastown showed 1-9 to 0-9 in front. When they added a 38th minute goal through Tom O'Keeffe to open out the 7-point lead mentioned earlier, just one outcome looked on the cards.

Conahy, nothing if not fierce battlers, charged back, with Philip Carroll, Geoff O'Shea, Paudie Brennan, John Feehan, Ciaran Muldowney, Canice Brennan and Kieran Brennan to the fore.

Canice Brennan flashed home a goal to kick-start the Conahy charge. A quick brace of points from Ciaran Muldowney, and the issue was wide open again.

Then disaster struck. Conahy conceded an own goal. They didn't die softly afterwards, but the lucky break lifted Thomastown, and once they got the opposition on the run again, they kept the pressure up. It was touch or go all the way to the line, but the Southerners held out for a first class win.

## BRIGHTEST STARS:

Michael Donnelly, John Donnelly, Billy O'Keeffe, Michael O'Keeffe, John Brennan, Tom O'Keeffe and Paul Treacy were the brightest of the shining stars.

After this battling win, on top of the earlier good one over Graignamanagh, the 'Town appeared to have a lot going for them, and were instantly put among the real contenders for the Championship title. Then the League champions' curse struck, they were sent flying. There has to be a challenge there for someone!

Thomastown's League final team was: J. Brennan, M. O'Keeffe, R. Galwey, J. Donnelly, S. Lanigan, M. Donnelly, D. Woods, B. O'Keeffe, J. Lanigan, B. Doyle, P. Treacy, R. Bourke, N. Holden, T. O'Keeffe, C. Fitzgerald.

Subs: S. O'Hara, G. Walsh.

Conahy Shamrocks: Paul Brennan, P. Gunner, Paudie Brennan, C. Connery, P. Mulhall, G. O'Shea, P. Carroll, S. Mahony, J. Feehan, S. Mulhall, C. Muldowney, P. Byrne, K. Brennan, C. Brennan, S. Cahill.

Subs: G. Brennan, P. Nolan.

Referee: D. O'Sullivan (John Lockes).

Relegated from I.H.C.: O'Loughlin Gaels.

Promoted to I.H.C.: Dunnamaggin.

## INTERMEDIATE ROLL OF HONOUR

Conahy Shamrocks (4) 1930, 1932, 1977, 1986.

Graignamanagh (3) 1976, 1980, 1985.

Mooncoin (2) 1990, 1994.

John Lockes (*Callan*) (2) 1935, 1993.

Urlingford (1) 1929.

Danesfort (1) 1931.

St. Fiacre's (1) 1934.

Slieverue (1) 1936.

Eire Óg (1) 1937.

Coon (1) 1973.

Shamrocks

(*Ballyhale-Knocktopher*) (1) 1974.

Muckalee/Ballyfoyle Rgs. (1) 1974.

O'Loughlin Gaels (1) 1978.

St. Patrick's (*Ballyragget*) (1) 1979.

Glenmore (1) 1981.

Clara (1) 1982.

Thomastown (1) 1983.

St. Lachtain's (*Freshford*) (1) 1984.

Graigie/Ballycallan (1) 1987.

Tullaroan (1) 1988.

Mullinavat (1) 1989.

Dicksboro (1) 1991.

Young Ireland's (1) 1992.



Thomastown's Billy O'Keeffe whose fine performances with his club, saw him on the Kilkenny senior hurling team, this autumn.

(Photo: Sportsfile)



# Fond memories and "thank you" awards for also rans

Games and sport in general have a lot to with winning, but alas, the space at the top is restricted and there is but one place . . . for the victors. The champions are entitled to the plaudits, because, after all, they have earned them. But the main body of any competition is made-up by the also rans, the runners-up, the good, the mediocre and even the bad. Not necessarily does it always fall to the champions to provide uplifting, wholesome entertainment. Quite often they can, but they have no monopoly on things like that. The rest can, and often do, provide some of the best memories in any given year.

For instance, in Kilkenny during 1994, many of the teams who never figured or got near cups or trophies enriched our lives perhaps far more than any of the champions, or hot contenders.

Should they be forgotten, or left without something to recognise their input to the on-going life of the G.A.A. in Kilkenny? No, no way.

In relation to the senior and intermediate hurling competitions, here are a few "would be awards" that we would like to bestow on clubs in a sort of "thank you for the memories" gesture.

## WON HEARTS

The first one just had to be the "How On Earth Did You Do It" award, which was swept, without question, by John Lockes (Callan) on their return to senior competition. They won hearts for their sheer effort in games. They kept coming back. Defeat just drove them on to higher and higher effort.

They frightened the lives out of everyone, and no one fancied playing them. In the end, they won only match, the last one. That 1-15 to 2-7 win over Mullinavat proved there was some justice in the world for earnest triers. John Lockes retained their senior status.

Then there was "The Oh, My" award which went to O'Loughlin Gaels following their relegation from the intermediate to junior grade. In terms of land property, they must be the biggest club in Kilkenny. But oh, my what about their teams? There is a nettle here to be grasped by someone. This club should be among the elite!

The "Hard Luck" award went to Clara. They enjoyed a great League and lost just once, in the semi-finals. Then in the Championship they lost once, in the final. After a good season they ended with nothing. Barrow Rangers (Paulstown) claimed the "Miraculous" award after sliding through to the Championship semi-finals. They lost

every match in the League, then saw off Tullagher-Rosbercon after a replay, and League kings Thomastown in the Championship. Their number was called by Clara in an awful semi-final. Looking back on it, 'Rangers must have wondered how it all came about.

The "God Blast It Anyway" award was taken by the all fired-up Fenians (Johnstown). They looked good in the League and, at half-time in their last match, looked to have a semi-final ticket in their pocket. They allowed Dicksboro steal that ticket on them, and they missed the boat on scoring averages.

In the Championship, excellent wins were scored over Erin's own (Castlecomer) and James Stephens. Then the team went into a slide. By the time they lost the semi-final replay against Tullaroan, the Fenians were only a shadow of the side that started with burning ambitions after defeat in the final the previous season.

The day Graigue/Ballycallan swept Mullinavat out of the Championship in a throbbing tie in Callan, they promised great things. But all they ended up with was the "There You Have It" award. Graigue had nothing afterwards!

The "Sorry, Wrong Place" award went to the double to Dicksboro. During a season in which they won the senior football and hurling league titles, they ended up a mite unhappy. They didn't get the crown they really wanted!

## KNEW AND LOVED:

The "Thanks For The Memories" award can at last be bestowed on the once giants of club hurling anywhere, Shamrocks (Ballyhale). The fine team we all knew and loved has been in decline for a number of years. It gave its last, dying kick this term. The builders must surely move in now, with a new generation leading on from here.

Sur with the name, "The Bridge To Nowhere" award it couldn't go anywhere else. That is exactly where Bennettsbridge are headed. Sad for a club that has won the senior championship 12 times.

And the top 10 is completed by Carrickshock, who inevitably took the final one, "The Where Is It" award. That is what the players were asking themselves the day they drove wide after wide against Mooncoin in the championship semi-final. They knew there was a goal at the country end at Nowlan Park. Where it was, no one seemed to know, because they couldn't find it.

To those who didn't make the charts, the only consolation one can offer is that maybe it might be your turn next time. Oh, by the way, thanks for the enjoyment and the many, many good memories. Look forward to seeing you all next season.

# They took awards in monthly scheme

No matter what awards scheme it is, local or national, Kilkenny players involved in Gaelic games take their share of honours.

It was no surprise then to find a batch of Gaelic players among the list of winners in the Hotel Kilkenny and "Kilkenny People" sports personality of the month scheme.

The G.A.A. fraternity got off to a flying start, when the senior All-Ireland winning captain, Eddie O'Connor claimed the first award of the year for the scheme, which runs from September to September.

The flying Glenmore defender epitomised the never-say-die spirit which ran right through the team, and he was honoured by his efforts.

The Hotel Kilkenny and *Kilkenny People* monthly awards scheme is now in its 10th year, and it is fair to say, it is going from strength to strength.

## WITH LEINSTER:

Also honoured during the last year, was stylish forward, Eamon Morrissey (St. Martin's). He was chosen for his exploits, not with club or county, but with Leinster, who won the Railway Cup. He was monthly star in November.



Carriona Carey

The month before that, Kilfane Handball Club were selected following their historic first inter-club novice team of 4 All-Ireland victory. The crack alley "Cats" were Tom and Billy O'Keeffe, and Willie and Noel Holden. They beat Horse and Jockey in the final.

The most honoured man in the awards scheme, Michael "Ducksie" Walsh inevitably claimed another Kilkenny Crystal trophy. He did so following his 10th successive victory in the All-Ireland senior softball singles championship.

An interesting name among the list of winners was Carey. This time it was Carriona Carey, sister of none other than D. J. She won the February 1994 award for hockey. She won a place on the Irish Under-16 team, and later was appointed captain.



# 1994 – *That was the year that wasn't!*

*By Enda McEvoy*

It was a curious place to learn of the demise of the county's All-Ireland three-in-a-row hopes. Mid-day on a burning, breathless Sunday in Orlando, Southern Florida. One of the travelling companions came back from the public phone down the street with a face as long as Ducksie Walsh's senior singles run.

"All over", he said with pain. "Offaly were eight or nine points ahead a couple of minutes from the end. So much in control that RTE weren't even commentating on the second half, they were doing Cork and Kerry instead". The train journey back to New York, all 22 hours of it, did not pass quickly. Not overly surprising, that!

Still, the bandwagon was bound to splutter to a halt sooner or later. That the derailing was carried out by the eventual McCarthy Cup winners had to be classed a small consolation. That the derailers went on to great glory by replicating the brand of hurling their immediate predecessors had surfed to success on – all blocks and hooks, all flicks and snigs, all movement and precision low passing and thoughtful use of the sliotar – should be regarded from a Noreside perspective as a compliment.

And at least there were no hard luck stories. From early in the season, it was apparent that a number of Oliver Walsh's army had left their top form behind in 1993 and were unable to rediscover it. The Walsh Cup defeat by Laois, the league quarter-final debacle with Tipp, the way the champions huffed and puffed their way through the provincial quarter-final against Meath . . . the writing had been on the wall for a while.

Regrets? The faithful might have had a few, but then again, after the pleasures afforded them during the previous two seasons, too few to mention. Every tank runs out of petrol at some stage or other. There's really nothing else about Kilkenny in 1994 that needs saying.

On second thoughts, perhaps one matter does warrant a mention: the aforementioned NHL fiasco in Croke Park. This being a Kilkenny County Board publication, us contributors have to be minding our p's and q's – and anyway, in fairness, the Board's reaction to the GAC's crassness in switching the match to Dublin was perfectly in line with the outrage on the ground in this part of the world.

But, while hoping for the best, it's always wise to expect the worst from Ceannarus (and Merrion Square, and Dáil Éireann, and all the other places where the decision-makers hang out, conveniently removed from Public Opinion). The sensible course of action for the County Board would have been to anticipate that the GAC were entirely liable to do something stupid – and, accordingly, get their retaliation, and lobbying, in beforehand. If the Board did so, well and good, except no evidence was provided to this effect. If they didn't, they'll know better in future.

The message to emerge, sadly, was that Kilkenny's power and influence at the high tables is non-existent. And another message: although it was one thing for the fans correctly to boycott the trip to Croke Park, it was another thing for the players to down tools on the day in question. Given the memory of the prevailing bitterness around the county, one hesitates to point the finger at them

for allowing their hearts, and the weight of public anger, to rule their heads and their competitive instincts. Honestly, though, does anyone imagine that the team's non-participation against Tipp assisted their three-in-a-row preparations any?

## TRIUMPH IN TULLAMORE

Ergo, hurray for the Under-21's. Light from darkness, satisfaction from frustration, a significant piece of silverware for an otherwise bare cupboard. And, more important than all of those, a quelling of the worries that the minor starlets of recent years weren't making the expected progression through to Under-21 and onto senior.

When all else about the twelve-month just past has been forgotten by Noreside supporters, the recollection of Brendan O'Sullivan's lads' first half performance against Waterford that overcast night in Semple Stadium will still burn bright. It was simply everything Kilkenny hurling is supposed to be about. Nor is it too fanciful to tout the notion that the eight-point winning margin at Tullamore the following month might have been doubled had the decider been held in Thurles.

As for the Philip Larkin affair on the big day, let's merely say that ultimately the good ended happily and the bad unhappily, and leave it at that. What was additionally pleasing was that the winners were, from a physical point of view, bulkier than most under-age outfits of recent vintage from the county. Now that isn't to say Larkin and Dan O'Neill will definitely find a home on the same Kilkenny senior half-back line in the immediate or not so immediate future. But it is to say that Martin Carey, Sean Meally, Ed. Drea,



Eddie O'Dwyer, the sweet-striking Dermot Maher and maybe the quietly-maturing Peter Barry appear to possess the potential to make big names for themselves four or five years down the road. With the entire spine of the team eligible again in 1995, the worst possible course of action would be to toss them in at the senior deep end before they're ready for it.

Re the minors, was Muggins here the only person surprised that not more of a fuss was made over their exit? Okay, so they came out of Leinster. Okay, so they were defeated by the All-Ireland champions in the making. Okay, so the only times Kilkenny haven't brought home the *Irish Press Cup* since 1986 they've been denied by none other than the eventual champions – and then invariably either by a couple of points or after a replay.

But the 1994 crop crashed out of the competition with no guns firing, no colours flying. Against Galway they were patternless, directionless, seemingly unacquainted with such esoteric elements of the game as clean striking, letting the ball do the work and linking with a colleague. The players looked for all the world as though they'd been introduced to one another for the first time in the dressing-room beforehand. Then, the most underserving of leads filched in injury time, these Kittens didn't even possess the copon to belt the sliotar down the far end of the field well out of harm's way. Twice they tried to run the ball from midfield, twice they lost possession. The second time, they lost their crown with it.

#### WERE FAR CLASSIER

Back to the senior inter-county scene. The early exit of the traditional Big Three was precisely the boost the '94 championship cried out for, and if it's hard to recall much in the way of spellbinding action – little sticks in the mind bar the excitement of Limerick/Cork plus the closing six minutes on September 4th – the sheer colour of the re-emergence of Offaly and the Shannonsiders obscured the mediocre bits. As with the football, the classier team (Frankie Carroll and Ger Hegarty, the latter quite erroneously deemed by numerous inhabitants of the press box to have had a colossal match when in fact he had nothing of the sort, were both hooked and blocked far too often for Limerick to lay any claim to that tag) brought home the bacon. Can't get a more aesthetically pleasing outcome than that.

The McEvoy team of the championship as follows: Joe Quaid (Limerick); Anthony Daly (Clare), Kevin Kinahan (Offaly), Martin Hanamy (Offaly); Dave Clarke (Limerick), Brian Whelehan (Offaly), Larry O'Gorman (Wexford); Ciaran Carey (Limerick), Johnny Pilkington (Offaly); Johnny Dooley (Offaly), Gary Kirby (Limerick), Billy Dooley (Offaly),



*"Super-glue" is yer' only man! Dermot Maher, the Under-21 midfielder races away from his Galway opponent in the All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Final.*

*(Photo: Tom Brett)*

Damien Quigley (Limerick). Two blanks, you'll see. Left-half forward and full-forward. (And there would have been another at centre-back except that I cheated and moved Brian Whelehan there). Apologies to D.J., but no left-half forward or full-forward was up to much in '94 – and I wasn't going to be parochial and stick him in merely for the sake of it. I'm fairly hopeful he'll forgive me eventually.

To finish on a personal hobbyhorse: what in the name of God happened with O'Loughlin's? One of the biggest clubs in the county with one of the biggest picks in the county (Dunmore and Johnswell included, remember), a club that ought to be serious contenders for the senior championship every year, yet next season they'll be competing in junior. That's a truly appalling state of affairs, and as well as being a sad indictment of O'Loughlin's themselves it says something not very creditable about the health of hurling in Kilkenny.

A much-needed injection of gumption and in 14 months' time the former "Windy Blues" could be preparing for a tilt at the senior title. Are they bothered? Does it hurt to be festering in the basement? Do they care enough to follow the

rags-to-riches example Dicksboro have so marvellously set?

I haven't a clue, but at any rate it certainly would be nice if for starters O'Loughlin's gave up being a laughing stock. To adapt a quote from another sport about another bunch of persistent underachievers, there used to be a G.A.A. club there. Its return is badly overdue.

P.S. Sensibly, second time around we flew back to Orlando. Two black and amber jerseys were spotted the weekend of the Dutch game. One was worn by a Hebron Road man, a close cousin of this columnist, now domiciled on Merseyside, who, on the strength of the abuse he suffered (apparently the two commonest jeers were "Up Offaly!" and "Ha!"), reckons he deserves a ticket from the County Board, gratis, for the 1995 All-Ireland Final for flying the colours so manfully. I'm with you on that one, Feargal. The other shirt belonged to a Londoner-Croydon, if I remember rightly, which I probably don't, because it was very late at night in a strange town, etc. etc. – who claimed to be a cousin of the Henderson's. We didn't doubt him for a minute. If you're reading, mate, hello.



# Ladies' Football

## - a first for Dicksboro



Dicksboro Ladies' Football Team 1994 – Front (l. to r.): Laurie Barrett, Stella Hogan, Geraldine O'Keeffe, Geraldine Nolan, Yvonne Hanrahan, Kay Brophy, Aoife Carrigan, Ann Stapleton. Back (l. to r.) Anne Marie Freaney, Freda Campion, Catherine Fitzpatrick, Sandra Twomey, Dymphna Hogan, Nora Feulon, Rosemarie O'Keeffe, Martina Butler, Elizabeth Hanrahan, Breda Malone, Mary McGree. (Missing from Photo) Josephine Freaney, Aine Ryan, Annie McGree, Helen Barrett, Anita Morrissey, Jane Roberts, Liz Lewis. (Photo by Michael Brophy)

**N**ame the Kilkenny team playing its football in Carlow? Perhaps the answer does not come readily to mind for most readers, but a dedicated number of young ladies broke new ground during 1994 when they formed the first Ladies' Football Club in Kilkenny. Affiliated to city side Dicksboro, the club has a large membership and a hard working enthusiastic committee. Definitely all the right ingredients for a team determined to go places.

The large numbers turning up for training on Wednesday evenings at the CBS school grounds made the

task of team selection somewhat of a nightmare for the team trainers and selectors. A number of local male Gaelic footballers took charge of the training programme.

With no Ladies' Football League operating in Kilkenny, the new club entered the Carlow Junior League. While league honours eluded the team in their first year, coming third in the competition was an outstanding performance.

A slow start to their campaign, when the team lost a number of their opening games, plus a decided lack of experience, hampered the side early on. However, showing the same battling qualities usually associated with other Dicksboro sides, the ladies improved as the season developed and

managed to win a lot of games towards the concluding stages of the league. The big improvement in the Dicksboro performance can be gauged from the fact that one of their victims towards the end of the season became the eventual league winners.

Next year, the club hopes to have more games, and they also look forward to other teams being established in Kilkenny. The players and officials have certainly enjoyed their first season and are already looking forward to an even more successful year in 1995.

The club trainers this year were John Cunningham, Phillip Spillane and Adrian Holleran. Team captain was Aine Ryan, while the team sponsors were *Meubles Furniture* of John Street in Kilkenny.





**DICKSBORO HURLING/SHINTY TEAM**

Front row (left to right) – Joe Philpott, Tommy O'Neill, Martin Hanrick, Jimmy Grace, Brian Kennedy, David Beirne, John Cahill. Back (left to right) – Paddy Grace, Brian Brennan, Eoin Begley, Sean Moore, Mark Dowling, Donal Kennedy, Stephen Kennedy, Shem Tynan.

(Photos: Tom Brett)

## SHINTY/ HURLING GAME

DICKSBORO played host to a party of 47 shinty players from Glenurquhart (Scotland) on 15th July to 17th July, 1994. Two games were played over the weekend, one against Tullaroan, and one against the host club.

The results were:

15/7/1994 – Tullaroan 8 goals,  
Glenurquhart 2 goals.

16/7/1994 – Dicksboro 5 goals,  
Glenurquhart 3 goals.

Dicksboro would like to thank Tullaroan GAA club, Blackmill Set Dancers, Kilkenny City & District Pipe Band as well as the club's own members who provided their visitors with a wonderful welcome and hospitality on their weekend visit.



Best of luck . . . Martin Hanrick (left), Dicksboro captain, wishes Billy McLeod, captain of the Scottish shinty team from Glenurquhart, best of luck before the combination hurlingshinty challenge game at the Dicksboro G.A.A. club. Included is referee Ken Fraser.



Glenurquhart – Scottish visitors to Dicksboro, July 1994.



# GAELIC GAMES IN CALLAN

## C.B.S 1994



RICE CUP WINNERS 1994

*Front Row: Ross Holden, Andy Ryan, Niall McCormack, Noel Hickey (capt.), Aidan Mackey, Niall Rohan. Middle Row: Br. Liam Burke, Keith Doheny, Dermot O'Donoghue, Joey Gormley, Brendan Hayes, James Ryall, Chris Maher, Gearóid Cleere, Frank McKenna. Back Row: Nigel Kennedy, Derek Holden, Alan Phelan, John Paul Corcoran, Patrick Hennessy, Eoghan Cunningham.*

The year 1994 will be long remembered in Edmund Rice College, Callan, as one of the most successful ever on the sporting field. Notable performances were recorded at all grades in hurling, football and handball.

The first trophy of the year was brought home in Junior football. After comprehensive victories over Bridgetown V.S., New Ross V.S., Dunlavin V.S. and New Ross C.B.S., the school recorded their first football success for some time when they overcame Heywood C.B.S. in the South Leinster final, on a scoreline of 1-6 to 1-4, at Nowlan Park.

Unfortunately, they had to give second best to a strong Rathangan side in the Leinster final. However, trainer, John Timmons, is optimistic for the future.

Talented Windgap brothers, Alan and Enda Hawe, came very close to bringing home the All-Ireland schools' handball doubles title when they were narrowly defeated in the final (21-14, 21-20) by St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen. Already this year, younger brother Enda has reached the Leinster Junior A singles semi-final. Anthony McCormack, later to play a leading role in the senior hurling side, showed his versatility by reaching the All-Ireland singles semi-final, losing narrowly to a Cork opponent.

Next on the agenda was the school's defence of the Rice Cup in which the school had been victorious in 1968, 1986, and 1993. Hopes were high that back-to-back titles could be achieved this year but the team couldn't have had a shakier start. In their first test, they fell to Kilkenny C.B.S. by five points, at Nowlan Park, but

a crushing defeat of Mt. Sion ensured a quarter-final slot against Charleville C.B.S. A hard fought victory against the Cork side earned Callan another crack at Kilkenny C.B.S., but, this time, at John Locke Park, Callan.

A much better performance this time saw them turn the tide on their great rivals and a third successive final beckoned. Rarely can such a low-scoring final have been so exciting.

Callan seemed to be cruising until a freak goal saw them fall behind after 10 minutes. However, opponents, Templemore, managed only one other point from a free in the entire match and Callan eventually ran out victors on a scoreline of 0-7 to 1-1. An interesting feature of this win was that the Callan captain, Noel Hickey, emulated his brother John who received the cup in 1993. It was fitting that the



Rice Cup should remain in the birthplace of Br. Rice in this the 150th anniversary of his death.

With two of the victorious 1993 All-Ireland minor side, namely Michael O'Neill and Damien Cleere, on board, hopes were high that the school's side could go all the way and emulate the team which won the All-Ireland 'B' title in 1991. It took six matches to reach the final but victories against Árd Scoil Rís (1-10 to

1-3), Mullinagar C.B.S. (1-11 to 1-4), Ballyfin (2-15 to 1-3), Gorey C.B.S. (3-13 to 2-5), Cistercian Roscrea (1-10 to 1-8) earned them a passage into the All-Ireland semi-final against St. Jarlath's Tuam.

A rather easy 2-14 to 1-5 victory against the western side meant an All-Ireland final meeting with Templemore C.B.S. After tossing for venue, Nowlan Park was selected to host the final, but, unfortunately,

Callan never came to grips with a superb Tipperary side and bowed out on a scoreline of 3-8 to 0-8:

After the summer recess, Callan's U-15½ team were invited to Dungarvan to take part in the Edmund Rice 150th anniversary hurling tournament. Victories against Dungarvan C.B.S. and Mount Sion C.B.S. meant a final berth against Middleton C.B.S. In a tough, hard-fought encounter, Callan emerged victorious on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-6.



**C.B.S. CALLAN SENIOR HURLING TEAM – COCA-COLA LEINSTER COLLEGES' S.H. "B" CHAMPIONS 1994/1994**

*Front Row (l-r): Richard Cody, Brendan O'Sullivan, Michael O'Neill, Anthony McCormack, Damien Cleere (capt.), Michael Quirke, Nigel O'Donovan, Owen Carey and P.J. Barron. Middle Row (l-r): Mr. Tom Walsh, Tom McCormack, Andrew Hickey, Tom McCarthy, Paddy O'Dwyer, Derek Walsh, Pdraig McCarthy, John Hickey, Jamie Gormley, Noel Lahart, John Comerford and Br. Liam Burke. Back Row (l-r): Tommy Manogue, Joe Murray, Andy Power, Richard Power, Martin Cuddihy, Ramey Cahill, Sean Millea, Eamonn O'Neill, and William Kearney.*

## JOHNSTOWN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Our school competed in the Integrated Colleges and Vocational competitions in 1993/'94. Our senior team put in some excellent performances.

Niall Minogue, Neil O'Connor, Joe Nolan, John Guilfoyle and Adrian Cleere represented our school on the Inter-County Vocational Team. Neil O'Connor later on played with the County Minor Team.



*Johnstown Senior Squad. Back Row: John Guilfoyle, Pat Morrissey, Kevin Power, Jason Ryan, Noel Hughes, Damien Dollard, James Kellaghan, Stephen Tallis, Pat Kennedy, Declan Garrett, Adrian Cleere and Michael Glendon. Front Row: Brendan Ryan, Thomas Bergin, Joe Delaney, Brian Kelly, Raymond Tallis, Michael Bergin, Damien Bird, Martin Quinlan and John Burke.*



## JOHNSTOWN JUNIOR HURLING:

The junior team played in both the Integrated Colleges, and Vocational competitions. Mountrath Vocational School defeated Johnstown in Mountrath last year. Joe Delaney was the star on this team, playing fine hurling at full-back.

Pat Morrissey (Freshford) was excellent and later played with the Kilkenny under-14 team. Kevin Power of Johnstown is another young star with a bright future. Ray Tallis scored two good goals in the closing stages against Mountrath and, with a few more moments, the Kilkenny side might have won.

In the new school there is a huge sports hall. This year's Under-14 and Junior teams look promising. So, with a new playing field and facilities, Johnstown are hoping to return to the glory days of the '80's.

## UNDER-14 HURLING:

In the Colleges' Hurling "B" Championship, Johnstown Vocational School was grouped with Ballyfin, Mountrath Vocational School and St. Fergal's College, Rathdowney. Johnstown scored emphatic wins over Ballyfin and Mountrath in their first two outings, but lost narrowly to the eventual Leinster champions, Rathdowney. Despite this defeat, the Johnstown outfit played excellently in the competition.

The team was evenly balanced with skilful players in most positions. Outstanding players were captain, Pat Mooney, Roy Condon, Niall Phelan, P. Costelloe, P. Morrissey, K. Power, L. Ryan and S. Tobin.

K. Fitzpatrick, P. Wall, R. Moriarty, M. Moriarty showed great promise for the future. Other gallant performers were W. Looby, P. Bergin, D. Burke and J.J. Grace.

The Johnstown panel was: R. Condon (Freshford), W. Looby (Johnstown), N. Phelan (Freshford), P. Bergin (Lisdowney),

K. Fitzpatrick (Lisdowney), P. Costelloe (Freshford), P. Wall (Gortnahoe), K. Power (Johnstown), P. Morrissey (Freshford), R. Moriarty (Urlingford), P. Mooney (Lisdowney) (capt.), M. Moriarty (Urlingford), L. Ryan (Johnstown), S. Tobin (Urlingford), J.J. Grace (Lisdowney), D. Bird (Gortnahoe), J. Muldowney (Lisdowney), K. Ryan (Johnstown).

## SENIOR CAMOGIE:

Johnstown's participation in the Senior Vocational Schools' Championship came to an abrupt halt in the first round when they were very narrowly beaten by Mountrath, who went on to win the Leinster championship in fine style, but only managed to pull away from Johnstown in the last five minutes.

The Johnstown outfit, which boasted quite a few stars from the successful Leinster Colleges' 'B' Championship team of the previous year, expected an extended run in the championship, but it was not to be. Nevertheless, the team played well on the day. Finnoula Gray gave an outstanding performance at centrefield.

Belinda Doyle, Patricia Dalton and Sinéad Delaney played well in the back-line, while Kelly Long and Rosemarie Sheehy were the pick of the forwards.

## MINOR:

Johnstown participated in the Kilkenny inter-schools' minor competition in 1994. Johnstown had two stirring encounters with Castlecomer Community School, winning one and losing one. They lost out to Loreto and Presentation, Kilkenny.

Sinéad Delaney and Kelly Long were the outstanding players on the team. Brenda Cleere, Louise Burke, Rosemarie Sheehy and Elaine Fox had good campaigns. Others who impressed were Chrissie Hughes, Susanne Stapleton and Regina Hughes.

# St. Kieran's College – another successful year

For the first time since 1986, a St. Kieran's College senior hurling team did not contest an All-Ireland Colleges' final, but we came very close to making it to an eighth consecutive final.

After extra time, our seniors bowed out to a fine St. Mary's Galway side in Nenagh, on 17 April, 1994, on a scoreline 3-13 to 1-16. It was a tremendous game and brought an end to a campaign in which this SKC side achieved far more than was expected of them.

In keeping with now well established practice, we played a series of challenge games against physically stronger opposition like Clare and Tipperary minors (twice), St. Flannan's, North Mon. etc., and a vigorous physical training schedule was completed before Christmas.

However, we nearly came a cropper at the Leinster semi-final stage when St. Peter's, Wexford, almost caught us in one of the best Leinster Colleges games in many years.

Brian Kelly's (O'Loughlins) 62nd minute point gave us a narrow 0-12 to 1-8 victory and we did not encounter the same level of difficulty in disposing of Good Counsel, New Ross, in the Leinster final by 2-10 to 0-8.

The players deserve great credit for their dedication and commitment to training as well as paying due attention to the academic requirements of school. John Quane and Billy Bolster were responsible



Johnstown Vocational School Minor Camogie Team. Back Row (l-r): Caroline Thornton, Rosemarie Sheehy, Kelly Long, Chrissie Hughes, Sinéad Delaney, Elaine Fox, Vanessa Burke, Ann O'Gorman, Louise Morrissey. Front Row (l-r): Edel Bergin, Eileen Healy, Louise Burke, Susanne Stapleton, Regina Hughes, Brenda Cleere, Anna Fox.



for the fitness training, while the team mentors were Denis Philpott (coach), Adrian Finan and Art Anglim.

#### JUVENILE HURLING:

This year, due to a decision of the Leinster Colleges' Council, we were permitted to enter only one team in the Juvenile competition. Coaches Tom Hogan (James Stephens) and Pat Murphy decided to work with a panel of thirty players and the team performed very well with three wins in their group games against CBS, Birr, and Comer CS but they came unstuck in the Leinster semi-final against a physically powerful St. Peter's team who defeated them by 3-3 to 1-2. For the first time in memory, no Kilkenny team contested the Leinster Juvenile final, which was played between St. Peter's and Enniscorthy C.B.S., the former winning by five points.

#### GAELIC FOOTBALL:

First term in school is football term for many players and for many years we have competed successfully in Roinn "A" of the Leinster Championship. Neil Connolly and Philip Walsh manage the juvenile and junior teams and training begins in early September, with most competitions running right up to Christmas.

The 1994 juvenile campaign got off to a good start with a draw away to St.

Peter's, and, at the time of going to press, both juvenile and junior teams are playing well, but competitions have not yet reached final stages.

Over thirty players feature on each panel, many of whom would not be involved in the hurling panels, and thus the promotion of football in St. Kieran's is very important for the health of Gaelic games, not just in the school, but in the surrounding parishes.

That we can compete successfully with stronger, traditional football schools is an indication that, with effort and quality coaching, football in Kilkenny is as good as anywhere in the province. 1994 holder of the Alfie Sheehy Trophy, as footballer of the year, is Brian Phelan (Clara).

#### LEAGUES AND COACHING INITIATIVES

In a large school like St. Kieran's, not all students can hope to play for their school teams, so we organise a wide range of internal leagues and coaching. In first term, 120 first and second years, who were not members of representative teams, participated in a hurling league. Over thirty matches were played, organised, and refereed, by Michael Forrest and Ger. Buckley and all these games took place between 4.00 and 5.15 p.m. All players turned out through rain and storm and made the league an outstanding success.

During the latter half of the year, a league is organised for third to fifth year students, not on representative teams, and this has proved a great success. It involves not merely participating in league games, but also involves a coaching course running parallel with the league, and, in particular, the coaching has proved to be a great success. Pat Murphy directs the programme and is assisted by many staff members who pass on skills to the players.

One interesting development in recent years is the game of 'wallball', a mixture of hurling and handball rules which has evolved wherever there is a blank wall and surface area and is hugely popular with many students. From early morning, well before class time, the pupils hone their lifting, solo and striking abilities, using hurley, tennis ball and wall to improve their skills and enjoy an original game.

We reckon that over 300 students participate in the GAA coaching programmes in the school in each year, and, despite pressure on pitches and manpower, it is planned to continue these programmes. Indeed none of these figures take into account the contribution of county coach and past pupil, Briain Ryan, whose work every fortnight in the school is much appreciated and valued and that of the members of the PE faculty who place Gaelic games high on their programmes. To them all, many thanks.

## St. Kieran's College Seniors 1994 – All-Ireland Semi-finalists



Top Row: Paddy Crotty, Paddy Doyle, Brendan Cummins, Donal Duggan, Eoin Beehan, Martin Dooley, Brian Kelly, Brendan Tobi, Alan Geoghegan. Middle Row: Denis Philpott (coach), Paul Morrissey, Mark Dunphy, Ashley O'Keefe, Pdraig Hehir, John Power, Mark Costigan, Michael Connolly, Adrian Finan (selector). Front: Pdraig Brennan, David Carroll, P.J. Cody, Martin Phelan, Billy Quinn, Brendan Dalton, Marcus Morris, Art Anglin (selector).



# St. Kieran's retain Junior Colleges' title

Normally one of the most exciting and closely fought of the colleges' hurling campaigns, with four schools having claimed the title in the last seven years, this year was dominated by a powerful St. Kieran's side who totally overwhelmed all opposition.

The semi-finalists were Good Counsel, New Ross, who defeated CBS Kilkenny by a large margin, St. Kieran's having disposed of St. Brendan's, Birr, in equally impressive fashion.

St. Kieran's retained the title on 9 November 1994 with an emphatic victory over Good Counsel, New Ross, by a wide margin of 2-13 to 1-4, at Dr. Cullen Park, Carlow.

The College laid the foundation for their victory by dominating the opening exchanges and scoring five top class points without reply in the first twenty minutes. Two of these points came from Brian O'Shea, with Henry Shefflin, J.P. O'Neill and Eoin Drea adding one each.

However, Counsel fought back, mainly through the excellence of Rower-Inistioge quartet of Tom Digby at full-back, Michael Doyle at midfield, Nicky Kenny at centre-back and the sweet-striking wing forward Paul Sheehan, producing some

very competitive hurling and scoring four good points during the closing stages of the first half.

However, they could not sustain the effort and Kieran's pressure was rewarded close to half-time when Podge Delaney (Fenians) raced 40 yards before hand-passing to Henry Shefflin, whose powerful shot was superbly saved by Niall Mackey (Glenmore). But Eoin Drea (Young Irelands) was on hand to slam home the rebound to the net to give St. Kieran's a 1-6 to 0-4 half-time lead.

The city school took over proceedings for most of the second half with a tremendous all-round performance, particularly from Donnacha Fahy (St. Mary's Clonmel), Michael Kavanagh (St. Lachtain's), Aidan Cummins (Shamrocks), John Morgan (James Stephens) and Kieran Philpott (Dicksboro'). Up front, Brian O'Shea (Dunnamaggin) was in very good scoring form and contributed four good points over the hour.

Counsel's only second half score of the second half came from corner forward Leon O'Connell (Rathnure) when he shot brilliantly to the net from 12 metres. St. Kieran's replied immediately with a goal from Willie Maher (Ballingarry) to put them ahead, comfortable winners by 2-13 to 1-4.

*St. Kieran's:* Pat Holden (James Stephens), John Morgan (James Stephens), Michael Kavanagh (St. Lachtain's), Aidan Cummins (Shamrocks), Michael Ryan (Moyné Templetuohy), Donnacha Fahy (St. Mary's, Clonmel), Kieran Philpott (Dicksboro'), Michael Fogarty (James Stephens) capt., Barry O'Donnell (Young Irelands), J.P. O'Neill (Dunnamaggin), Willie Maher (Ballingarry), Brian O'Shea (Dunnamaggin), Eoin Drea (Young Irelands), Henry Shefflin (Shamrocks), Podge Delaney (Fenians).

*Subs:* Martin Comerford (O'Loughlins), John Cullen (James Stephens), Noel Sugrue (Bennettsbridge), Francis Walsh (Kilmacow), Liam Trant (O'Loughlins), Pat Savage, Brian O'Dwyer (both James Stephens), Anthony Drohan, Jimmy Lynch (both Graigue/Ballycallan).

*Good Counsel:* Niall Mackey (Glenmore), Thomas Gowlin, Tom Digby (Rower-Inistioge), Sean Hickey, Paul Kehoe, Nicky Kenny (Rower-Inistioge), Niall Higgins, Michael Doyle (Rower-Inistioge), Philip Wallace, James Tierney (Rower-Inistioge), Kieran O'Grady, Paul Sheehan (Rower-Inistioge), Leon O'Connell, Andrew Wall (Mullinavat), Michael Sinnott.



ST. KIERAN'S COLLEGE - LEINSTER JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1994

Front Row (l-r): John Morgan, J.P. O'Neill, Patrick Holden, Henry Shefflin, Podge Delaney, Kieran Philpott, Michael Kavanagh. Back Row: Brian O'Shea, Michael Ryan, Eoin Drea, Donnacha Fahy, Barry O'Donnell, Aidan Cummins, Willie Maher, Michael Fogarty (capt.).



# Inter-County Vocational Schools' Hurling

The Vocational Schools Inter-County hurling championship is based on an open draw. Kilkenny were drawn against Wexford in the first round. This match was played in Thomastown.

Kilkenny had a big number of young players and were not too confident taking on Wexford, who traditionally have had big teams.

On the day, it developed rather as expected – many of the Kilkenny players were unable to compete in tight situations. Wexford led from early on and were in a strong position midway through the second half, having a comfortable lead. However, the better stickwork of the Kilkenny players began to tell as tiredness set in for both teams. Gradually the scores were added on and at the final whistle Kilkenny had achieved a narrow win.

We then met Tipperary in Thurles and were well beaten. Kilkenny did not play well on the day – a number of key players were off form. It was a disappointing finish to a brief campaign. Should most of the younger members of that team continue at school, they would form a basis for what should be a much stronger team in the coming year. Time will tell all!

We are indebted for the support we receive from Principals and staffs in the schools. Training sessions and matches cause disruption of classes but it is a price we have to pay if any degree of success is to be achieved.

The preparation of a team drawn from all parts of the county is an expensive exercise. Travelling costs, meals and equipment, all put a heavy burden on available funds. We are particularly appreciative of the financial support we got during the year from Kilkenny Co. Board, Southern Board, Co. Kilkenny Vocational Education Committee and Messrs P.M.



County Kilkenny Vocational Schools Senior Hurling Team 1994.

Front Row (l-r): Michael Gordon (Mooncoin), Declan O'Brien (Graignamanagh), Brian Dempsey (Thomastown), Derek O'Grady (Ballyhale), Ken O'Shea (Ballyhale), Niall O'Connor (Johnstown), Declan Buggy (Kilkenny). Back Row (l-r): Joe Nolan (Johnstown), Darragh Hunt (Ballyhale), Paschal Farrell (Ballyhale), Paul Moore (Ballyhale), Billy Doheny (Thomastown), Owen Dunphy (Mooncoin), Alan Lonergan (Thomastown), Andrew Connolly (Ballyhale).

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## FOOTBALL:

In 1994, a team wearing Kilkenny jerseys had a rare win in a football competition. Yes, Kilkenny beat Laois in the Leinster Senior B inter-county competition. This took the team into a Leinster final against Westmeath. It looked for a long time that victory would be achieved in this match also, but Westmeath had the better finish and won by a goal.

The Kilkenny team was chosen from several schools, with a particularly notable contribution being made by players from Ballyhale, Mooncoin and Thomastown. We thank them for the hopes they raised in us, and, if the flame died more quickly than we were prepared to accept, we appreciate the effort made. The Kilkenny team was:

P. Connors, B. Gaule, A. Lonergan, B. Doheny, P. Moore, A. Trait, N. Hales, D. Hunt, W. Walsh, M. Dobbin, K. O'Shea, C. Dunne, D. Ryan, M. Kennedy, M. Gordon.

Subs: G. Morrissey (for M. Kennedy), B. Dempsey (for M. Dobbin).



JUVENILE 'C' LEINSTER CHAMPIONS 1994

Front: Noel Hoyne, Ger Behan, Kevin Curran, Padraig Murphy, Graham Egan, Paul Buggy (Captain), John Bambrick, Michael Crilly, Mattie Butler. Back: John Sheehy (Manager), Cormac Ryan, Timmy Clifford, Tom Fitzgerald, James Hickey, Tom Murphy, Richard Fanning, Niall Bourke, Paul Hickey, J.P. Kennedy, Adrian Ronan (Kilkenny Senior team). Missing from photo: Ruaidhri O'Neill, Damien Doheny.



# SLIEVERUE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

For the first time for some years Slieverue Vocational School entered teams in the Leinster Schools' Competitions at both juvenile and junior level. While success has so far been elusive, this has not dampened the enthusiasm of the team members. We look forward with hope.



**SLIEVERUE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL JUNIOR HURLING TEAM 1994**

*Back Row (l-r): Pat Tyler, Kevin Haberlin, Shane Bobill, Michael Walsh, Liam O'Donovan, Noel Walsh, David Barrett, Declan Walsh. Front Row (l-r): Brendan Maher, Alan Atkins, Michael Forristal, David Walsh, David O'Donovan, John Paul Kelly, Eoin Dollard, Martin Knox, Denis Keogh.*



*Slieverue Junior Football Team 1994. Back Row (l-r): Niall McDonald, Noel Walsh, Seamus Grant, Kevin Haberlin, Kieran Murphy, Timmy Murphy, Declan Walsh, Michael Walsh, Derek Bolger. Front Row (l-r): David O'Donovan, John Kearney, Michael Forristal, P.J. White, David Walsh, Martin Knox, Andrew Keogh, John Paul Kelly.*



**KILKENNY C.B.S. - WINNERS SOUTH LEINSTER U/14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*Back Row: Joe Murray, P.J. McDonald, Brendan Nolan, Damien King, Shane Egan, Ger. Galvin, Kevin Shortall, Ian Deegan. Middle Row: Aeneas Daly, Brian Mulhall, Dermot Eardley, Pádraig Forristal, Garry Owens, Brian Cahill, Gerard Hayes, Mark Andrews, Michael Guilfoyle. Front Row: Alan Barry, Adrian Fitzpatrick, Stephen Nolan (capt.), Pádraig Lacey, Eamon Massey, Ian Morrissey, Michael Byrne.*



# MOONCOIN VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

THE YEAR 1994 was one of the busiest years ever in the G.A.A. scene in Mooncoin Vocational School. The school won two major competitions in the latter part of '93, so the scene was set for a successful 1994.

Our senior hurling team got as far as the quarter-final of the Leinster Championship, being beaten by the eventual winners, Rathdowney. Our team was composed mainly of Junior players so hopes are high for a good run in the Senior competition of 1994-95.

Team was: T. Falconer, O. Aylward, B. Gaule, L. Walsh, G. Maher, E. Dunphy, E. Mackey, W. Walsh, A. Walsh, M. Gordon, A. Henebry, G. Kirwan, L. Kelly, W. Synnott, R. Walsh. Subs. - L. Knox, R. Carroll, P. Phelan, D. Coughlan.

At senior level, Mooncoin Vocational School has not participated in any league or championship games in football thus far this year, due to a heavy commitment on the part of students to Hurling and Camogie training and fixtures at all levels.

However, our under-14 football panel are showing great enthusiasm for training. In our opening game, with Ballyhale, played at home, the boys from the Suirside were victorious in a very sporting contest. Stylish displays were given on the Mooncoin side by

midfielder, Brian Nolan, and forwards, Richard Fitzpatrick and John Barron.

The team representing Mooncoin Vocational School, on the occasion, lined out as follows: Declan Grace, Jamie Rochford, James Norris, John O'Hanlon, Jamie McGrath, Brian Fleming, Eoin Hennebery, Brian Nolan, Mark Quinn, Robert Cody, Brendan Mackey, John Barron, Richard Norris, Richard Fitzpatrick, John Roche. Subs. - Garry Power, David Dunphy, David Walsh, Shane Kinsella, Ian Treacy, Denis Scully, Bobby Ryan.

Matches against Castlecomer Community School and Christian Brothers School, Kilkenny city, took place before the end of November.

## Junior

Our Junior team reached the Leinster Final of the Vocational Schools Competition, but, unfortunately, lost to a good Banagher team. Our team is one of the most promising Junior teams in a long time, so, hopefully they will progress to better things.

Team: T. Falconer, C. Dunphy, L. Walsh, L. Dunphy, E. Mackey, B. Gaule, G. Maher, H. Gordon, A. Walsh, L. Kelly, G. Kirwan, B. Ryan, R. Walsh, W. Synnott, S. Tyler. Subs.: R. Carroll, L. Knox, P. Walsh, D. Walsh, B. Fleming.

Looking to the future, our Juveniles took part in the Leinster competition and won a number of games, before losing to New Ross Vocational School in the Leinster competition. This team is progressing well, so the future is fairly secure if the lads keep up the good work.

## Camogie

Our girls are back in competition for the first time in a number of years, playing six games and generally preparing well for the future. At the moment we have two camogie teams in preparation for the 1994-95 competition, a senior team and a junior team.

After the success of our past students, Marie Fitzpatrick and Frances Rothwell, with the Kilkenny senior team, maybe some of our present students can progress to greater things in the future.

Panels: Alison Rothwell, Mary Gordon, Melissa Rowe, Susan Henebry, Martina Dalton, Nora Gordon, Patricia Dalton, Caroline Rowe, Caroline Roche.

## Ladies' Football

Mooncoin Vocational School broke new ground this year on the G.A.A. front, by, for the first time, entering a girls' Gaelic Football team in competition after a number of practice sessions.



MOONCOIN V.S. SENIOR HURLING TEAM

Back row (left to right) - Liam Knox, Richard Roche, Liam Walsh, Eddie Mackey, Alan Walsh, Pat Delahunty. Middle row (left to right) - Martin Gordon (teacher), Ger Kirwan, Lee Kelly, Sean Tyler, Paul Walsh, David Walsh, Michael Gordon, Denis Buckley (teacher). Front row (left to right) - Richard Walsh, Pat Phelan, Tom Faulkener, Ger Maher, Laurence Dunphy, Peter Faulkener.





**MOONCOIN V.S. JUNIOR HURLING TEAM**

*Back row (left to right) – Richie Fitzpatrick, Brendan Mackey, Eddie Mackey, Richard Roche, Paul Walsh, Pat Delahunty, Richie Norris. Middle row (left to right) – Johnny Kennedy (teacher), Jamie Rochford, Gary O’Sullivan, Ivan Tobin, Joe Walsh, Sean Tyler, David Walsh, Richard Carroll, Eoin Hennebry. Front row (left to right) – Richard Walsh, Brian Fleming, James Norris, Laurence Dunphy, Peter Faulkeren, John O’Hanlon.*

We played Tullow Community School in the Championship, and, although we lost the match, a worthwhile venture had taken place.

## County

On the county scene Mooncoin school contributed in a major way to the county football teams of 1993-1994, 1994-1995 and to the county hurling team.

On the 1993-94 football county team we had W. Walsh, M. Dobbyn, M. Gordon and Bill Gaule. This team beat Laois in the Leinster semi-final, we lost

to Westmeath on a final scoreline: Westmeath 2-10, Kilkenny 1-11. On the 1994-95, team Mooncoin Vocational School had two players and two subs. Wexford beat the county team: Wexford 0-13, Kilkenny 2-4.

If Kilkenny could make a little better effort at football in general a little success would be sure to come our way. The panel members from Mooncoin were Ger Kirwan, Michael Gordon, Lee Kelly and Riain Walsh.

On the county hurling scene Mooncoin had six players on the county panel: Ger Kirwan, Bill Gaule, Eoin Dunphy, L. Walsh, W. Walsh and

Michael Gordon. This team beat Wexford in the first round of the all-Ireland competition but eventually lost to Tipperary in Thurles.

In all, 1994 was a very successful year for GAA affairs in Mooncoin Vocational School. The School sent out teams or players on more than 50 occasions, which was a huge effort by all the staff, especially the staff who were left behind to carry the can. As is often the case, the exam results of the people who took part in the above competitions were excellent, proving the old axiom: "A healthy body, a healthy mind" (*Mens sana in corpore sano*).



**MOONCOIN V.S. CAMOGIE TEAM**

*Back row – C. Murphy, C. Roche, A. Walsh, M. Rowe, S. Hennebry, N. Gordon. Middle row – A. Rothwell, S. Walsh, M. Carew, V. Holden, M. Gordon, E. Roche, Miss R. Purcell. Front row – O. Kennedy, P. Dalton, A. Coffey, P. Hearne, C. O’Brien.*





**MOONCOIN V.S. LADIES' GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM**

*Front row (left to right) – Rachel Coffey, Amy Coffey, Patricia Dalton. Second row (left to right) – Christine Walsh, Vivienne Holden, Suzanne Walsh, Sandra Walsh, Catherine O'Brien, Oonagh Kennedy. Third row (left to right) – Mr. Gordon, Emma Doody, Helen Walsh, Úna Kirwan, Siobhán Walsh, Mary Gordon, Gillian Barden, Niamb Dunphy, Nora Gordon, Joanne English, Miss Purcell. Fourth row (left to right) – Cathriona Walsh, Ann Power, Claire Faulkener, Caroline Roche, Susan Hennebry, Helena Walsh, Linda Dalton.*



**MOONCOIN V.S. JUVENILE GAELIC FOOTBALL TEAM**

*Back row (left to right) – John Barron, Bobby Ryan, Jamie McGrath, Mark Quinn, Brian Nolan, John O'Hanlon, Richie Norris. Middle row (left to right) – Joe Flynn (teacher), Jamie Rochford, Denis Scully, Ian Treacy, Robert Coady, Gary Power, James Norris, David Walsh. Front row (left to right) – Brendan Mackey, Gary O'Sullivan, Declan Grace, Brian Fleming, Eoin Hennebry, Richie Fitzpatrick.*





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## The G.A.A. Co. Coach visits my school

By John McDermott



John McDermott

A couple of weeks ago, the County G.A.A. Coach Briain Ryan came to coach my class. We went out at half past nine. First we started with warm-up exercises. We stretched our calf and hamstring muscles. We also did sprinting and jogging exercises.

We then started practising ground striking. I set up the bollards, between these you had to strike the sliothar. It soon became heavy and muddy. I clipped the sliothar to my partner. He then controlled it, brought it across the dew-covered grass and struck it with all his might. I think he thought he was playing a county hurling match. Oh that would be great! To pull on the Black and Amber stripes and go out and play for the mighty Kilkenny.

Then a loud whistle startled me. I grabbed the sliothar and ran towards Briain. We then had a relay race around the bollards. This was to develop our turning skills which are essential in a match, whether it is a county match, a club match or even a match with your friends. We won the race by a fair margin.

We then had a match. This is what we had been looking forward to. We had a knockout competition with four teams and a play-off. We lost the first game but only by a point. In the play-offs we found

ourselves losing by one point. We thought we would be slaughtered but our goal-keeper stood firm. In the dying seconds as one lone player soloed up the field a defender injured him viciously. A penalty was awarded. I went up to the sliothar, raised it high and hit it. The crowd was silent. The ball hit the net. The crowd roared with excitement. We had won the game.

John McDermott is in 6th Class at Ballyragget Boys National School.

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# SENIOR SCÓR 1994

THE following are the results from the Senior Scór which was held in Springhill Hotel in January last.

*Céilí Dancing:* Dicksboro – Sean Walsh, David Dalton, Denis O'Reilly, Tom Gaffney, Ann Doheny, Mary Doheny, Mairéad Fitzgerald and Pauline Hennessy.

*Solo Singing:* Dicksboro – Ann O'Keefe.

*Instrumental Music:* Dicksboro – Frank O'Brien, Billy Carrigan and Martin Coughlan.

*Novelty Act* Dicksboro – Sean Walsh and Tom O'Loughlin.

*Recitation:* Carrigeen – Pat Dalton.

*Quiz:* Emeralds – Eamonn Ryan, Nicholas Walsh and Sheila Cahill.

*Ballad Group:* Tullagher – Tom Walsh, Mary Gorry, Larry Kirwan and Richie Kirwan.

*Set Dancing:* Dicksboro – Tom Gaffney, Richard McEvoy, Nigel Byrne, David Dalton, Siobhán Morrissey, Mairéad Blanchfield, Patricia Byrne and Patricia Dalton.

The judges in this case were from Wexford. The organising committee were: Barry Hickey, Development Officer, and John Lanigan, Jimmy Walsh, with Paul Kinsella and John Knox running the quiz.



Tullagher/Rosbercon Ballad Group – Tom Walsh, Mary Gorry, Larry Kirwan, Richie Kirwan



Dicksboro Céilí Dancers – Included in photograph are Sean Walsh, David Dalton, Tom Gaffney, Ann Doheny, Mary Doheny, Mairéad Fitzgerald and Pauline Hennessy. Missing from photo: Denis O'Reilly.



Dicksboro Set Dancers – Included in photo are: Tom Gaffney, Richard McEvoy, Nigel Byrne, David Dalton, Siobhán Morrissey, Mairéad Blanchfield, Patricia Byrne and Patricia Dalton.



Emeralds Set Dancing team – Included are: P. Fogarty, K. Fogarty, K. Neary, Anne Neary, M. Cody, M. Farrell, Sean Quinn, Mrs. Quinn



Tom O'Loughlin and Sean Walsh (Dicksboro: Novelty Act), and Pat Dalton (Carrigeen: Recitation)



Emeralds Quiz Team – Included are Eamonn Ryan, Nicholas Walsh and Sheila Cahill.



# Juvenile Scór

Barry Hickey

Juvenile Scór was held in Springhill Hotel on Friday, 11th November and seven clubs took part. The Phil Cahill trophy was awarded to Carrigeen Club and presentation of same was made by Mrs. Cathy Coady from Ballycallan, daughter of the late Phil Cahill, who had done so much for Scór in Kilkenny for a long number of years.

The winners were as follows:

**Figure Dancing (Carrigeen):** Niamh Dunphy, Patricia Dalton, Linda O'Brien, Elma Walsh, Ann Power and Maria Power.

**Solo Singing (Mooncoin):** Aoife Gilmartin.

**Instrumental Group (Dicksboro):** Ruth McEaney, Darina de Róiste, and Róisín Ní Chaoimh.

**Novelty Act (Mooncoin):** Liam Walsh, Paula Mackey, Ann McGrath, Eoin Henebery, John Henebery, Helen Barden, Deirdre O'Hanlon, Tom O'Hanlon.

**Question Time (Tullagher/Rosbercon):** John Paul Phelan, Rd. Walsh and John Gaule.

**Recitation (Mooncoin):** Helen Barden.

**Ballad Group (Carrigeen):** Elma Walsh, Linda O'Brien, Claire Falconer, Anna Henebery and Niamh Dunphy.

**Set Dancing (John Lockes):** Ml. Dunne, Ml. Kirwan, Ross Holden, Paula Roche, Rosemary Corcoran, Evita Cassin, Sinéad Burke and Caroline Cooke.

The Judges for the event were Marjorie McDonald, Ann Cleere and Eddie McDonald. Mr. Seán Walsh from Dicksboro won the Stenna Trip and John Cahill from Emeralds won the Kerry Foods hamper.



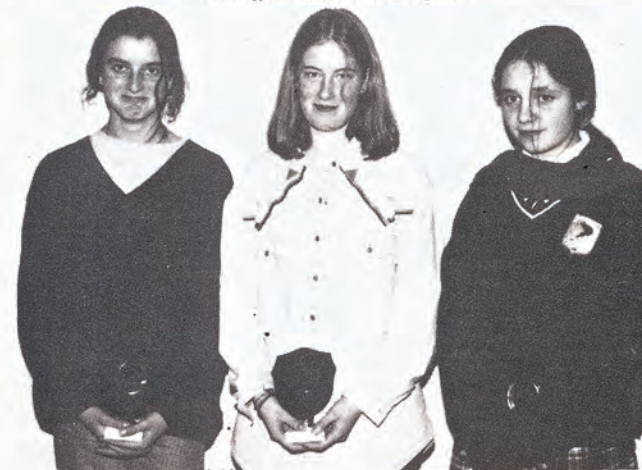
Presentation of the Phil Cahill Trophy to Pat Dalton of Carrigeen by Cathy Coady.



Deirdre O'Hanlon, Ann McGrath, John Barron, Paula Mackey, Maura Kearns, Helen Barden, Kathleen Kinsella and Liam Walsh – Novelty Act.



Tullagher-Rosbercon – Quiz



Instrumental Group – Dicksboro



Novelty Act – Mooncoin



# Juvenile Scór



*Helen Barden (Mooncoin) –  
Recitation.*



*Figure Dancing – Carrigeen*



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# FOOTBALL FOCUS

*A New Era Dawns!* By Nickey Brennan

What an appropriate evening to be writing a review of the football year, with Kilkenny having just recorded a rare National Football League victory over Munster side, Limerick.

Those who follow the fortunes of Kilkenny football closely (and regrettably they are all too few) will not have been surprised with the victory on the 27th November, in Ballyragget. With a new management team in place, plus a revitalised approach from a dedicated group of players, steady progress has been made over the past few months. The team commenced the National Football League in October with a fine performance against Ulster side, Monaghan. This was followed by an equally impressive display against Sligo, in Ballyragget, when a point separated the sides at the end of the game. This was a contest Kilkenny might have won, and the P.J. Carroll-trained Sligo outfit were mightily relieved to leave Ballyragget with both points.

The appointment of Peter Dukelow as Team Manager was a master stroke by the Football Board. The Army Officer has brought an air of freshness to the entire football set-up. A strict disciplinarian, Dukelow has earned the respect of all players on the panel and the attendance at training over the past two months is testimony to the renewed interest at inter-county level. Kilkenny football has received much unwanted media cov-

erage over the years, so perhaps credit can now be given to those who seek to improve the county's football fortunes.

Although posted at the Army Complex in Wexford, Dukelow commutes to St. James's Park twice a week for training with a 25-strong panel. Shortly after being appointed team manager, he enlisted the services of Pat O'Hanlon as team trainer. O'Hanlon's task is equally demanding. Practically all G.A.A. players in Kilkenny gear their training for hurling. Football, with its emphasis on quick passing movements, demands enormous stamina from the players. It is to the credit of O'Hanlon that he managed to get the players into such excellent shape in a short period of time.

The most pleasing aspect of the game against Sligo was Kilkenny's ability to last the pace. Indeed the Black and Amber men were going great guns at the finish with the Connacht side only too pleased to hear the whistle of referee, John Bannon.

Of course, it is all too early to predict a major resurgence for Gaelic Football here in Kilkenny. Many difficult games remain to be played in the National Football League. Peter Dukelow has set a target of two, perhaps three, wins in the current National League. Certainly ambitious, given performances over the past couple of years, but how refreshing to see a positive approach being taken by a Kilkenny Football Team Manager!



*Peter Dukelow*

It is refreshing also to see the positive approach being taken by the Kilkenny players. The days of rounding up players on the morning of the game are now gone, hopefully for ever. Training is now enjoyable, and the atmosphere generated at these sessions has helped to instil a sense of real hope and confidence in the game of football in the county.

Can the same enthusiasm be brought forward to the Leinster Junior Football Championship? Despite respectable league performances over the past few years, Kilkenny's displays in the Leinster Junior Football Championship have been most disappointing. A new challenge for Peter Dukelow Pat O'Hanlon, Team Selectors and, of course, the panel of players in the Spring of 1995.

## LAOIS END KILKENNY'S JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AMBITIONS

Kilkenny's ambitions of making some progress in the 1994 Leinster Junior Football Championship never got beyond the first round when they went under to a mediocre Laois side, in Portlaoise. The saying "a good start is half the battle" was amply demonstrated as the Laois team took command



**BALLYHALE SHAMROCKS - KILKENNY SENIOR FOOTBALL FINALISTS 1994**

*Back (l-r): Liam Fennelly, Kevin Fennelly, Paddy Farrell, Eamonn Kennedy, Bobby Aylward, Seán Fennelly, Jim Hickey, John Shefflin. Front (l-r): Wattie Phelan, Conor Harrington, Jimmy Lawlor, Tommy Shefflin, Paul Kearney, Dermot Fennelly, Michael Fennelly.*

Photo: Tom Brett





#### KILKENNY TEAM v. LAOIS – LEINSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

*Back (l-r): P.J. Whelan (Team Manager), Eddie Roche, Liam Kenny, Niall Morrissey, Liam Cassin, John Teehan, Pat Drea, Stephen Kennedy, Kieran Meally (Football Board Chairman). Front (l-r): Damien Walsh, P.J. O'Connor, Eddie Mulrooney, Jimmy Walsh, Tommy Fogarty (capt.), Seamus Crean, Pat Brennan, Philip Comerford.*

from the early stages. It took Kilkenny all of 17 minutes to register their first score, when Damien Walsh pointed. By the time, Laois had a goal and five points on the scoreboard, their goal coming courtesy of a Tony Dunne penalty.

Pat Brennan and Damien Walsh shot over two further points for Kilkenny before the break but by this time, Laois had taken a commanding lead. Damien Walsh narrowed the gap to six points early in the second half but this was the closest the Black & Amber men came to their opponents.

An outstanding display from Liam Kenny at midfield kept Kilkenny in touch for much of the game and an overworked defence did well to contain a rampant Laois attack in the second half. Goalie, Eddie Mulrooney, was one of Kilkenny's few stars, making a number of great saves. In defence, John Teehan, Eddie Roche and Tommy Fogarty played well, while, up front, only Pat Brennan and Damien Walsh posed any threat to the Laois rearguard. The final score of 2-13 to 0-7 in favour of the Laois men was a painful reminder to Kilkenny that the absence of any preparation prior to this game was

bound to be fatal.

The Kilkenny team in Portlaoise was: Eddie Mulrooney (Clara), Jimmy Walsh (Glenmore), Niall Morrissey (Dicksboro), John Teehan (Graigue/Ballycallan), Tommy Fogarty, capt. (James Stephens), Eddie Roche (Railyard), Seamus Crean (Clara), Liam Cassin (Dicksboro), Liam Kenny (Piltown), Stephen Kennedy (Dicksboro), Pat Drea (Barrow Rangers), Philip Comerford (Coolagh), Pat Brennan (St. Patrick's, Ballyragget), P.J. O'Connor (Glenmore), Damien Walsh (Railyard). Subs: Bernard Maguire (Railyard) and John Grace (James Stephens).

#### DUBLIN SEE OFF DETERMINED KILKENNY

Kilkenny were set a tough task in the 1994 Leinster Minor Football Championship when they drew Dublin in the first round. The fact that the game was being played in Kilkenny mattered little as the talented Dublin squad were favourites to come through Leinster this year. Back in charge of the Dublin minor squad this year was Alan Larkin, who has an impressive record with

Dublin minor teams of the past. Assistant to Larkin was the former Galway star, Brian Talty, now a teacher in Dublin.

Kilkenny's preparations for this important outing centred around the South East League where the team again performed with distinction and more than held their own against all opponents. Dublin would certainly prove tough opponents, and so it turned out.

Despite the abundance of talent in the Dublin side, they had a difficult task against an eager Kilkenny fifteen for forty-five minutes. At that stage only a couple of points separated the sides and Kilkenny were enjoying a surprising degree of possession around the field. A missed goal-scoring opportunity midway through the second half ended Kilkenny's hopes of causing an upset.

With excellent players like Ian Robertson, Jason Sherlock and Paul McLoughlin in their ranks, Dublin, realising that they needed to step up their game, duly took total control and the remaining ten minutes brought an avalanche of Dublin points. Robertson and Sherlock, incidentally, are now starring with the Dublin senior side.



#### INTERNATIONAL MINOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 1994

*Officials from the New York, London and Warwickshire Teams were accorded a civic reception by Senator Michael Lanigan, Mayor of Kilkenny, during the International Minor Football Tournament which was held in Kilkenny, in August. Also in attendance were Pat Mulrooney, Secretary Kilkenny Football Board; Joe Pyke, Chairman Kilkenny G.A.A. Board na nÓg; Tommy Murphy, Kilkenny Leinster Council Representative, and T.P. Murphy (Down), Chairman International Dimension Work Group Cumann Luthchleas Gael.*

Photo: Tom Brett





#### INTERNATIONAL MINOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 1994 – KILKENNY PANEL

Back Row (l-r): Dick Mullins (Selector), Aidan Begley, Niall Kelly, Fergal Freyne, John Maher, Shane Coogan, Donal Dowling, Paul Fitzgerald, Derek Butler, Thomas Brett, Tom Cunniffe (Team Manager). Front Row (l-r): Mick Lynch (Selector), Willie Fitzgerald, Stephen Guidera, Paul Morrissey, Michael Gordon, Dermot Grogan, Ciarán Lych (capt.), Thomas Healy, Ger Campion. Missing from picture are John Dowd and Fintan Walsh.

Photo: Tom Brett

Kilkenny certainly gave of their best for three-quarters of the game but the remaining quarter showed the big gap in standards between the two counties. Dublin went on to win the Leinster Final, but lost out to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The Kilkenny team that played Dublin was: P. Morrissey (Coolagh), P. Fitzgerald (Glenmore), A. Begley (Dicksboro), B. Farrell (Piltown), C. Lynch (Glenmore), J. Connolly (Piltown), K. O'Shea (Dunamaggin), M. Phelan (James Stephens), P. Mullally (Glenmore), J. Phelan (Glenmore), D. Cleere (Graigue-Ballycallan), S. Purcell (Erin's Own), N. Kelly (James Stephens), M. Gordon

(Piltown). Subs: W. Walsh (Mooncoin), J. Mulcahy (James Stephens).

#### KILKENNY CAPTURE INTERNATIONAL SHIELD

Kilkenny County Board again staged the International Minor Football Tournament with competitors coming from New York, London and Warwickshire this year. The Black & Amber side were hampered by the absence of a number of key players due to their involvement with the Kilkenny Minor Hurling team. Nevertheless, the selected team performed well to reach the final of the Shield competition, where they overcame the challenge of Warwickshire in impressive

fashion. London were winners of the main competition, easily disposing of New York in a one-sided final.

This tournament has grown in stature over the past three years and is eagerly awaited by the participants from outside Ireland. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the young players to visit the land of their forefathers.

The Kilkenny County Board has been highly praised for the manner in which the tournament was organised over the past two years. It now seems likely that Kilkenny will be asked to stage the competition again in 1995.



#### INTERNATIONAL MINOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 1994

Team Captains including Kilkenny's Ciarán Lynch (second left at front) at the presentation dinner in Hotel Kilkenny. Back row: Senator Michael Lanigan, Mayor of Kilkenny; Nickey Brennan, Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Cill Chainnigh; Liam Aylward T.D., Minister for Sport, and P.T. Murphy (Down), Chairman Internal Dimension Work Group Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

Photo: Tom Brett



## YOUNG ROYALS TAME THE CATS

Kilkenny had the distinction of playing Meath at Under-21 level in both the hurling and football championship in 1994. Whereas the hurlers overcame the Royal County with consummate ease in their first round game, the hapless footballers had no such luck.

As with the minor footballers, Kilkenny held their own for much of the game but the greater experience of the Meath men, allied to their superior skills, were crucial factors in a solid victory for the North Leinster side.

Kilkenny, though, had the audacity to go in at half-time leading their opponents, but a bit of a tonguelashing from team manager Paul Kenny, now, incidentally, manager of the Louth senior team, brought the desired improvement in the Meath performance in the second half. The reigning Leinster and All-Ireland champions were worthy winners in the end but not before getting a little scare from a brave and committed Kilkenny side. Later in the Leinster championship, Meath were to lose to Laois in an ill-tempered and best forgotten final.

## 'BORO EQUALLY ADEPT WITH THE BIG BALL

Ever since they emerged from the Intermediate grade a couple of years ago, the prospects of winning the Senior football championship looked a near certainty for Kilkenny city side, Dicksboro. After all, the 'Boro's hurlers had led the way, so why not the footballers!

The club was particularly lucky that a number of its footballers were not playing hurling with the senior team and this helped to focus their thoughts on the senior football campaign. The league draw did not look too appetising for Dicksboro as they were drawn in a tough group that included James Stephens, Glenmore and the Railyard.

Nevertheless, the side emerged at the head of their group and were rewarded with a semi-final meeting against Graigue/Ballycallan.

A decision by the County Board to allow junior footballers to play with senior or intermediate clubs, in addition to their own club, brought a new dimension to this year's campaign for a number of players.

Although not availed of to any great extent, it did help Dicksboro, in particular, when John Conlon and Christy Walsh joined from Bennettsbridge. Earlier in the year, Liam Cassin had transferred from Bennettsbridge and this trio played a significant role in helping Dicksboro achieve championship honours.

Another team to avail of the new ruling was Ballyhale Shamrocks, with Kilmoganny's Paul Kearney, Jim Hickey and Sean Ryan crossing the border to assist their neighbours. Call it coincidence, but with the Shamrocks and Dicksboro clashing in the County Final, perhaps the new player eligibility ruling by the County Board was sig-



Some of the people guiding the fortunes of Kilkenny senior footballers in 1995. From left: Jim Mulvin (Selector), Pat O'Hanlon (Team Trainer), Kieran Meally (Football Board Chairman), Joe Coogan (Selector). Photo: Tom Brett

nificant after all. The demise of former football kingpins, the Railyard, was the major surprise of the 1994 local football championship. A Kilkenny football semi-final without the Railyard is akin to Christmas without Santa Claus. With Dicksboro heading Group A and James Stephens in second place, the Railyard found themselves out in the cold for the first time in many years.

Dicksboro overcame the Graigue/Ballycallan hurdle without too much difficulty in their semi-final but the other semi-final between the reigning champions, James Stephens, and the Ballyhale Shamrocks, looked difficult to predict.

The Stephens, although not as impressive as usual in the league section of the competition, were still many people's favourites to contest another county final. The

Ballyhale Shamrocks, though, had other ideas, and, boosted by their Kilmoganny trio, they upset the form book to reach their first senior final for a number of years.

The county final never lived up to expectations, with the overall standard disappointing. Still, Dicksboro won't complain and the championship trophy looked very contented sitting beside the Tom Walsh Cup in Palmerstown. As events turned out later in the year, Tullaroan were to disrupt that little partnership.

The status of Kilkenny football was given another great boost in the Autumn when Dicksboro were very unlucky to lose to St. Joseph's of Laois in the Leinster Club Football Championship first round, following a replay. The Kilkenny champions could, and perhaps should, have won the first meet-



National Football League at Nowlan Park. London captain, Lar Molloy; referee Sean Whelan and Kilkenny captain, John Caldbeck. Photo: Tommy O'Neill





**TULLOGHER/ROSBERCON – INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1994**

*Back (l-r): Eddie Sullivan, Ed. Walsh, James Lyng, Seamus Phelan, Shem Cummins, Eamonn Phelan, Robbie Hennessy (capt.), Enda Cummins, Tom Doherty, John Walsh, John Murphy (b/f), Thomas Healy. Front (l-r): Michael McDonald, Mark Malone, Eamonn Bookle, Joe Murphy, Michael Bookle, Tommy Morrissey, Seamie Murphy, Martin Fitzgerald, Martin Bookle, Richard Barron, John Murphy (b/r). Seated: Jack Ryan.*

ing between the sides in Nowlan Park. A couple of crucial refereeing decisions went against Dicksboro late in the game and the St. Joseph's men were mightily relieved to get another chance. The replay took place one week later in Portlaoise, with the Laois men making no mistake this time and running out deserving winners.

**TULLOGHER-ROSBERCON CLAIM INTERMEDIATE TITLE**

Like its hurling counterpart, the Intermediate Football Championship is one of the most difficult to win in Kilkenny. The 1994 campaign was another test of courage and endurance for the eight teams that set out on the championship trail in late March.

Group A, as events turned out, was to contain the championship finalists. Tullogher-Rosbercon, who threatened to make the breakthrough over the past few years, showed impressive form during the league section of the championship. Last year's Junior champions, Piltown, were far from overawed by their new surroundings and fully deserved to finish second to Tullogher-Rosbercon in their Group.

Having just lost out to Barrow Rangers in the 1993 Intermediate Football championship final, Clara were seen as favourites to make the breakthrough to the senior ranks in 1994. Three wins in the league from Group B fully justified the favouritism tag

for the Clara men. Conahy finished second in Group B without ever displaying the form of previous years. Both championship semi-finals saw teams from the North and South in opposition.

Tullogher-Rosbercon disposed of the challenge of Conahy Shamrocks, but not before a late rally by the Conahy men. The second semi-final threw up perhaps the surprise of the year when the previously undefeated Clara lost out to a committed and fiercely determined Piltown side.

There was to be no surprise in the county final with Tullogher-Rosbercon deservedly capturing the title despite the best efforts of a gallant Piltown side.



**KILMOGANNY – KILKENNY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS 1994**

*Back (l-r): Gerry Carroll, Brian Mackey, Malachy Hogan, Denis Lahart, Kenneth O'Shea, Michael Moran, John Carroll, Sean Ryan. Front (l-r): Matthew O'Shea, Eamonn Kennedy, Anthony McCormack, Paul Whelan, Jim Hickey, Paul Kearney, Michael Davis, Tom Hickey. Inset: Alan Mackey.*



**KILMOGANNY COMPLETE A RARE DOUBLE**

Ask any Blacks & Whites' player or official who their least favourite teams in Kilkenny are and they will probably say Dunamaggin and Kilmoganny. The poor Skeoughvosteen lads must surely be sick and tired of the southern club's jerseys after three major defeats during 1994.

Dunamaggin saw off the challenge of the Blacks & Whites in the Junior Hurling Championship and Open Draw hurling finals. Kilmoganny provided the opposition in the Junior football final.

Both teams came through their respective

divisional championship campaigns in impressive fashion. No doubt the success of the same teams in the divisional hurling campaign rubbed off on the footballers also.

It took two games to decide the outcome of the 1994 championship. The first game in Bennettsbridge saw a titanic struggle between two fiercely determined sides. Kilmoganny's intentions were clear. A Junior championship double was the aim and they had the power throughout the team to achieve their ambitions.

For the Blacks & Whites, it was a case of wresting something from a year that promised so much. In the end, it was the

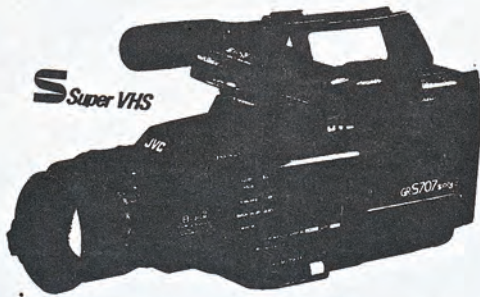
Kilmoganny lads who were celebrating a notable double. The poor Skeough lads were dejected and downhearted, and who could blame them. Perhaps 1995 can be a little kinder to the Blacks & Whites!

**DICKSBORO'S YOUTHS STEAL THE SHOW**

Kilkenny football received a big boost during the year with the display of the young players from Dicksboro' in the Peil na nÓg tournament in Kerry and a special Leinster Council sponsored 'blitz' in Longford. Well done to all concerned.



*Dicksboro's successful Peil na nÓg players preparing to depart for Kerry.*



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# JAMES STEPHENS

Under-21 Hurling Roinn 'A' County Champions 1994



FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Philip Larkin, Shane Doyle, Francis Cantwell, Fergal Cantwell (Captain), Brian Leahy, Barry Smith, Tobias White. BACK ROW (l.-r.): Martin Phelan, Liam Smith, Brian McEvoy, Brian Dooley, Malcolm Murphy, Kevin Grogan, Conor O'Dwyer, Peter Barry.

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)

# LISDOWNEY

All-Ireland Senior Club Camogie Champions 1994

FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Ann Marie Hughes, Marina Downey, Angela Downey-Browne, Ann Downey, Veronica Wall, Noelle O'Driscoll, Bridget Barnaville, Catherine Dunne (Captain). BACK ROW (l.-r.): Noel Barnaville, Mary Brennan, Deirdre Delaney, Brigid Wall, Oliva Donnelly, Fran Shore, Áine Dunne, Caroline Glendon, Sandra Gleeson, Martina Tallis, Annie Murphy.





# KILKENNY

## All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Champions 1994



BACK ROW (l.-r.): Jarleth Bolger, Jim Hickey, Dan O'Neill, Tom Henderson, Dermot Maher, Richie Kelly, Brian McEvoy, Francis Cantwell, Barry Power, Ed Drea, Peter Barry, Philip Larkin (Captain), Sean Meally, Malcolm Murphy, Tobias White. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Michael Owens, Ger Walsh, Brendan Ryan, Robert Shortall, Eddie O'Dwyer, Seamus Dollard, Martin Carey, Adrian O'Sullivan, P. J. Delaney, Denis Byrne, Ollie O'Connor, Sam Morrissey.

(Photo: Richard May)

### BLACK CAT! BLACK KITTEN!

Father and son, Philip and "Fan" Larkin celebrate after the All-Ireland Under-21 Hurling Final victory over Galway. Looking on is well-known G.A.A. supporter Bob McMunn.





# Waterford Crystal's Handball Extravaganza

By TOMMY O'BRIEN

WHEN the Irish Handball Council decided to host the 7th World Handball Championships, they little realised the huge task they were undertaking. A generous sponsor was needed – and found – with Waterford Crystal filling that role (and available for the next World Championships in Canada in 1977).

When I agreed to be Fixtures Co-ordinator, I had no idea that some 800 players from Ireland, USA, Canada, Mexico, England, Wales, Australia, Finland and France would converge on Clare and Dublin.

Clare hosted the Juvenile, Ladies and Masters grades – 30 championships in all – in brilliant fashion, with hospitality being their central theme.

No matter which venue players travelled to within the county, they were immediately hauled away for “grub”.

Dublin successfully hosted the remaining 10 championships – Open, A/B, B, C, 23 and Under, and the big one – Invitation – without the same measure of hospitality, perhaps, but with no less enthusiasm or ability.

## HIGHLIGHT

The highlight was, of course, the three Invitational events for the World's best players. Kilkenny's “Duxie” Walsh was a major draw. His semi-final demolition of



Nicky O'Reilly (O'Loughlin's) – World C Singles Champion. (Photo: Tom Brett)



D.J. Carey – Under-21 World Champion

Canadian champion, Danny Bell (“Duxie's” conqueror in the '91 World Championships in Phoenix, Arizona) was brilliantly executed and if “Duxie” was clinically taken apart in the final by David Chapman (USA), the Kilkenny player lost no admirers in defeat.

The Invitational Doubles produced some great games also, with Ireland's Tom Sheridan and Egin Jensen defeating Mexico and Canada before losing out to USA in the final.

The Invitational game which really thrilled the crowd was the ladies final between USA and Canada. The US girl was 1991 champion but showed little sportsmanship and the Irish crowd, who began the game as neutral observers, soon got behind the very sporting Canadian girl who delighted the packed gallery by winning the tie-breaker.

## KILKENNY CHAMPIONS

Even if “Duxie” did not make it all the way, Kilkenny had three players who did.

D.J. Carey (Goresbridge) was seeded No. 1 in both the singles and doubles of the 23-and-Under grade. He was soon to show that this seeding was justified. He joined Tyrone's Ciaran Curran in doubles and they swept all before them to win the doubles title – and then meet in the singles final.

This clash was another Croke Park highlight, with Kilkenny followers getting



Tommy O'Brien

live coverage on Radio Kilkenny – one of three live broadcasts the local station did from these championships. D.J. showed delightful skill, earning high praise from no less an expert than Pat Kirby, to become the only player to win two championships.

Nicky O'Reilly (O'Loughlin's) entered the C championship – one of a massive 64 to enter. He was not seeded – but he hammered seeded and unseeded players alike in his quest for victory.

He beat an Irishman in Leixlip on Monday; an Englishman in Ashbourne on Tuesday; an American in O'Connell Schools on Wednesday; was back to beat a Dub living in Meath at Erin's Isle on Thursday, and became a World champion on Friday when he beat a Tipperaryman.

How's that for an international hit-list!

Pat O'Keeffe (Mullinavat) joined forces with Roscommon's Ray Doherty to compete in the Super Doubles for players over 60. The remarkably-fit and agile Kilkennyman had to wait until the Tuesday of the World Championship week before he saw action – a facile win over Joseph Orr and Bill Pearl (USA) in Nenagh. He saw off Canadian opposition – Vince Gabrielle and Pat Brennan – in the semi-final.

They were expected to crumble when they came up against really good opposition in the final, but showed great resilience to come out on top in a brilliant win.

## OTHER KILKENNY WIN

There were 29 Kilkenny handballers who sought fame (well, most were really just there for the fun!) in the World championships. The four most prominent have already been mentioned.

Special sympathy is due to Paddy Reilly, Seamus Reade and Eugene Downey who were just a step away from the final, and the other Kilkenny players were: Martin Rowe, Gerry Rowe, Michael Maher, Paul Smith, Philip Parsons, Michael Nolan, Tom Comerford, Ollie Falsey, Pat Maher, Martin Lalor, Johnny Brennan, Billy Bourke, Danny Bourke, Daniel Love, Jim

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## Handball Extravaganza - contd.

Caulfield, Eddie Leahy, Tommy O'Brien, Stephen O'Connor, Jim O'Neill, Con Moore and Willie Pratt.

### EPILOGUE

The World Championships ended with "Duxie's" defeat on the second Sunday of the extravaganza, but, for the Mexican team, there was a footnote.

They stayed on for a couple more days to visit "the home of handball" - Kilkenny. They visited two courts during their stay - Talbot's Inch where they joined "Duxie" and D.J. for a game of 60 x 30, a game of which they had little or no experience.

This was nothing compared to their handball experience on Monday evening. They visited St. John's alleys, near the family home of the great John Joe Gilmartin. There was a game in progress between



Former World Champions in Talbot's Inch after the World Championships - Natty Alvarado (Mexico), Poncho Monreal (Mexico), "Duxie" Walsh, D.J. Carey (Kilkenny), Barry Goff (Wexford), Natty Alvarado Jnr.

eight of the regulars - four aside. The visitors decided to challenge the winners so the strongest team ever in handball - Natty Alvarado (World Champion in '88), Poncho Monreal (World Champion '91), "Duxie" Walsh (25 times All-Ireland senior champion) and Paddy Reilly, for-

mer senior singles and doubles All-Ireland champion - lined out against Richard Bourke, Paul Smith, Billy Hanlon and Chris Dunne.

The strongest team ever in handball were then given a handball lesson. How the mighty fall!

# Clogh handball court re-opened

WHEN Clogh handball alley was built in 1923, it provided the only full-time venue for active sport in the parish. While Railyard Football Club provided a pitch and facilities from the late 'Forties, the handball alley remained the only facility in Clogh.

From a membership of about 100 in the 'Fifties, the club diminished considerably in numbers resulting in a deterioration of the ball-court to an unacceptable standard.

Many a Sunday in the good old days, the village of Clogh was thronged with visitors from all over the country, as players such as John Ryan (Wexford), John Joe Gilmartin (Kilkenny), Paddy Perry (Roscommon), Joe Maher and Fintan Confrey (Louth), Des Dillon and Austin Clarke (Dublin), Paddy Winders (Kildare), and many others, made the local alley a popular venue for big games.

Clogh, too, had its share of success, with players such as Paddy Somers, Joe O'Keefe, Mick Sullivan, Jimmy Brennan (Roe), Peadar Hughes, Billy McCarthy, Tom Morrissey, Tom Comerford and Eddie Mahon bringing national honours to the club.

In more recent times, after something of a lull, Brendan and Alan Hosey, Joe O'Gorman, Daniel and William Love have brought All-Ireland under-age titles back again.

1994 saw a worthwhile effort, which will stand the club in good stead for years to come. Backed by the drive of Billy Love and his vice-chairman, Tom Comerford; secretary John Doyle, treasurer Eddie Mahon, PRO Charlie McCarthy, finance director Sheila Hosey and a hard-working

committee, the handball alley took on a major look.

At first, many thought the project was beyond the reach of the members, but, with a new roof, total external plastering, dressing rooms and glass backwall, the alley was officially re-opened on August weekend by Leinster Secretary Tommy O'Brien, in the presence of Minister for Sport, Liam Aylward.

The gallery was again packed, as in days of yore, as All-Ireland record-holder "Duxie" Walsh took on his doubles partner, Eugene Downey, in an exhibition.

The club is now alive again and was described by Tommy O'Brien as one of the outstanding venues in the country. He promised it would not be long until Clogh once again becomes a leading venue for top fixtures and youngsters winning titles.

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# LOCAL AND JUVENILE HANDBALL SCENE

By CON MOORE



Ollie Falsey, Talbot's Inch, 60 x 30 Novice Singles All-Ireland Champion. (Photo: Tom Brett)

## County Championships

AFTER another year of competitive handball, it is interesting to see where the final location of County Championships will be, and, to be factual about the situation, success at juvenile level seems to ensure even greater success at adult level.

O'Loughlin's, with nine wins, lead the championship stakes, with players like Joe Daly, Paddy Reilly, Willie O'Neill, Jimmy McGarry, Pat Minogue, Nicky O'Reilly, Tommy Comerford, Philly Parsons, Billy Bourke and Con Moore making it to the victory rostrum.

Talbot's Inch won six championships, with Michael Walsh, Anthony Greene and Seamus Reade being their star players – in fact, Masters experts, Greene and Reade, accounted for five titles between them.

Windgap are next with five titles, and, here, Alan and Enda Hawe made a clean sweep of the minor titles with their father, Stephen, combining with Joe O'Shea to take the Masters B Doubles championship.

St. John's, in only their second year of competition, made a great impact – winning four county titles. Their top players were Martin Rowe, Eddie Burke, Paul Reilly, Michael Hayes Snr. and John Quigley. They also won three team events.

Mothel players Johnny Brennan, Jimmy Barcoe and Mick Nolan accounted for three titles, to tie with Clogh's Michael Maher and Colm Love and St. Canice's best player, Willie Pratt, who won two Masters singles titles and the Senior softball singles medal. Mullinavat also won three medals, Eamonn Law and Pierce O'Keeffe being the dominant players of the South.

Kilfane's Dick Forristal and the O'Keeffe Brothers, Tom and Billy, kept the flag flying, while Matt Donnelly of Goresbridge won Masters (B) singles and Frank Minogue of Kells won Golden Masters singles.

Kells, Windgap, St. John's, St. Canice's and Talbot's Inch were dominant in the team events.

## Timmy Clifford outstanding

O'Loughlin's star, Timmy Clifford, was undoubtedly Kilkenny's best juvenile during 1994, winning Leinster and All-Ireland under-14 singles championships in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20, thereby emulating the feats of the great "Duxie" Walsh. In fact, if Timmy continues to improve at his present rate, he could be Kilkenny's star of the future.

Alan Dowling and Mark Dunne (O'Loughlin's) were dominant in under-15 doubles, winning Leinster and All-Ireland titles for Kilkenny in 60 x 30, while Alan teamed up with Michael Falsey to win the Leinster under-15 doubles title in 40 x 20.

Shem Kelly (Mothel) starred at under-12, winning singles in both 40 x 20 and



Timmy Clifford (O'Loughlin's), U-14 Singles All-Ireland Champion in both 60 x 30 and 40 x 20. (Photo: Tom Brett)

60 x 30 at Leinster level. William Love and Damian Byrne (Clogh) also achieved this distinction in under-13 doubles in Leinster.

Anthony McCormack made the breakthrough for Kells, winning the Leinster Under-17 title. Apart from the above players, who won nine Leinster and three All-Ireland titles, the following players were narrowly beaten in Leinster finals:

40 x 20 - Pakie Kiely, Robert Falsey (O'Loughlin's), Eamonn and Enda Hawe (Windgap), Canice Pratt, Paul Meaney (St. Canice's).

60 x 20 - P. J. Hawe (Windgap), Daniel Love (Clogh), Jason Delaney, David Beale, Michael Falsey, Robert Falsey (O'Loughlin's), Canice Pratt, Paddy Boyle (St. Canice's).

In all, Kilkenny won nine of the 17 Leinster finals contested and appear poised to capitalise on their dominant position next year.

The new Under-12/13 team of six proved very popular, with Kilkenny beating Wexford in the 60 x 30 Leinster final, but losing out to the same opposition in 40 x 20. Shem Kelly, Donal Kelly (Mothel); Damian Byrne, Willie Love (Clogh); Brian Minogue (Kells) and P.J. Hawe (Windgap) represented Kilkenny in this championship.

Clogh represented Kilkenny in Féile na nGael, while a team from St. Mary's (Timmy Clifford, Michael Falsey, Alan Dowling, Mark Dunne, Jason Delaney and David Beale) won Community Games Under-15, with Mothel (Shem Kelly, Donal Kelly, Tom Nolan, Shane Walsh, Adam Cashin) won the Under-13 grade, representing Clara.

Great Credit for Kilkenny's achievements at Juvenile level must go to Nicky and Stephen Hawe (Windgap), Billy Love (Clogh), Sean Walsh (Mothel) and Bobby Falsey (O'Loughlin's).



TALBOT'S INCH – 60 X 30 CLUB ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS

Ollie Falsey, Paddy Walsh, Pat Savage, Syd Jordan and Doc Hennessy.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

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## 40 x 20 County Champions 1994

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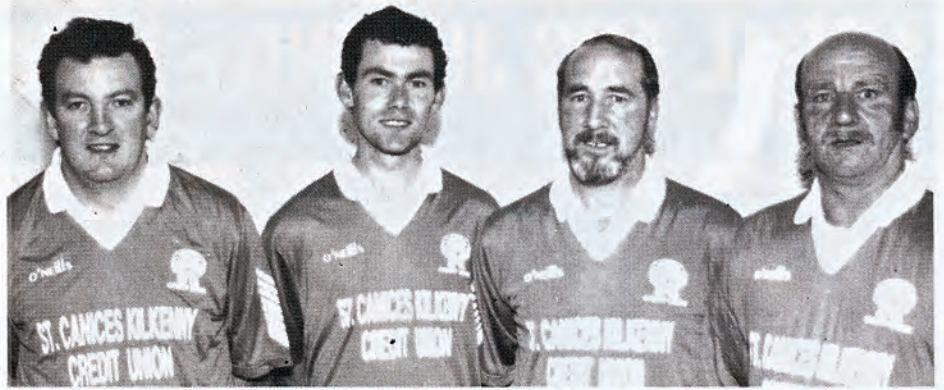
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 Under 11 – C. J. Delaney (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 12 – Shem Kelly (Mothel).  
 Under 13 – William Love (Clogh).  
 Under 14 – Timmy Clifford (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 15 – Mark Dunne (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 16 – Enda Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 17 – Alan McCormack (Kells).  
 Minor – Alan Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 21 – Joe Daly (O'Loughlin's).  
 Special Novice – Martin Rowe (St. John's).  
 Novice – Michael Maher (Clogh).  
 Junior – Michael Maher (Clogh).  
 Intermediate – Johnny Brennan (Mothel).  
 Senior – M. Walsh (Talbot's Inch).  
 Masters (B) – Matt Donnelly (Goresbridge).  
 Masters – Willie Pratt (St. Canice's).  
 Silver Masters – Paddy O'Reilly (O'Loughlin's).  
 Golden Masters – Frank Minogue (Kells).

### DOUBLES:

Under 10 – Robbie Connolly/William Walsh (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 11 – Brendan Barry/Thomas Lonergan (Windgap).  
 Under 12 – Pakie Kiely/Jonathan Walsh (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 13 – Damien Byrne/Sean Maher (Clogh).  
 Under 14 – P. McDonald/D. Cashin (Mothel).  
 Under 15 – Michael Falsey/Alan Dowling (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 16 – Daniel Love/J. P. Carroll (Clogh).  
 Under 17 – Brian Reade/Brian Power (Talbot's Inch).  
 Minor – Alan Hawe/Enda Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 21 – Joe Daly/Willie O'Neill (O'Loughlin's).  
 Special Novice – Jimmy McGarry/Pat Minogue (O'Loughlin's).  
 Novice – Michael Maher/Colm Love (Clogh).  
 Junior – Tom O'Keefe/Billy O'Keefe (Kilfane).  
 Intermediate – Nicky O'Reilly/Tom Comerford (O'Loughlin's).  
 Senior – Philly Parsons/Billy Bourke (O'Loughlin's).  
 Masters (B) – Joe O'Shea/Stephen Hawe (Windgap).

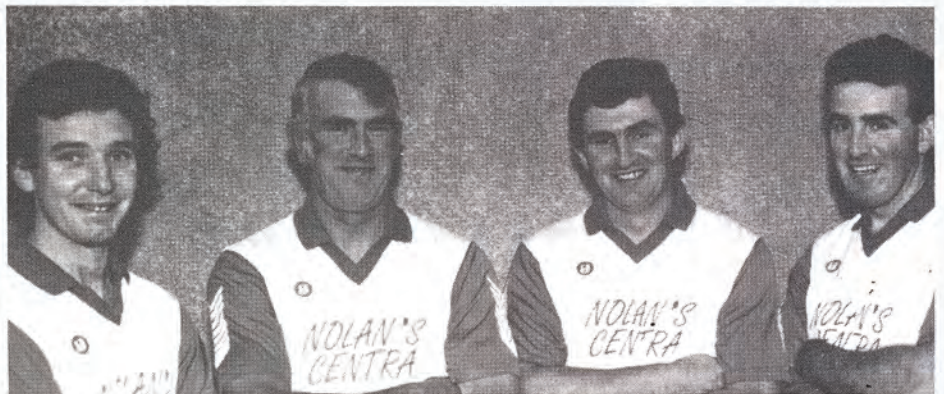


Silver Masters Doubles All-Ireland Champions – Anthony Greene and Seamus Reade (Talbot's Inch). (Photo: Tom Brett)



TALBOT'S INCH – 40 X 20 JUNIOR ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONS  
 Martin Lalor, Ollie Falsey, Seamus Reade, Doc Hennessy, John Connolly (not in photograph).

(Photos Tom Brett)



O'LOUGHLIN'S – JUNIOR CLUB ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, 60 x 30  
 Nicky O'Reilly, Jim O'Neill, Michael Nolan, Philly Parsons and Bobby Falsey (not in picture)

(Photo: Tom Brett)

Masters – Anthony Greene/S. Reade (Talbot's Inch).  
 Silver Masters – A. Greene/S. Reade (Talbot's Inch).  
 Golden Masters – Jimmy Barcoe/Mick Nolan (Mothel).  
 Club Team of Six: Kells – Willie Barron, Frank Minogue, Malachy Burder, Pat Fennelly, Seamus Martin and Joe Sheridan.  
 Division 3 Team of Four: Windgap – Eamon Purcell, Jimmy Purcell, Pat Walsh and Enda Hawe.

Division 4 Team of Four: St. John's – John Quigley, Richard Burke, Eddie Burke and Martin Rowe.

## 40 x 20 Leinster Champions 1994

Under 12 Singles – Shem Kelly (Mothel).  
 Under 14 Singles – Timmy Clifford (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 17 Singles – Andrew McCormack (Kells).  
 Under 13 Doubles – William Love/Damien Byrne (Clogh).  
 Under 15 Doubles – Michael Falsey/Alan Dowling (O'Loughlin's).  
 Senior Doubles – Michael Walsh/D.J. Carey (Talbot's Inch/Goresbridge).  
 Junior Singles – Martin Lalor (Talbot's Inch).  
 Emerald Masters Singles – Pat O'Keefe (Mullinavat).  
 Silver Masters Doubles – Anthony Greene/Seamus Reade (Talbot's Inch).  
 Emerald Masters Doubles – Pat O'Keefe/Johnny O'Mara (Mullinavat).

Senior Singles – Michael Walsh (Talbot's Inch).  
 Golden Masters Singles – Jim O'Neill (O'Loughlin's).  
 Junior Club Championship: Talbot's Inch – Martin Lalor, Seamus Reade, John Connolly and Ollie Falsey.

## 60 x 30 County Champions 1994

### SINGLES:

Under 10 – Seamus Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 11 – Adam Cashin (Mothel).  
 Under 12 – Brian Minogue (Kells).  
 Under 13 – P. J. Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 14 – Damien Byrne (Clogh).  
 Under 15 – Jason Delaney (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 16 – Enda Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 17 – Brian Reade (Talbot's Inch).



60 x 30 Golden Masters All-Ireland Champions – Doc Hennessy and Jim O'Neill. (Photos: Tom Brett)

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Under 11 (B) – C.J. Delaney (Kells).  
 Minor – Alan Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 21 – Joe Daly (O'Loughlin's).  
 Special Novice – Eddie Burke (St. John's).  
 Novice – Dick Forrestal (Kilfane).  
 Junior – Eamon Law (Mullinavat).  
 Intermediate – Philly Parsons (O'Loughlin's).  
 Senior – Willie Pratt (St. Canice's).  
 Masters – Willie Pratt (St. Canice's).  
 Silver Masters – Anthony Greene (Talbot's Inch).  
 Golden Masters – Michael Nolan (Mothel).

**DOUBLES:**

Under 11 (B) – T. Lonergan/Brendan Barry (Windgap)  
 Under 12 (B) – Eamon Hawe/Seamus Hawe (Windgap).  
 Under 11 – William Dwyer/Eamon Kenneally (Mullinavat).  
 Under 12 – Shem Kelly/Donal Kelly (Mothel).  
 Under 13 – William Love/Andrew Brennan (Clogh).  
 Under 14 – Timmy Clifford/David Beale (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 15 – Alan Dowling/Mark Dunne (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 16 – Michael Falsey/Robert Falsey (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 17 – Canice Pratt/Pierce Boyle (St. Canice's).  
 Minor – Alan Hawe/Enda Hawe (Windgap).  
 Special Novice – Eddie Burke/Paul Reilly (St. John's).  
 Novice – Michael Hayes Snr./John Quigley (St. John's).  
 Junior – Eamon Law/Pat O'Keefe (Mullinavat).  
 Intermediate – Philly Parsons/Con Moore (O'Loughlin's).  
 Senior – Pearse O'Keefe/Eamon Law (Mullinavat).  
 Masters – Anthony Greene/Seamus Reade (Talbot's Inch).  
 Silver – Seamus Reade/Anthony Greene (Talbot's Inch).  
*Division 1 Team of Four: Talbot's Inch* – Michael Reade, Seamus Reade, Doc Hennessy and Martin Lalor.  
*Division 2 Team of Four: St. Canice's* – Willie Pratt, David Clifford, Clinton Maher and Jim Long.



**KILKENNY – UNDER-12/13 LEINSTER CHAMPIONS**

Shane Walsh, Sean Walsh (Vice-Chairman), Shem Kelly, Donal Kelly, Billy Love (Chairman, Kilkenny Juvenile Board), Frank Minogue (selector), Brian Minogue, Damien Byrne, William Love.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

*Division 3 Team of Four: St. John's* – Chris Dunne, John Quigley, Eddie Burke and Michael Hayes Snr.

*Division 4 Team of Four: St. John's* – Paul Reilly, Chris Dunne, Eddie Burke and John Quigley.

**60 x 30 Leinster Champions 1994**

Under 12 Singles – Shem Kelly (Mothel).  
 Under 14 Singles – Timmy Clifford (O'Loughlin's).  
 Under 13 Doubles – William Love and Damien Byrne (Clogh).  
 Under 15 Doubles – Mark Dunne and Alan Dowling (O'Loughlin's).  
 Novice Singles – Ollie Falsey (Talbot's Inch).  
 Silver Masters Singles – Paddy O'Reilly (O'Loughlin's).  
 Silver Masters Doubles – Anthony Greene and Seamus Reade (Talbot's Inch).  
 Diamond Masters Singles – Pat O'Keefe (Mullinavat).  
 Golden Masters Singles – Doc Hennessy (Talbot's Inch).  
 Golden Masters Doubles – Jim O'Neill and Doc Hennessy (O'Loughlin's/Talbot's Inch).  
*Novice Club Championship: Talbot's Inch* – Ollie Falsey, Doc Hennessy, Syd Jordan, Pat Savage, P. Walsh.  
*Junior Club Championship: O'Loughlin's* – Nicky O'Reilly, Phil Parsons, Mick Nolan, Bobby Falsey, J. O'Neill.



Paddy O'Reilly (O'Loughlin's) – Silver Masters Singles Champion, 60 x 30.



Jim O'Neill (O'Loughlin's) – Golden Masters Singles 40 x 20 All-Ireland Champion..

(Photo: Tom Brett)



**ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY GAMES U-15 ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS**

Left – Gerry Dunne (assistant team manager), Timmy Clifford, Michael Falsey, Mark Dunne, Jason Delaney, David Beale, Alan Dowling and Bobby Falsey, team manager.



Under-15 All-Ireland Champions – Michael Falsey and Mark Dunne.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# A journey to Meadowlands

By: NICKEY BRENNAN

PERHAPS at the end of the day it was all a bit disappointing. The build up had been phenomenal. Almost every media person in the country from the Sports Journalist down to the poor Agricultural Correspondent, had jumped on the bandwagon. Everyone wanted to be part of Jack's Army. It seemed as though the whole country was heading for Boston. Well, that's what everyone thought until someone decided New York would be a more suitable location for the Irish.

The warning signals went out across the States. The Irish and the Italians in New York! It was enough to scare the living daylights out of every policeman and woman in the Big Apple. Not even the outstanding track record of the travelling Irish Armies of many years seemed to matter. In the end, the Irish may not have won the World Cup, but the good humour of our citizens once again did a splendid job of marketing the Emerald Isle.

This writer was one of the lucky ones to be in the Giants Stadium on the 18th June for Ireland's opening game against Italy, courtesy of some good friends from Wexford. Given the hype which was generated before the competition, it was a relief to us all to see the games get underway on the day we flew into New York. Advice on financial, health and other relevant matters was being handed out by all and sundry. Get to the airport on time; allow up to three hours. Advice. Advice.

Full marks to Aer Lingus. Life may have been tough for our national airline in recent months, but no effort was spared in June to ensure the efficient departure of the many thousands of Irish people to New York. More advice too when we got on the plane, all useful and well considered.

We were warned to be ready for the heat when we hit the Big Apple. Good advice, and, in the main, well heeded by the Irish. The awaiting bus took us to our hotel on West 58th Street. Little seemed to have changed, as New York appeared before my eyes for the first time in ten



*A long way from Jones Road! Nickey Brennan and friends in the Big Apple.*

years. The billboards and pendants on street lights reminded us the World Cup was in town.

However, the locals had something far different than soccer on their minds. That very day, the Rangers Ice Hockey team enjoyed a ticker tape reception down 5th Avenue following their historic win in the Stanley Cup – the blue riband of Ice Hockey in the States. Such receptions are reserved for national heroes and all involved with the Rangers fitted into this category as far as every citizen of New York was concerned. Everywhere you went in the city a photograph or a pendant quickly reminded us who the sporting heroes of the day were. Not a Baggio or McGrath in sight!

A five game play off in the major Basketball league was also in full swing, with the New York Nicks leading the way. Media coverage was overwhelming. However, as events turned out, the Nicks had to settle for second place, eventually, to their opponents from Texas.

Big match day arrives at last. For those interested in rising early, there was an opportunity to catch the Dublin v. Kildare game in one of New York's Irish hostels. Then more advice. Head for the grounds at least three hours before the kick-off we were told. The helpful ladies from our Travel Agency ensured we all heeded this advice with the fleet of buses heading off in good time from our

hotel.

The Giants Stadium at Meadowlands was the venue for the big game. Despite having seen the stadium on T.V. during the year, I doubt if anyone was prepared for the splendour and magnitude of this superb location. Immediately thoughts came to mind of the new Croke Park. I even let my mind meander to thoughts of a new Croke Park situated in the Curragh of Kildare. But then when you see the infrastructure around Meadowlands you immediately appreciate the magnitude of the development. Superb motorways and ample parking spaces for buses and cars. Certainly a magnificent sight.

A blazing sun heralded our arrival at Meadowlands. Bald and naked parts of the anatomy were duly oiled and covered in many instances. Bring water to the game for fear of dehydration, we were told. More good advice.

The big difference between this country and America, when staging sporting events, is the near certainty that, during the summer, good sunny weather is almost guaranteed. This allows the family to generate a party atmosphere with their pre-game picnics and barbecues. I recalled the advertisement some years ago. "You could fry an egg, if only you had an egg" – such was the intimidating heat from the sun.

Before entering the main stadium, you could avail of numerous types of World



Cup memorabilia. In offering the World Cup to the States, FIFA knew their ability to market the games successfully was guaranteed and a handsome profit was a near certainty. They were not to be disappointed. Merchandise with all your favourite teams and players was available; all you wanted was ample dollars.

The new Croke Park again came to mind when we entered the main stadium. Escalators to take you up to the different levels. Shops galore, well stocked with your favourite goodies. No complaints in the toilets department either.

The pitch itself looked magnificent. With a new sod brought down from the Catskills Mountains specifically for the competition, it looked the perfect stage for football artists. The opening ceremony was predictably American. Great for T.V. but a little over-bearing for those of us sizzling in the hot and humid conditions.

All spring and summer we heard of the huge problem Irish supporters were experiencing getting tickets for this game in particular. The Corporate supporter (and I am afraid I fell into that category) was snapping up the precious pieces of paper, we were told. Well, the Irish got their tickets somewhere, for they outnumbered the Italians to a significant degree.

The game itself has been well documented, analysed, digested and re-played many times since that exciting day in June. The term "electric" hardly does justice to the whole occasion. With Italian soccer now receiving regular exposure on RTE, the names of the Italian players were well known to the Irish supporters. Houghton's goal brought the Irish to their feet and the roar that followed surely tested the foundations of the Empire State building in downtown New York.

Jack Charlton's plan envisaged a minimum of one point from the New York game. Three would be a bonus. Once they took the lead, Ireland defended tenaciously. Packie Bonner saw more of the ball than any other player on the field, courtesy of the Irish defence and midfield in the main. The expensive and supposedly multi-talented Italians looked ordinary and uninterested.

If one could leave aside the suspense and drama of the whole occasion for a moment, to this observer, the game itself was disappointing. Maybe I had come to expect too much from the lira-laden Italians. The Irish displayed guts in abundance; it reminded me of Kilkenny on their successful All-Ireland Final days. They were prepared to die for one another and for every man, woman and



*The three tenors – Meadowlands Stadium.*

girl of Irish blood in the stadium and at home that afternoon.

On this occasion, the winning of the game was all important. One-nil, and thanks very much. To an infiltrator like myself, I suspect, looking for a four-three win for Ireland was expecting too much. I suppose, to a degree, the result sums up one essential difference between Soccer and Gaelic Games. Our national games thrive on scores coming every few minutes. Our passion for goals and points makes Gaelic Games that little bit special to us all.

The final whistle was met with a sense of relief and immense pride. The Irish gave full vent to their feelings of utter joy and excitement. Your neighbour in the seat beside you was grabbed and hugged as if he was a long lost relative. A few tears were shed also. The nation stood as one for those precious moments on the 18th June. We immediately thought of home and the buzz around the Emerald Isle.

The excitement of the occasion got the better of a couple of Irish lads who decided to enter the field to acclaim their heroes. Well, they did not get far. A couple of high tackles by the stadium police put a quick and painful end to their gallop. Not even a few mindful words from Mr. Charlton seemed to make any difference.

The poor Italians leaving the stadium were generous and gracious in defeat. I am sure many of them now understood how the Christians felt in the Roman Coliseum – mauled and humiliated. They would bounce back, we were told. Mr. Sacchi, their manager bore the brunt of the criticism. The journey back to the hotel was pleasant. New York was Irish and what a night lay in store. The World

Cup had erupted at last and all thanks to the Irish.

The local media at last began to take notice. With the exploits of O. J. Simpson taking most column inches on almost every newspaper, coverage of any sports event, let alone the World Cup, was at a premium. But an Irish win over the other big New York inhabitants, the Italians, had to command a headline or two, and so it did.

Wherever we went during the next two days in New York, the Irish were the talk of the Big Apple. From the cab driver to the friendly policeman, they all wanted to claim a little bit of Irish. The poor Italians were sad and mournful. They hoped for better days later in the tournament.

The entire occasion was much more than just a game of football. It was a nation at one in the cause of sport. To those of us, though, who follow Gaelic Games on a daily basis, it brought home to this writer in particular the real value of the club and county units. The same spirit of parish and county on match day was once again brought by a nation to the greatest city in the world.

Our national games may lack that sense of an international dimension, but for any G.A.A. man or woman in Meadowlands in June (and certainly there were many thousands there), the atmosphere was no better than that experienced at Croke Park, Semple Stadium, Pairc Uí Caoimh or any other G.A.A. venue, for that matter, on big match days. Comparisons, though, between such occasions and events are irrelevant. We Irish have the knack of generating that unique atmosphere no matter what sport we participate in.

Long may that continue.



# Alfie Cullen – hurler and handballer supreme

By Tommy O'Brien

I interviewed 1994 Smithwicks Sports Stars Hall of Fame award winner Alfie Cullen for the Yearbook. Like myself, his great sporting interests are hurling and handball; his clubs are Dicksboro and Talbot's Inch; and his teaching career was based in Kilkenny C.B.S.

There the similarity ends. Alfie Cullen had marvellous skills and was a dual star who had a magnificent career in both hurling and handball.

**Your sporting fame took a major upturn recently?**

Yes. I was surprised and delighted to be honoured by the Smithwicks Sports Stars committee when they chose me as their Hall of Fame star last year.

I was equally surprised and delighted to be honoured by Kilkenny C.B.S. when they entered my name in their Hall of Fame charts last year.

**Your career goes back quite a bit?**

My first championship medal was won over 67 years ago – in 1927, in fact, when I was part of the Erin's Own hurling team which won the Kilkenny minor hurling championship.

This team was from the St. Canice's area and I was under-14 at the time. I was then selected on the first minor team ever to represent Kilkenny – 1928 against Laois. I was now 15 and was goalie on that team. In fact, there were no less than 13 of our Erin's Own side on that team.

We won our first round game but our mentors failed to hand in a players' list and we were disqualified.

That must have been one of the greatest disappointments of my life. I found out the bad news when I read the paper next day!

**You had a long career as a minor?**

I played minor hurling for Kilkenny for 4 years. In my second year we lost to Meath in Tullamore – a result that would surprise people nowadays.

In 1930 we reached the All-Ireland final but lost to Tipperary and then, in 1931, success came at last when we gained revenge on Tipperary in the final.

**It is said that you had overagers on this time. Is this true?**

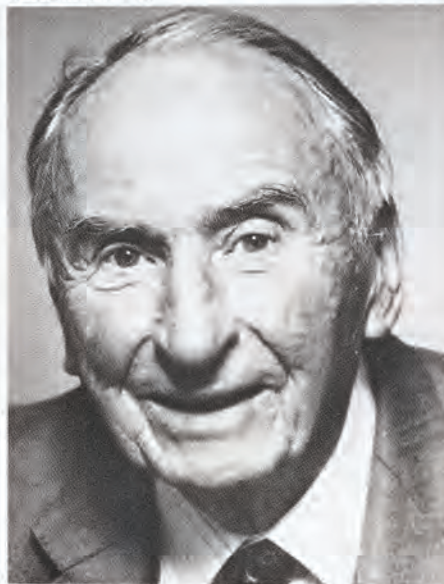
Well, it is true, but every team had overagers in those days. The difference with us was that we took precautions!

Every player who was overage was

actually registered as a player who had the same name but was underage!

**Did you remain a goalie throughout your career?**

No. In 1930 I was captain of the Kilkenny C.B.S. team which won the Leinster junior championship. I played at full-back on that team – they said I was too big for goal now – and that was the first time I ever played outfield. We beat O'Connell's of Dublin in the final in Nowlan Park and the next year I was on the Leinster Colleges' team which lost to Munster by a single point, once more in Nowlan Park.



**Who did you play with as a senior hurler?**

All my senior club hurling was done with Dicksboro.

We seemed to be always drawn against the great Tullaroan team in the first round and lost by a point or two to them every time, until 1937.

We beat Tullaroan in the championship that year and then went on to lose to Mooncoin. However, they had Locky Byrne playing illegally with them and we objected to them and won the objection.

This put us in the County Final against James Stephens. They had a great team with some fine Army men on their side and they scoured us in the final.

It was just as sore then for Dicksboro to lose to James Stephens as it is nowadays!

**How many years were on the Kilkenny senior team?**

I was on the Kilkenny team for three or four years and reached two senior All-Irelands with them – 1936 and 1937.

Unfortunately, we lost both of them.

However, the two best gold medals I have are from those two years – my Leinster medals from 1936 and 1937. They will go to my grandson.

**What was your greatest hurling memory?**

In 1932, Kilkenny beat Clare in the All-Ireland final. Clare wanted to open their pitch in Ennis but no Munster county would play them. The great Tull Considine came to Kilkenny and asked Lory Meagher to get a team together.

I was just home from the Teacher Training College, Lory picked me and away I went to Ennis on a Saturday night on Tom Nolan's bus.

We were treated royally, marched into Ennis behind a pipe band and then went on to hammer Clare!

That weekend really stands out in my memory.

**Your career ended on a tragic note?**

I married Rita Neary, aunt of camogie star Liz Neary, in 1938. However, Rita died in 1939 and my world fell apart. I never hurled after that.

**You did train teams many years later?**

I trained Dicksboro minors to success in 1951, 1952 and 1953. We had great teams and we always got great enjoyment from training and playing. I found them my happiest hurling days and many of the players told me in later years that they were their happiest days also – even though we didn't have a shilling between the lot of us!

One "funny incident" I remember from those days; it was a winter's night and we were training for a county final. Training was just over and the players were getting dressed . . . We had flashlamps to light our dressingrooms and I was about to lock up when I was told one player was still doing a bit of running.

I went out to reprimand him and get him to tog off when he answered me with a Dublin accent. It was Ronnie Delaney, subsequently to be a great Olympic athlete who was training in James' Park that evening!

Among the fine players on those teams were Bennettsbridge men Dave Deloughry, Frankie Ryan and Liam Cleere – there was no parish rule then – along with Dermot Dunleavy, the Delahunty brothers, a Cullen boy from Walkin Street and an O'Donnell from Paulstown.

**Who were the great players you saw?**



If you wanted sheer artistry, then Paddy Phelan was your man. I can see much of his skill in D. J. Carey.

Matty Power could turn on a sixpence and needed just one look at goal before you were guaranteed a point.

Lory Meagher was the master of the dropshot, could just glide past opponents and was the best I ever saw to double on an overhead ball.

If you wanted a tough, competitive man, you couldn't find better than Paddy Larkin.

However, the greatest hurler Kilkenny ever produced, in my opinion, was Frank Cummins.

**Do you go to games nowadays?**

No – it is not good for my angina. I can't watch, I can't listen, I get too excited.

I do enjoy watching on TV in the night – when I know Kilkenny won!

I find today's game very fast and skilful, we have some great players and I thoroughly enjoy watching them when we win!

**You also had great success in handball?**

Well, I was lucky to be part of a golden era of handball in Kilkenny.

**What early success did you have?**

The oldest medal I have is from 1927. It was for a tournament in Talbot's Inch as part of Civic Week. I won with Charlie Baker but we were told there were no medals.

However, I had a poster advertising the tournament and saying it was for medals so this silver medal came from that!

I also had some success with Kilkenny C.B.S. One of my nicest handball medals is a gold medal won in 1931 with the school when Charlie Baker was my partner. Charlie was a great partner – he was a relation of Paddy and Micheál Dalton, two great handballers.

**You also had great success as a Junior?**

In 1934 I won three of the four Junior All-Irelands and this, of course, qualified me to play at senior level.

**1937 was your big year?**

I partnered John Joe Gilmartin, a fantastic player and a great lifelong friend, to the senior doubles All-Ireland championship in 1937. I was with Kilkenny senior hurlers in Croke Park in the same year and could have made it a great double.

In 1945 John Joe and I reached the softball final but lost to the Rowes from Dublin.

**How was handball training in those days?**

It was, as I said, the "golden era" of handball in Kilkenny.

We had really marvellous players – Tommy Cherry, Tommy Jordan, John Joe, Paddy and Micheál Dalton and Jasper Dunne. You always had four top

class players to train doubles – you always had a top class opponent for singles.

John Joe always said that he got harder games training in Talbot's Inch than in the All-Ireland championships!

We had some great enthusiasts, too. Mr. Richard Duggan of the Monster House or Supt. Reynolds had only to hear the ball bounce in Talbot's Inch when they were up to see the games.

**Who were your great rivals outside Kilkenny?**

We had some great tussles with the Hassetts of Tipperary and the Rowes of Dublin.

My favourite court was Ballymun. The players here were professionals. Matt Weldon owned the ball court and had a pub beside it.

Ballymun and Ballymore Eustace were the top professional clubs. Mick Dowling, father of Kildare's junior star of today, Michael, was one of their best players. I remember them playing a game

for £120 in 1937 in Talbot's Inch when my wages were about £3-10-0!

They would never produce the money, however, when they played us!

Kells, Co. Meath, were very good in those days, too, but there always seemed to be a bitter rivalry between us.

**Have you any regrets that you spent so much of your time in sport?**

None whatever.

I have very happy memories of my days playing hurling and handball and, indeed, helping with the administration of these games in later years.

I still have great friends from those days although many of them, of course, have gone to heaven.

I love meeting some of today's players – D. J., "Duxie", Michael Walsh, Pat O'Neill and 1960's great Pa Dillon – they have all been nice to me.

And I really appreciate the welcoming way in which I am treated every time I visit Dicksboro club.

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# Thomastown's championship in 1946

## – MY MEMORIES OF IT

*Joe Dunphy*

I SUPPOSE the first memory I have of 1946 is that I lived down the lane, nearer to Grennan than anyone else. Consequently I saw more hurlers pass up and down that lane than any other young lad.

When you are seven or eight years of age, many of these hurlers are giants. It just shows how discerning a child can be, because, of course, many of the men I saw were giants in the hurling sense – I particularly remember people like Jack Mulcahy, Jimmy Langton, Jack Gargan and 'Chunky' O'Brien from Éire Óg; Bill Walsh, Bob Aylward, Peter McBride and Jack Phelan of Carrickshock; also my great hero of that team, Jimmy Kelly. Liam Long, with whom I later spent an amount of time at school games, was one who always had a word or a wink for a star-struck youngster like me.

And then, suddenly, Thomastown won the Junior Championship in 1945 and, in 1946, had the audacity to challenge some of the long established and famous clubs for senior honours. That great team, which was honoured in Nowlan Park at this year's County Final, became household names. Tremendous excitement was generated as they won their way through to the final, against no less than the might of famous Carrickshock – a team steeped in tradition

and titles.

I remember going down to Grennan every evening, with my old friend Paud Fanning, to watch our local heroes being put through their paces by Pat Norton. We marvelled at their skill, tried to imitate their styles, and, when they headed out of Grennan, up the lane and out by Pilsworth's Farm on a training run, we followed. By the time we got to Grace's, we were out of puff and they were out of sight.

They were all heroes. Dan Kennedy stood out. He was a county player and a wonderful motivator. The following year, 1947, as a Thomastown captain, he was to lead Kilkenny to the first All-Ireland victory I remember. Lord! – they were heady times.

Dan was joined on that September day by one of Thomastown's all-time famous and favourite sons, the great Peter Prendergast. Peter Prendergast – to me – was a colossus, and it was a great thrill for me many years later, when I played my first junior match for Thomastown, to partner Peter at centre-field. I cannot remember who we played, but, early in the game, one of the opposition gave me a 'reminder' that I was very much a boy in a man's game. He immediately got a 'playful tap' on the buttocks with a word in his ear that "if you lay another hand on that

young lad, you'll answer to me." I don't think anyone brushed off me for the rest of the game.

There was Kieran Power in goal. He was (is – sorry Kieran!) special because he is a cousin and he was a great goalie. Pat Stapleton was a wonderful stylist who never wasted a ball. Podge Dack was great too – County Junior captain in the 1946 All-Ireland final. There was Jack Galway – later to star with the 'Bridge, the Moores – Dick and Ned, Jim Challoner, the Lannons – Paddy and Joe (who would ever forget Paddy's goals in the final?), the Kellys – Liam and Ted, the Gibbons – Jack and Jimmy, Dick Cassin, Wattie Ryan, John Prendergast in the half-back line, with his brother Peter, Luke Donnelly who also won a championship with Carrickshock, Jimmy Bookle of Killarney, John Stapleton, and, my good friend in another sporting field nowadays, Ned Ryan of Jerpoint.

Getting to the match wasn't easy. Cars were scarce and places were at a premium. Somehow or other, we got there. I don't remember how, but my mother and I were in Granny Kelly's in Market Street – it was a great meeting house – and someone gave us a lift. (Continued ▷)



THOMASTOWN (1946) IN 1994.

Back row (left to right) – Kieran Power, Dick Moore, Luke Donnelly, John Stapleton, Joe Lannon, Podge Dack, Pat Stapleton. Front row (left to right) – Jim Challoner, Jack Galway, Dick Cassin, Ned Ryan, Ted Kelly, Jack Gibbons.



## Thomastown's Championship – contd

It was great; – then it was terrible. At half-time, Thomastown were being hammered, Dan Kennedy had gone off injured, so too was Kieran Power. Kieran reappeared for the second half, the team seemed to rise with this, and, from being out of it, Thomastown did a Lazarus-style trick and eventually won by 5-4 to 4-5 in a nail-biting finish.

Of that second half I remember Paddy Lannon's scores, Liam Kelly's brilliance, and, in the last minutes, Kieran Power slipping, but getting up and clearing, as the men from Carrickshock strove for a winning goal and Thomastown hung on to a two-point lead.

I don't know if it is true, but we were told

The heroes of this great chapter in the hurling story of Thomastown lined out as follows:

Pat Stapleton	Kieran Power	Dick Cassin (capt.)
Podge Dack	Jack Galway	John Prendergast
	Peter Prendergast	
	Luke Donnelly	Liam Kelly
Ted Kelly	Dick Moore	Watty Ryan
Dan Kennedy	Ned Ryan	Jim Challoner

*Substitutes:* Paddy Lannon, Jack Gibbons.

that people left at half-time believing it was all over, and, when people told them the next day that Thomastown had won, they wouldn't believe it. It was a great game. They

were two great teams. So many of those mentioned are, sad to say, gone to their eternal reward. God rest them. To those who are still alive, I say "Thanks for the memories."

# 1946 – Thomastown's year

*Seosamh Breathnach (Joseph Walsh)*

10th NOVEMBER, 1946, was a great day for Thomastown hurling. On that day they defeated Carrickshock in the County Senior Hurling Final on a scoreline of 5-4 to 4-5.

The previous year, Thomastown won the Junior Championship after an 18-year lean spell, and thus entered the Senior grade. In 1946 their first outing was against Mooncoin whom they narrowly defeated. In successive matches they over-

came James Stephens and Dicksboro to qualify for the final.

The panel of players was small in number but every man on that panel was determined and well trained, under the guidance of Pat Norton. Roadwork was high on the order of training as preparations continued for the final which was so late in the season. The days leading up to the game were quiet but all were eager for the day to arrive.

On the Sunday, the supporters turned up, looking forward to a good game. The

opening half was very disappointing from a Thomastown point of view and they were well behind at half-time. At the interval, the teams were rearranged and shortly into the second half, those changes began to pay dividends. Gradually the speed and determination of the younger team bore results, and eventually Thomastown got their noses in front, after a tremendous display of skills. The last few minutes were spine-chilling but Thomastown held on for a marvellous victory, every man playing his part gallantly.



THOMASTOWN – 1946 COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONS

Back row – Jimmy Cassin, John Prendergast, John Stapleton, Ned "Irons" Ryan, Ned Ryan, Peter Prendergast, Pat Stapleton, Podge Dack (capt.), Jack Gibbons, Jimmy Gibbons, Ned Moore, Pat Norton. Middle row – Paddy Lannon, Luke Donnelly, Liam Kelly, Kieran Power, Dick Cassin, Jack Galway, Watty Ryan, Dick Moore, Dan Kennedy. Front row – Jimmy Bookle, Ted Kelly, Jim Challoner.



# CLUBS

## R O U N D - U P

### BALLYHALE SHAMROCKS

ALTHOUGH the Shamrocks failed to win a Championship in any grade this year, their presence was still evident at all levels. In a close encounter with old rivals Glenmore, they were knocked out of the senior hurling championship by a 3 point defeat at the quarter-final stage, a game which was probably one of the best seen in the championship this year.

On the underage front, the club had a particularly active year with both the under-18 and 16 teams reaching the county finals. Our minors were defeated by a stronger O'Loughlin's team on the day. Similarly, our under-16's were beaten by Freshford in a very exciting final.

Our under-14 team reached the semi-final but were narrowly defeated by Tullaroan. Despite no victory at the underage level, their success in reaching the final stages of the championships is promising for the club and the future looks bright. The under-14 team won a tournament in the Clover Centre in Waterford where the best teams in Waterford and Kilkenny took part.

The senior football team reached the county final but were prevented from clinching the title by a very good Dicksboro team.

1994 was a year where three of Shamrocks former players went on to win another county final each. However, this time they were trainers. The club would like to extend congratulations to Declan Connolly who trained Tullaroan, winners of the S.H.C.; Johnny Walsh, trainer of the Intermediate champions



Bobby Aylward (centre), Chairman of Shamrocks Club, presents his prize to Mr. John Fitzpatrick (left), Kilkenny, a winner in the Piltown Draw. On right is Mr. Neddie Walsh, Cashel.

(Photo: M. O'Byrne)

this year, Mooncoin, and finally, Brendan Fennelly who brought victory to Dunnamaggin, winners of the Junior championship.

Congrats also to the Junior and U-16 camogie teams on winning their County finals and also to the minor camogie team.

The club, due to the untimely death of Fr. McCartan, R.I.P., lost its Vice President. Fr. McCartan, during his year as Carmelite Priest

to the parish, had been a regular supporter of the Shamrocks club and his presence will be greatly missed.

On the social side of things, this year, we must congratulate Paul Phelan on his marriage to Ann Walsh, daughter of Ollie Walsh and also Dick Walsh who married Josephine Barron. We wish them all the very best in the future.

#### BALLYHALE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The School team had a great run this year. In the Roinn A championship they reached the County semi-final where they lost out to Kilmanagh. In the Country Cup they finished as runners-up, again falling to a strong Kilmanagh team.

The I.N.T.O. sevens panel of Richard Fitzpatrick (captain), Anthony Walsh, Larry Aylward, William Coogan, Brendan Costelloe, Patrick Reid, Robert Aylward, Keith Murphy, John Dermody and Bill Walsh had a great run to reach the final which was won by St. Patrick's. However, the first seven named above teamed up with Eamon Frisby (captain), Séamus Walsh and John Kennedy to win the prestigious Lisdowney Sevens tournament for the second time in three years.

Great crowds of parents flocked to all the games to support these young players and with their success, coupled with the results of the past few years, the future of Shamrock's hurling seems secure.



Ballyhale N.S. U-13 - Winners of Lisdowney Sevens - Back row: Larry Aylward, John Kennedy, Séamus Walsh, Brendan Costelloe, Anthony Walsh. Front row: Richard Fitzpatrick, William Coogan, Eamonn Frisby (captain), Robert Aylward, Patrick Reid.



## BARROW RANGERS

THE year 1994 was not a very successful one for the club. Not for the first time inconsistency being our downfall in all grades. The season commenced in April with the newly promoted Senior Football team achieving a creditable draw with Muckalee in their first match.

In the second match against Graigue/Ballycallan, we were cruising to victory midway through the second half when a controversial goal gave Graigue/Ballycallan a lifeline and they ran out easy winners.

Results elsewhere ordained that we had to beat Ballyhale Shamrocks to qualify for the semi-finals. Outstanding displays from the Fennelly brothers meant that this task was beyond us. We were now in a play-off for relegation against Glenmore which we lost by six points to go back down to Intermediate grade again.

In the Intermediate hurling League/Championship our first game was against O'Loughlin Gaels when a penalty goal to the city side, early in the second half, proved to be vital and set them up for a narrow victory.

We were also narrowly defeated by Bennettsbridge in a poor game. This was followed by a heavy defeat from a useful Clara team who were nevertheless flattered by their 10 point victory. This was followed by two further defeats by Carrickshock and Thomastown to leave us popping up the table after the league section. At that stage Junior hurling was again looming very largely on the horizon but it takes the cut and thrust of knock-out competition to show what a team is made of.

The first round was against old rivals Tullogher/Rosbercon against whom we



*Barrow Rangers Intermediate Hurling Team v. Clara in Semi-Final. Front (l-r): John Gavin, Ed Drea, Jimmy Hennessy, Martin Medlar, Ger Lawlor, Eoin Gavin, Pat Drea. Back: Philip Maher, Dermot Maher, David Holmes, Pat Purcell, Mervyn Healy, Syl Hennessy, Michael Doyle, Gerry Purcell.*

have had some rare old battles in recent years. This year was no exception when it took two hours of top class hurling to separate two well-prepared teams before we got through by a narrow margin.

We were then pitted against newly crowned League Champions, Thomastown. Helped by superlative displays from the Maher brothers and Ger Lawlor, we held on to win by the minimum margin. Then to the semi-final against neighbours Clara, when we again gave a disappointing display, failing to do ourselves justice on the day and were well beaten in the end. At the end of the day, the failure of the forwards to give suitable scoring assistance to Dermot Maher was the main cause of our downfall. Here's to 1995 and maybe we can make that elusive breakthrough into the Senior grade.

The Special Junior Hurling team qualified for the semi-final of the League where they were comprehensively beaten by Johnstown. We made our championship

exit in round one, being no match for O'Loughlin's.

### UNDER-21 HURLING

The under-21 hurling team, backboned by Dermot Maher and Ed Drea, put up a brave fight in the first round against P. J. Delaney-led Fenians and were most unlucky to be beaten with the last puck of the ball (1-9 to 1-8).

### MINOR-HURLING

**League:** Beat Slieverue. Drew with Blacks & Whites. Lost to Mooncoin II and Windgap.

**Championship:** Narrowly beaten by St. Patrick's (Ballyragget) (3-5 to 2-7) in first round.

### UNDER-16 HURLING

Some good performances in League, beating Galmoy and Danesfort, drawing with Clara and losing to Lisdowney. Lost play-off game against Clara. In the Championship, gave an excellent performance against James Stephens II before going out by 4-9 to 4-5 in first round.

### UNDER-16 FOOTBALL

Had quite a successful campaign, winning our group in the League, beating Clara, Blacks & Whites and Emeralds. We lost narrowly to Bennettsbridge in the quarter final (2-8 to 4-5). In the Championship first round, we had a narrow victory over Blacks & Whites (1-7 to 2-3). This was followed by a victory over a useful Conahy side (1-2 to 0-3). We were eventually beaten by Muckalee (3-6 to 1-8) who took the lead midway through the second half.

### UNDER-14 HURLING

In the League, beat Danesfort, lost to



*Barrow Rangers Junior Hurling team, early 1980's - Back row (l-r): Jack O'Neill, John Murphy, Syl Hennessy, Larry Gittens, Michael Doyle (Hill), Ger Lawlor, Paul Hennessy, Séamus Brennan, Hugh Doyle, Michael Doyle (Garryduff), John Hennessy, Liam Whitely, John Lawlor, Tom O'Neill (R.I.P.), Joe English. Front: Andrew Whelan, Liam Power, Jerry Hennessy, Pat Staunton, Thomas Brennan, Michael Prendergast, Michael Staunton, Gerry Purcell, Dick Moffatt, Pat Purcell.*



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Bennettsbridge. Lost to Bennettsbridge again in play-off. Beaten by Cloneen in the first round of the Championship.

A lot of work remains to be done at juvenile level, particularly in the area of coaching. It is hoped to address this matter in 1995 with a number of qualified coaches from the County Board Coaching Programme. Twenty two young boys and girls attended the G.A.A. Summer Camp held at O'Loughlin's Sports Complex.

A special word of thanks is also due to club trainer Kieran Fitzgerald for the time put into training the teams. It was greatly appreciated by players and officials alike.

Once again the club was honoured to have inter-county representation with Dermot Maher and Ed Drea being members of the successful Under-21 team that defeated Galway in the final. All through the campaign, both gave commanding performances and we were justly proud of them. Suitable presentations have been made to them to mark their achievement. On the football front, Pat Drea continues to be a member of the Kilkenny squad and has turned in a number of good performances.

A special word of thanks is due to all our sponsors without whose help and support we could not carry on and whose support we value very highly.

We would like to remember supporters, players and friends of the club who had bereavements during the year and extend our sympathy to themselves and their families.

### CLUB OFFICERS

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*Vice-President:* Fr. McDonald C.C.

*Chairman:* Larry Doyle.

*Vice-Chairman:* Gerry Purcell and Tom Staunton.

*Secretaries:* Bob Shortall and Ed Drea.



*The boys and girls of 5th Class, Paulstown N.S., pictured following a coaching session during the year – Back row (l.-r.): Ciaran Cooke, Séamus Brennan, John Murphy, Raymond O'Neill, Michael Walsh, Robert Collins Hughes, Pauline Walsh, Orla Roche, Denis Healy, Darren O'Neill, Peter Brophy, Caroline Staunton, Nicola Cowman, Colette Byrne. Front row: Gerald Byrne, Stephen Brophy, Danny Kearney, Liam Walsh, Patrick Walsh, Shane McEvoy, Ricky Murphy, David Kelly.*



*The boys and girls of 6th Class, Paulstown N.S., pictured following a coaching session during the year – Back row (l.-r.): Marita Brennan, Derek McEvoy, Vincent Roche, Brian Healy, Johnathan Cooke, Cyril Kealy, Patrick Dormer. Front row: Michelle Kealy, Gerry Walsh, Yvonne Hennessy, Ella Coady, Olive Kearney, John Kelly, Eddie Gavin, Joseph Lennon.*



*Paulstown N.S. Spring League Winners – Back row (l.-r.): Raymond O'Neill (Capt.), Derek McEvoy, Peter Brophy. Front row: Darren O'Neill, Patrick Walsh, John Byrne, Andrew Healy.*



*Paulstown N.S. Spring League Runners-up – Back row (l.-r.): Patrick Dormer (Capt.), Ciarán Cooke, John Murphy. Front row: Gerald Byrne, Stephen Brophy, Jamie Hughes, Séamus Brennan.*



# CLUBS

## ROUND - UP

*Treasurer:* Mervyn Healy.  
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### PAULSTOWN SCHOOL HURLING

The purchase of a new field at the school has facilitated the running of hurling leagues during the school year for the first time.

*Spring League – Winners:* Raymond O'Neill's team.  
*Runners-up:* Patrick Dormer's team.

*Autumn League – Winners:*

Liam Walsh's team. *Runners-up:* Danny Kearney's team.

The **June League** was won by Liam Walshe's team: Liam Walsh (capt.), John Murphy, Shane McEvoy, Derek Whelan, Aidan Brennan.

In the final they beat Derek McEvoy's team: Derek McEvoy (capt.), Johnathan Cooke, Cyril Healy, Martin Brennan, John Byrne.

The school enjoyed a very successful year on the camogie front, losing in the semi-final to Thomastown. On the way to the semi-final they beat Bennettsbridge and Moneenroe and drew with Thomastown.

*Team:* Yvonne Hennessy, Caroline Staunton, Orla Roche, Sarah Costigan, Marita Brennan, Patrice Mullins, Olive Kearney, Pauline Walsh, Louise Doyle, Ella Coady, Michelle Kealy, Mairead Bambrick. Subs: Collette Byrne, Maura Healy, Nicola Cowman, Claire Kealy and Niamh Kealy.

## OBITUARY

Brendan Lawlor, Jordanstown, Paulstown, who died during the year, was an outstanding member of our community. Always willing to give assistance in any local endeavour, Brendan was a founder member of Barrowmount Football Club. He played a prominent part on the team which won the Junior Football Championship in 1961, beating Bigwood, 1-8 to 1-3. He was father of John and Ger Lawlor, both of whom have given sterling service to the club and the community from the early 70's to the present day. With his wife, family and friends, we mourn his passing. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.



*Paulstown N.S. Autumn League Winners – Back row (l-r): Martin Brennan, Raymond O'Neill, Liam Walsh (capt.). Front row: Adrian Walsh, Edward Collins-Hughes, Billy Murphy.*



*Paulstown N.S. U-10 hurlers – Back row (l-r): Adrian Walsh, John Byrne, Darren O'Neill, Shane McEvoy, Derek Whelan, John Lyons. Front row: Joseph Hughes, Andrew Healy, Joseph Kealy, Edward Collins Hughes.*



*Paulstown N.S. Autumn League Runners-up – Back row (l-r): Danny Kearney (Capt.), Stephen Brophy, Peter Brophy. Front row: Séamus Brennan, Andrew Healy, Aidan Dowle*



*Paulstown N.S. U-10 hurlers – Back row (l-r): Aidan Brennan, Niall Carroll, Ricky Murphy, Séamus Brennan, Billy Murphy. Front row: Maurice Drennan, Richard Kelly, Mark Lillis, Tomás Quinn.*



## BENNETTSBRIDGE

1994 was not a successful year for the adult teams in our club, but the underage hurlers had a very good year.

The Intermediate team with Kerry hurler, Christy Walsh, on board, were expected to go well. Three wins out of five were recorded in the league, but it was to no avail as we failed to qualify on scoring average.

We were then paired against Mooncoin in the first round proper. Mooncoin got off to a great start, from which the 'Bridge never recovered. The eventual champions deservedly took the honours. Thanks must go to the trainer, Kevin Fennelly, and his fellow selectors, for the effort put in during the year. We did, however, win the Tullaroan tournament, after good wins over Moycarkey-Borris and St. Lachtain's in the final.

The Special Junior team, after a few outings in the league, were omitted from the championship. The under-21 team were heavily beaten by Clara in the first round of the championship.

The Junior football team, short some of our more prominent players, were defeated in the northern semi-final by Blacks & Whites after a replay. However, two of these players, John Conlon and Christy Walsh, assisted by former club member, Liam Cassin, helped Dicksboro to win the senior football championship.

The minor hurling team reached the Northern final where they came up against a very strong Tullaroan team. Although missing a few glorious chances for goals, it must be said that the better team came out on top. But the league was a different story, as the 'Bridge overcame Cloneen in a thrilling final by 0-9 to 0-6. Great credit must go to trainer, Richard Moran, and his fellow selectors for the huge effort put in during the year.

The under-16 team was the most successful team in the club this year, winning both the league and championship. These players showed great skill and commitment all year as they beat Kilmacow in the championship final, and Lisdowney in the league final, after two hard fought battles. Credit, once again, is due to trainer Richard Moran and his fellow selectors.

The under-14 team, while they were defeated in the final, were to give greatest excitement during the year. They put in many late finishes to secure a final place, but they went under to a much bigger Clara side. Many of these 'Bridge players have a couple of years left at this grade, so



*The "keeper of the keys" in Bennettsbridge - Jim Dobbyn.*

success should not be too far away for these young stars. Players to look out for on this team are Enda Cleere, a cool and sound goalkeeper, John O'Gorman, Jonathan Cleere, Peadar Dooley, and a skilful Garry Hayes in defence, Alan Dobbyn was the star of this team, while up front Alan Simpson, Brian Lannon, Jonathan Meighan and Noel Ryan were the main score-getters. Mick Dobbyn was the mentor in charge and he did a fine job with the team.

On the inter-county scene, Liam Simpson was a member of the senior panel which went under to Offaly. James McGarry and John Conlon played on the junior team which lost to Cork in the All-Ireland final while another former 'Bridge great, Noel Skehan, managed the side. Adrian Walpole was a member of the Kilkenny under-16 team and he acquitted himself well.

Many thanks must go to the promoters and subscribers who helped us through the year, because, without their help, we would find it very hard to progress. Overall, it has been an encouraging year for the club, and, with a bit more effort, the long overdue Intermediate championship can be claimed soon.



*St. Canice's Credit Union Senior Hurling Final Officials (from left): Dermot Ronan (linesman), Denis O'Sullivan (referee) and Podge Butler (linesman).*

(Photo: Tom Brett)

## OBITUARIES

### Jimmy Dowling

The village of Bennettsbridge was shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of former 'Bridge star, Jimmy Dowling.

From Parnell Street, Kilkenny, he won two minor championships with St. Mary's in 1945 and '46 and later won a senior



title with Dicksboro in 1950. He then became part of the glorious years in the fifties and sixties era, when the 'Bridge swept all before them. He won six county senior championships during this time, before his career was cut short, due to a hand injury in 1961, when he was team captain.

A popular and friendly man to all who knew him, the club sends deepest sympathy to his wife Pauline and family.

### Jimmy Bookle

From Newhouse, Thomastown, Jimmy passed away earlier this year. Active until a short time before his death, he spent forty years with Avonmore before he retired ten years ago.

He won a junior championship medal with Stoneyford in 1943 and he was also a member of the Thomastown panel which won the senior championship in 1946. He then went on to represent Bennettsbridge in the late 'forties and early 'fifties.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh siad go léir.



## BLACK & WHITES

1994 was a most successful year for the Blacks and Whites Club. While it was disappointing to lose both the junior hurling and football finals so narrowly, the winning of two Northern championships and two Northern leagues makes it one of the most memorable years in the club's history.

The junior hurling team started their campaign in the Northern League, Div. 1, with a draw against Emeralds. They went on to beat Fenians, Galmoy, and Dicksboro in the semi-final. They again met Galmoy in the final, and, in this closely contested encounter, the Black and Whites came out on top by the narrowest of margins, 1-9 to 0-11.

After receiving a bye in the opening round of the Junior championship, the Black and Whites first outing was against St. Patrick's. A couple of early goals set up the Skeough men for a comfortable win. The Northern semi-final against Danesfort looked to be slipping away from Black and Whites as they faced a six point deficit in the final quarter. However, the team produced some great hurling, to secure a six point victory.

Galmoy provided the opposition in the Northern final. Always tough opponents, Galmoy also led by six points early in the second half, but Black and Whites stuck well to their task, and emerged 3-10 to 0-12 winners. Hoping to bury the disappointment of the '92 final, the Skeough team faced a young and eager Dunnamaggin team who proved too strong on the day and came out two points in front in the county final.



Northern Division III League Champions – Black & Whites victorious captain Willie Doran, after winning the Special Junior Hurling League, flanked by Johnny Barcoe and Andy Barcoe.

The Junior team have also reached the Junior Open Draw final against Dunnamaggin, which, at the time of writing, has not yet been played. On the way to the final, the team had victories over Lisdowney and Windgap.

The Special Junior team also had a very successful year, winning the Northern Junior Div. 3 league. They beat Galmoy, St. Lachtain's, Danesfort and Tullaroan, and drew with Barrow Rangers on their way to the semi-final. Here they met O'Loughlin's whom they beat by three points, and went on to meet, and beat, the Fenians in the final by three points, the scoreline being 0-16 to 1-11. In the Special Junior championship, the team went out at the first hurdle to Conahy Shamrocks 1-10 to 1-8.

The Junior football team, attempting to make amends for last year's final defeat,

faced determinedly into the championship. On their way to the final, they beat Railyard, Emeralds, St. Lachtain's, Danesfort, Bennettsbridge, and Young Irelands in the Northern final. The Black and Whites had a tough meeting against Kilmoganny in the county final. On the first day, the game ended even, 1-7 all. The replay was, again, a closely fought contest in which the Black and Whites seemed to be taking control in the second half, when they led 1-7 to 0-4. However, Kilmoganny gradually brought down the lead to win 0-8 to 0-7.

At under-age level, the club were very proud to be again represented by Sean Kealy on the Kilkenny minor team. The team won a Leinster title, before losing to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final. Sean put in some fine performances during the year.



BLACK & WHITES – Northern Junior Champions and Northern Junior League Division I Winners.

Back row: Andy Barcoe, Peter Farrell, Donal Murphy, Tommy Farrell, Denis Carroll, Michael Doyle, J. J. Barcoe, Jamie Carroll, Pat Nolan, Martin Farrell, Sean Kealy, John McDonnell. Front row: Alan Byrne, Michael O'Dowd, Jimmy Barcoe, Liam Aylward, Richard Dowling, Michael Ryan, Pat O'Grady, John Byrne, M. J. Doherty, P. J. Murphy, Ned Kelly, John Aylward.



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**BLACK & WHITES – Northern Junior League Division III Winners**

*Back row: Mickie Byrne (Selector), Andy Barcoe, Martin Barcoe, Pat Nolan, Jamie Carroll, Michael O'Dowd, Noel Kealy, Liam Aylward, John Aylward, Cathal Moran, David O'Neill, John McDonnell, Peter Farrell, Seamus Murphy (Selector), Gerry Murphy (Selector). Front row: Jim Barcoe, Willie Doyan (Capt.), Richard Dowling, Jimmy Barcoe, Johnny Barcoe, Pdraig Whitty, Tommy Doyle, Paddy Savage, Declan Reddy.*

The club under-21 team lost to Clara in the first round. The minor team had a very good run in the league. They beat Slieverue and drew with Barrow Rangers and Mooncoin on their way to the semi-final. Here, they put up a spirited challenge to Bennetsbridge, who proved too strong in the end, Black and Whites losing 2-15 to 1-11.

The minors lost the opening round of the championship to eventual winners,

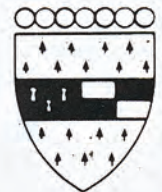
Tullaroan. The under-14 and 16 teams also provided some good displays. The under-16's lost out on a league semi-final place to James Stephens in a play-off. In the championship, they lost to St. Patrick's, a team they had beaten in the league competition. The under-14 hurling team reached the league semi-final which they lost to Carrickshock. In the under-16 football league, Black and Whites had wins over Emeralds and Clara on the way

to the semi-final which they lost to Young Irelands. They lost narrowly, in the championship, to Barrow Rangers. The national school team also had some good outings during the year.

A special word of thanks to Eamonn O'Rourke TV/Video and Michael O'Dowd Insurances, Borris, who were our main sponsors of the team for the county final, and also to the many other sponsors who supported us during the year.



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## CARRICKSHOCK

1994 was a reasonably successful year for the club. Our Intermediate hurlers began well with a good win over Thomastown, and a hard-earned draw with O'Loughlin's. The team suffered defeats against Bennettsbridge and Clara, but followed them up with a good win over Paulstown.

We were drawn against St. Lachtain's in the first round of the championship, and narrowly defeated them, thanks, in no small way, to great hurling by our backs. In the quarter final, we came up against Conahy Shamrocks, and, due to our determination and ability to take our chances, we progressed to the county semi-finals, where we met old rivals, Mooncoin. Carrickshock dominated until the interval, when they led 0-7 to 0-5, but, on the restart, all Carrickshock's work was undone with Mooncoin getting an early goal. Mooncoin then extended their lead, and Carrickshock tried desperately to score goals, which they were twice denied. They eventually did succeed near the end of the game, but, alas, it was too late – a disappointing end to our campaign.

The Intermediate team did manage to collect some silverware, however, beating Rower-Inistioge in the Piltown Hurling Tournament, to secure the Jack Murphy Trophy. The team was also victorious in the Mullinavat Hurling Tournament, beating Glenmore. Carrickshock also reached the final of the Byrne Cup Open

Draw competition, only to be beaten again by Mooncoin. All involved with the team deserve great credit for their efforts during the year, especially team coach, Noel Maher, who did great work.

Our Special Junior team began impressively with a win against Carrigeen, and a draw with near-neighbours, Dunnamaggin. They required a victory over Glenmore if they were to progress any further, but unfortunately, were beaten.

The under-13 teams representing the parish swept the boards this year. We had the great distinction of having two teams in the eleven-a-side Roinn E County Final, and so were guaranteed success with Stoneyford taking on Newmarket in a thrilling game in which Newmarket came out on top. In the under-13 Roinn B Football Final, Carrickshock had a convincing win over Mullinavat. In fact, Carrickshock beat all comers on their way to victory. Special thanks are due to team coach, Tommy Duggan, who put in great work.

Our under-21 hurlers put up a good performance, before submitting to Tullogher/Rosbercon in the first round of the championship. Carrickshock minor and under-16 hurlers also gave good displays during the year, but without too much success.

On the Inter-County scene, Pat Dwyer had a quiet year by his standards, but played brilliantly for his club, despite carrying an injury which will hopefully be set

right by his operation. Other players to represent the club at county level were Patrick Farrell on the defeated Junior All-Ireland team, and Derek O'Grady on the Kilkenny Schools Vocational team.

The club was shocked and saddened by the death of Edward Lonergan, who lost his life tragically in July of this year. Edward was a loyal supporter and former selector. He is survived by his wife Angela, sons Eric, Stephen and Declan, and daughter Sharon. The club extends its deepest sympathy to the family. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.



The club wishes to thank David Doyle who was our main sponsor during the year.

*Club Officers* – Life President: Fr. Gallavan; President: Fr. Hoyne; Chairman: P. Rohan; Secretary: P. Power; Treasurer: J. Sheehan; P.R.O.: J. O'Gorman. Thanks to Tommy Hoyne for keeping the pitch in order all year.



*Veterans of Stoneyford – Back row: Peter Fennelly, John Fennelly, Mick Raggett, Jimmy Bookle, Billy Gorey, Jimmy Fennelly, Neddy Lawlor. Front row: John Dunne, Richie Fennelly, Jimmy Kelly, Michael Fennelly, John Carroll.*



## CLARA

1994 was a very good year for the Clara under-14 team who won the Roinn C hurling league and championship.

In the 11-a-side league, Clara defeated Windgap and the Black & Whites to qualify for the league quarter final where they defeated Slieverue. They then beat James Stephens II in the semi-final. In the final, they had a comprehensive victory over near neighbours Bennettsbridge at Palmerstown, winning on a scoreline of 4-16 to 0-7.

When the championship came around, Clara defeated Dicksboro in the first round and went on to meet James Stephens II in the quarter final at Bennettsbridge. This was a hard fought battle with Clara putting in a great second half's hurling to eventually win by 5-9 to 1-6.

Clara then took on Tullogher/Rosbercon in the semi-final at Páirc na Seamróg, Ballyhale. Clara completely dominated this game from start to finish, running out eventual winners on a scoreline of 5-12 to 1-1 to qualify for a meeting with Danesfort in the final.

After a shaky start, Clara settled and went on to win easily in the end to bring home Clara's third under-14 championship, the previous victories having been in 1963 and 1972.

Clara parish are very proud of this under-14 team, which thrilled the parish with some whole-hearted displays throughout the year, and hope that they



**CLARA – Roinn 'B' Under-14 Kilkenny Football Finalists 1994**

Front row (from left): Mark Shortall, Ger Prendergast, Michael Barcoe, Conor Phelan, John Phelan, John Brennan, Peter Roche, Martin Kealy, John Bambrick. Back row (from left): Fintan Treacy, Tommy Dowling, David Mulrooney, Gordon Byrne, Trevor Murphy, Adrian Fitzpatrick, Brian Phelan, Patrick Langton, T. J. Fitzgerald, Martin Prendergast, Jerry Byrne, John Prendergast.

go on to bring further glory to their parish in the coming years.

The following is the panel of players who trained hard all year and put in every effort to bring back this latest honour to the parish: Martin Kealy, Martin Prendergast, Richard Nolan, Tommy Dowling, Trevor Murphy, Adrian Fitzpatrick, Gerry Byrne, T. J. Fitzgerald, John Prendergast, David Mulrooney, Patrick Langton, Brian Phelan, John Bambrick, Gordon Byrne, Mark Shortall, Noel Hoyne, Michael Barcoe, Thomas Brennan, John Brennan, Fergus Knox, Eamon Kealy, Fintan Treacy, Ger Prendergast and Jack O'Keeffe.

In September, Clara under-13 took part in the Lisdowney 7-a-side tournament and

qualified for the semi-final of the medals competition, but were beaten by a well drilled Moycarkey/Borris side.

In October, Clara took part in the Dicksboro U-14 tournament and having defeated O'Loughlin's and Wexford U-14 champions St. Enda's, Gorey, qualified to meet the host club Dicksboro in the final for the Billy Hogan Cup. Having led by 1-2 to 0-2 at half-time, Clara were very unlucky to be beaten on a scoreline of 1-6 to 2-2. The Clara team were presented with their medals by Kevin Ryan and overall were delighted with their day out.

In football, Clara were in Roinn B and in their first outing, defeated Railyard on a score of 2-7 to 1-2 at John's Park. Clara then went on to defeat St. Patrick's,



**CLARA – Intermediate Hurling Finalists 1994**

Back row (l.-r.): Michael Langton, John Nolan, Anthony Casey, Pat Barcoe, Willy Carrigan, Liam Byrne, J.J. Ward, Brendan Barcoe, Anthony Prendergast, Eamon Whearty, Maurice Treacy, Lester Ryan, Michael Nolan, John Shortall. Front row (l.-r.): Eamon Phelan, Mark Galvin, Paschal Connolly, Robert Shortall, James Langton, Michael Fitzgerald, Joe Casey, Kevin Ryan, Johnny Ryan, Coleman Ryan, Martin Carrigan, Pauric Brennan.

(Photo: T. O'Neill)



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*Robert Shortall (Clara) moving to the ball in the Intermediate County Final.*

(Photo: T. O'Neill)

Ballyragget. Clara then met Conahy Shamrocks and after a hard struggle, eventually won on a scoreline of 3-6 to 0-4 to qualify for a meeting with Young Irelands in the Northern final.

#### UNDER-16

Clara under-16 team played well in the league with good victories over Galmoy, Danesfort and Cloneen and a draw with Barrow Rangers. They then had a play-off for a quarter-final place with Barrow Rangers, whom they defeated. In the quarter-final, they were beaten by Bennettsbridge who were the eventual winners of the league.

In the championship, Clara got walkovers in the first two rounds from Dicksboro II and Cloneen and were beaten by Bennettsbridge in the quarter-final

at Danesfort.

#### MINOR

In the Minor league, Clara failed to qualify for the quarter-final despite good victories over Danesfort and Conahy Shamrocks.

In the championship, Clara had a very good victory over Conahy Shamrocks in the first round at Palmerstown. They then met Bennettsbridge in the next round and having led at half-time, only scored once in the second half and lost out narrowly.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

The U-13 hurling team competed in Roinn C where they had wins over Castlecomer, Conahy, Bennettsbridge and Kilmacow. The U-13 football team faced stiff competition in Roinn A, emerging with one win over Dunnamaginn. The

U-13 camogie team also competed in Roinn A, where they had wins over Urlingford, Rower-Inistiogé and Kilmagh and qualified for the final. In a very close final, they emerged as winners over Freshford and took their first Roinn 'A' title.

In the seven-a-side competitions, all three teams reached their finals. The footballers came closest to victory when they were unlucky to lose the final on goal difference. The U-10 hurling team took part in the Conahy tournament.

In handball, the U-12 boys and girls teams took part in the I.N.T.O. competition. The girls doubles partnership of Alison Carrigan and Bronagh Ryan defeated Muckalee in the final. They went on to represent Kilkenny in Croke Park.



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## CLONEEN

AT LAST year's A.G.M., Cloneen Hurling Club Chairman, Donal Brennan, in thanking Railyard G.F.C. for the ongoing use of the excellent facilities, said that the club, in order to progress to bigger and better things, would need to acquire a home of its own.

Since then, officers of the club have made a number of approaches to land owners with a view to purchasing a field, but, to date, little progress has been made. Some senior officers have declared that they would step down from office next year to concentrate their efforts on pitch purchase and development.

Obviously, the support is in the Parish for a successful hurling club. When the minor team reached the Roinn C League final, there was a terrific support in Jenkinstown despite the poor weather. Reaching the league final against Bennettsbridge was a great achievement, when one considers that the club only entered the Minor grade two years ago.

Cloneen were unbeaten through the league, including a victory over their final opponents and confidence was high. They showed great character in the semi-final in Palmerstown, when, after going into a 3-1 to 0-2 lead, they were overhauled by Windgap.

Five points down approaching the final quarter of the game, things looked grim for the Cloneen lads. They switched Thomas Coogan to centre forward and sprung Seanie Brennan from the bench and suddenly they were back on song. They drew level with six minutes remaining and it was Thomas Coogan who shot the vital winning point in the last minute of an exciting finish. They were in their first ever minor final against



**CLONEEN – Minor Roinn 'C' League Finalists.**

*Back row: Sheamus Hennessy, Ger Campion, Liam Hennessy, John Dowd, Thomas Coogan, Shane Coogan, Liam Phillips, David Clancy, Bill Coogan (Trainer), Tommy Reilly (Selector). Front row: Tommy Treacy, Ian O'Keeffe, Eamon Mooney, Alan Hosey, Brian Hardy, Daniel Love, Seanie Brennan, Cyril Steadmond.*

Bennettsbridge, who had knocked them out of the championship by a wide margin.

The final was a hard fought battle, with very little between the two sides. At one stage, the Bridge led by 0-5 to 0-1, but Cloneen clawed their way back to draw level. An accidental injury to Brian Hardy, which saw him brought to hospital, upset the balance and concentration for a while. A number of chances, including two goal opportunities, went abegging. Bennettsbridge, however, kept their composure, and, at the end, deserved their three point victory, 0-9 to 0-6.

The Cloneen minor panel was: John Dowd, Ian O'Keeffe, Sheamus Hennessy, Liam Phillips, Daniel Love, David Clancy, John Paul Brennan, Shane Coogan, Ger Campion, Daniel Lawler, Alan Hosey, Tommy Treacy, Cyril Steadmond, Thomas Coogan, Brian Hardy, Seanie Brennan, Eamon Mooney, Billy Dowd, Colm Coogan, Liam Hennessy. Their selectors were Bill Coogan, Pat Lawler and Tommy Reilly.

Not to be outdone, the Cloneen school-boys (under-13), representing Clogh and

Moneenroe National Schools, went all the way to the final in Nowlan Park, before succumbing to a well-drilled Lisdowney side. A goal in the first two minutes gave the Lisdowney boys early confidence, and set the Cloneen team a tough uphill task. Despite their gallant efforts, they were beaten by a good Lisdowney side; but they can be well pleased with their year's efforts.

*The under-13 squad was: Donal Hennessy, William Love, Paul Clancy, Gay O'Dowd, Laurence Keyes, Pdraig O'Dowd, Philip Roche, Patrick Brennan, Damien Byrne, Laurence Lyng, Andrew Hosey, Shane Deighan, Colm Phillips, Andrew Brennan, Sean O'Shea, Laurence Phelan, Tommy Dunne, John Power, Joe O'Dowd.*

Team trainers were John Kelly and Gerry Meally.

In the Junior championship, Cloneen were extremely unlucky in their first round clash in Ballyragget, when, having led from the start, they conceded a soft goal in the third minute of injury time, to lose by a single point to James Stephens.



**MONEENROE CAMOGIE TEAM IN THE 50's**

*Back row (from left): Jimmy Walsh (trainer), May Booth, Nancy Walsh, Biddy Murtagh, Mary Brennan, Maureen Kelly, Margaret Walsh, Ann Murtagh, Mr. Dwyer (Coach and School Teacher). Front row (from left): Margaret Brennan, Ann Walsh, Mary Walsh, Theresa Walsh, Mary Daly, Sheila Shore.*



## CONAHY SHAMROCKS

**NO TROPHIES** to report this year, but overall, it was an enjoyable season for the club's players and supporters. The Intermediate hurlers broke new ground by reaching the final of the Vale Oil Intermediate League where they lost out by a single point to Thomastown in a thriller. Conahy had numerous chances late in the game to snatch a win but a number of lapses during the hour were to prove costly.

A fine league performance ensured Conahy a safe passage to the quarter-finals of the championship. Whether the team was suffering from over confidence, or simply had a bad evening, will never be known, but it matters little now as Conahy were well beaten by a fiercely determined Carrickshock side in that quarter-final. This was a most disappointing loss by Conahy, particularly in view of the team's earlier league form. In fairness, the absence of key players Canice Brennan and Gearóid Brennan did not help Conahy's cause.

Some of the best performances all year came from the Conahy Special Junior hurlers. The side enjoyed a good league campaign but lost out to the Fenians in the Division III semi-final when they fielded an understrength side. An outstanding display against a highly fancied Black & Whites team saw Conahy over-

come their first championship hurdle. Old rivals, Tullaroan, were despatched in the Northern semi-final but Conahy had no answer to a superior O'Loughlin Gaels side in the Northern Final. The first half saw Conahy well in control, but once O'Loughlin Gaels edged ahead, they looked an impressive side.

Conahy's Under-21 hurlers had high hopes in this year's championship but a poor opening game against Galmoy quickly put paid to their title aspirations. At the time of writing, the Under-21 footballers are through to the Northern Final, having received a walk-over from Clara in the semi-final.

The Intermediate footballers reached another championship semi-final following a number of good displays in the earlier league section. Tullogher, the eventual county champions, provided the opposition in the semi-final and they just managed to hold off the strong challenge from the Northerners.

Conahy's underage teams had a good year despite the absence of trophies. A very young Minor team lost out to Bennettsbridge in the championship following a number of good league displays. The Minor footballers put in a tremendous effort preparing for the championship and are still in the competition at the time of writing.

The Under-16 hurlers overcame the Emeralds in the first round, following a

replay, but a physically stronger Fenians side ended their involvement in the competition in the next round. Despite almost total domination in the second half, the Under-16 footballers were defeated by Barrow Rangers in the championship.

The Under-14 teams again enjoyed a great year. The hurlers reached the quarter-finals of the 11-a-side league where they lost out to James Stephens. A number of bad misses cost the team a good run in the championship, when, on a wet evening in Castlecomer, they were beaten by a late Cloneen goal. Some consolation came later in the year when the team reached the semi-final of the Ballyragget tournament and the final of the Tara Ryan tournament in Castlecomer. The Under-14 footballers had good wins over Muckalee and Tullaroan before eventually going under to a fine Clara side in the Northern semi-final.

The Under-13 schools side gave some great displays but were not strong enough to reach the concluding stages of the Cumann na mBunscoileanna competition.

Away from the playing fields, the Conahy club completed work on the entrance to the Polo Grounds. This work will certainly enhance the appearance of the popular North Kilkenny venue.

The club broke new grounds this year, in the fund raising arena, with the staging



**CONAHY SHAMROCKS – Northern Special Junior 'B' Finalists 1994**

*Back row (left to right): James Lawless, Shane Mulhall, Kevin Healy, Declan Buggy, Willie Conry, Paul Byrne, Kenny Dooley, Michael Healy, Tony Gunner, Oliver Dunnie. Front row (left to right): Nickey Brennan, Edward Comerford, Pdraig Downey, Liam Murphy, Brian Lacey, Peter Mulhall, Marty Buggy, Larry Deevy.*

(Photo: Gerry Deegan)



# CLUBS

## R O U N D - U P



**CONAHY SHAMROCKS – Tara Ryan Under-14 Hurling Finalists 1994**

Back row (left to right): Patrick O'Neill, Brendan Griffith, Eoin Byrne, Mark Mooney, Niall Burke, Conor Brennan, Pat Kenny, Eoin Walsh, Darragh Connery, Eamonn Lennon, Eoin Fitzpatrick. Front row (left to right): Seamus Brennan, Patrick Walker, Pauric Nolan, Denis Kelly, Ray Purcell, Kieran Downey, Alan Healy, Martin Fitzpatrick, Brian McCullough.

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)

of a highly successful Golf Classic at the Castlecomer Golf Club. Plans are already underway to stage the Golf Classic at an earlier date next year.

Also on the fund raising front, the club has a number of cattle with local farmers and the proceeds from the sale of these animals will help offset the costs associated with the Polo Grounds development.

Conahy has long been associated with Camogie and a number of significant events helped to make 1995 a great year for the game in the parish. All-Ireland Championship and Club Championship medals made the past year a memorable one for Catherine Dunne. The Kilcollan girl also had the honour of being captain of her club side Lisdowney. Also winning

their first All-Ireland club medals were Áine Dunne, Catherine's sister and Mary Brennan from Conahy Rocks.

The first steps towards re-forming a local Camogie club in Conahy were taken during the year with regular training sessions in the Polo Grounds under coach Ned Mulhall.

## DANESFORT

**AT THE outset, we would like to thank our sponsors – Singer Sewing Machines – for their generous donation of a set of jerseys.**

On the hurling front, we had a very successful year. The highlight was getting to, and playing in, the county final. We started the year team-building in the 11-a-side competition. Our most memorable games were against Bennettsbridge. The first was a high-scoring, fast-flowing game which Danesfort won by six points. We met again three weeks later in a play-off. In a very exciting game, our neighbours won by the narrowest of margins.

Then came the championship in 15-a-side competition. More dedication was asked for, and numbers and standards improved at training sessions. The momentum grew and we had fine wins over Carrickshock and Cloneen to arrive at Nowlan Park for the county final against Clara.

Danesfort played their best hurling in the first half. However, Clara, playing with

a strong breeze, had built up a good lead by half-time and never looked back.

Looking back it was a very enjoyable season. Captain, Pádraic Forristal, led by example and everyone on the team, no matter how young, played his part to get this team to the county final of which Danesfort people were very proud.

Danesfort Junior Hurlers reached the Northern semi-final. Early in the second half, they were hurling well and leading by six points but after Black & Whites scored a goal, Danesfort faded and were well beaten in the end.

The footballers played well in some of the early rounds of the League but inconsistency from match to match was a big problem and they eventually went out of the Championship in a replay with Young Irelands.

However, the future is bright as there are many good young players in the Club and the amount of work being done at Juvenile level surely will bring its own reward.



Danesfort "keeper of keys" – Jimmy Cahill.



# CLUBS

## ROUND - UP

### CAMOGIE

For the first time ever, Danesfort entered a team in the Primary Schools Camogie Championship. We were grouped in Roinn D with Bennettsbridge, Paulstown, Moneenroe and Thomastown.

In the opening game, the Danesfort girls had a great 3-0 to 0-0 score victory over '93 beaten finalists, Bennettsbridge. This was followed by a trip to Thomastown and a one point victory over the home team, 2-0 to 1-2.

In the third game, the Danesfort girls had a hard-fought 1-1 draw followed by a fine away victory over the Moneenroe girls 4-0 to 0-1.

This set up a semi-final clash with the same opposition with much the same result.

The final, then, against Thomastown in O'Loughlin's on June 18th - a thrilling draw, with Thomastown equalising from a free in the last minute, 0-2 each.

The replay took place two days later in Nowlan Park. Again, another thriller with the teams level at 1-1 with five minutes to go. But Thomastown got the lucky break needed to win finals and eventually won 3-1 to 1-0.

A great year for camogie, a great bunch of girls, and, above all, great fun.

Many thanks to T.C. Tyres for sponsoring a set of jerseys which also serves as a second strip for the schoolboys.

Roll on '95.



**DANESFORT CAMOGIE TEAM**

Back row (l.-r.): Pamela Ireland, Lisa Marnell, Aileen O'Hanrahan, Sarah Dowling, Claire Neary, Breda O'Neill, Marie Dooley, Niamh Gaffney, Gene Dillon. Front row (l.-r.): Marie Carroll (Capt.), Aoife Treacy, Grainne Brennan, Orla Saunders, Amy Marnell, Emma Gaffney, Susie Ireland, Roisin Carey, Deirdre Brennan, Yvonne Martin, Louise Cody.

### MR. LIAM BROPHY

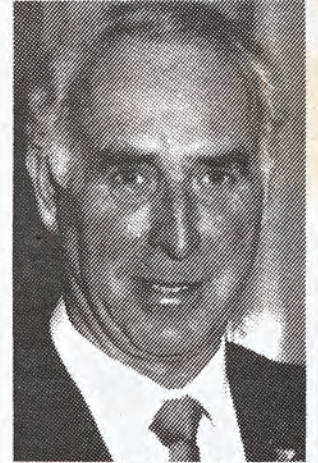
Mr. Liam Brophy (62), Ballymack, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny died during the year after a courageous battle against serious illness. He fought with great courage and dignity.

In his young days he was a keen hurler and was considered by many to be one of the finest junior hurlers of his time. Playing at left corner back he represented his county in this position on many occasions at junior and senior level.

He started his hurling career at minor level with Callan's Eoghan Ruadh and won the junior championship with John Lockes in 1952.

With the introduction of the parish rule he returned to his native Danesfort and many will remember the battles in tournament games in Knocktopher and Ballyhale.

Throughout his life he took a keen interest in all sport and shortly before his death boasted that the recent county final was his first to miss in 42 years.



**DANESFORT UNDER-14 HURLING**

Front row (l.-r.): Thomas Ryan, Brian Minogue, Nigel O'Hara, James Mullins, Padraic Forristal, Derry Kearney, Peter Mulhall, Marie Carroll, Robert O'Keeffe, Benny Mulhall. Back row (l.-r.): Pat O'Neill, John Dooley, Raymond Pembroke, Rory Cooke, Tim Murphy, Joe Synnott, Alan Pembroke, Owen Cunningham, Carol Ireland, Shem Hurley, Tony Woodcock, Pam Ireland.



## DICKSBORO

ALTHOUGH the club did not scale the same dizzy heights in 1994 as in the previous year when the "Club of the Year" title was the end result, the year did provide Dicksboro with some great triumphs.

Not least among these was the continued top displays of the club's senior side which reached its second senior county final in a row. It had to be content to concede first place to neighbours, Tullaroan, but some measure of compensation was achieved a few weeks later when the club's top players proved too good for city rivals, James Stephens, in the final of the second most important tournament of the year – the senior league.

While our hurlers lost their top billing at championship level, our senior footballers were compensating with some great displays – their win over Graigue/Ballycallan showed some delightful skills – before downing Ballyhale Shamrocks in the final.

Better was still to come. The first round of the Leinster club championship saw them pitted against St. Joseph's (Laois) and it took an injury-time point by the Laoismen to stop Dicksboro scoring an historic win.

The replay saw a very brave effort from the Kilkennymen before bowing out.

### JUNIOR STAR

The club's "second string" were no less impressive. Dicksboro's Special Junior Footballers outscored James Stephens in an exciting final while team manager Paddy Grace fused a splendid blend of



*DICKSBORO – Féile Peil na nÓg Winners, Killarney, 1994*

*Back row: Michael Mullins, Kevin Ryan, Michael Byrne, Alan Barry, Jason Dunphy, Pádraig Lacey, Timmy Clifford, Mark Donnelly, Gerard Hayes, Jonathan Knox, Niall Gallagher, Stephen Connolly, Mick Lane. Front row: Derek O'Gorman, Cillian Breathnach, Stephen Rochford, John Ryan, Thomas Hackett, John Egan, Francis Rushe, Ian Deegan, J. J. Hogan, Peter Long, Brendan Tobin, Sean Butler.*

young and not so young to win the Special Junior Hurling 'A' title at the expense of Rower-Inistioge.

### JUVENILE

Pride of place in juvenile goes to the Under-16 footballers who won the league and championship double. In the league final, they proved too strong for John Lockes while Piltown failed to match them in the championship final.

Our Under-14 players showed great footballing skill also. They travelled to Kerry for Féile na nÓg and won their section to score a sensational first for Kilkenny.

The club's tiny tots showed great skill and will be more than able to carry the mantle of the club in the future.

Stephen Nolan, Shane McGarry, Bryan Barry and Robert Connolly were the winning captains in under-10 and 12 leagues respectively, which brought in excess of 200 young players to coaching sessions



*Ian Deegan (Dicksboro Captain) receives Féile Peil na nÓg trophy at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.*



*Mark Donnelly (Captain) is presented with Billy Hogan Cup by Mrs. Pauline Morris (daughter of the late Billy Hogan), having won Dicksboro Under-14 Hurling Blitz.*



*Mark Massey, Captain, is presented with the Diarmuid Shortall trophy by Mrs. Mary Shortall, as Dicksboro win O'Loughlin Gaels Under-14 Hurling Blitz.*



# CLUBS

## ROUND-UP



**DICKSBORO – 1994 Special Junior 'A' Hurling Champions 1994**

Back row (from left): Tim Butler, Jim Kerwick, Niall Morrissey, Tom Maher, Brian Brennan, Eoin Begley, James Phelan, Richie Hogan, Aidan Begley, John Cahill, Brian Kennedy, Simon Walton. Front row (from left): Brendan Kennedy, Martin Treacy, Donal Kennedy, Tommy O'Neill, Paul Martin, Patrick Henderson, Brian Fitzpatrick, Joe Philpott, David Carroll.

and league games during the year.

The club successfully contested Scór at both juvenile and adult level, and, with activities both on and off the field being extremely well catered for, the future of the club looks very bright indeed.

### CLUB OFFICIALS

*Chairman:* Seamus Tynan.

*Vice-Chairman:* Seamus Fitzpatrick.

*Secretary:* Ned Buggy.

*Treasurers:* Paddy Grace, Noel Deevy.

*Registrar:* Gerry O'Neill.

*P.R.O.:* Tommy O'Brien.

*Irish Officer:* Richard Mulrooney.

*Committee:* Eugene Begley, David Beirne, Michael Byrne, Tom Maher, Martin Morrissey, Tom O'Donoghue, Joe Walton, Joe Phelan, Jimmy McGarry, Denis Philpott, Donal Carroll, Tom Knox.

### JUVENILE SECTION

*Chairman:* Kevin Ryan.

*Vice-Chairman:* Richard Mulrooney.

*Secretary:* Tommy O'Brien.

*Treasurer:* Frank Cody.

*Bórd na nÓg:* Martin Morrissey, Kevin Ryan, Richard Mulrooney.

*Committee:* Mick Byrne, Phil Hogan, Noel Deevy, Con Malone, Tommy Gaffney, Martin Morrissey, Denis Philpott, Eugene Begley, Joe Phelan, Patsy Trait, Martin Gaffney, Tom Knox, Denis Barry, Dermot Dunphy, Michael Lane, Martin Prenderville, John McKee, Sean Breathnach, Sean O'Neill, Tommy O'Neill.

## DUNNAMAGGIN

**AFTER** the success of 1993, no one expected that it could be matched in 1994, but matched it was, and even bettered with the winning of the historic first Junior County Title.

This very young Junior team set its stall out early in the year, going through the Southern League unbeaten and qualifying for the League Final against Windgap. This match, played before a large attendance, was a ding-dong battle, with Dunnamaggin only getting the upper hand at the finish to run out winners by five points.

In the Southern Championship semi-final, after a very slow start, Dunnamaggin ran out easy winners to meet surprise packet of the year, Windgap, in the Southern Final. This was Dunnamaggin's first final in eight years and they were made fight to the end before overcoming a very determined Windgap team.

The County Final versus Black & Whites was a great match, played in terrible conditions, not suiting the

younger and lighter Dunnamaggin team. A few times during the game, Dunnamaggin seemed to have the upper hand but each time the Black & Whites fought back to give a tension packed finish. Black & Whites could have snatched a goal to win by a point but Dunnamaggin held firm for a great two-point historic victory. The club is now looking forward to participating in the Intermediate grade for the very first time in 1995. The Juniors are attempting a clean sweep of all titles and are in the semi-final of the Open Draw, having already drawn with Galmoy.

The Under-21 team, participating in the 'A' grade for the very first time, had a fine year. This was a well balanced team and they played some lovely hurling during the year. They had a very convincing win over a fancied Mooncoin team in the Southern Final and so qualified to meet James Stephens in the County Final. Most people in the county did not give them a chance but these are players that you never under-estimate. In what was a very good Under-21 final, they all played their hearts

out against a stronger James Stephens side, only losing out to two late frees when a draw looked likely. This was one of the best displays ever by a team from the parish and it proved that these players can hold their own with the best.

Great praise must go to Brendan Fennelly, who trained, and was a selector on, the Junior, Under-21 and Minor teams, for doing such an excellent job.

Jim Hickey won an All-Ireland Under-21 medal against Galway while Sean Ryan and Tom Hickey were on the Kilkenny Junior team beaten by Cork in the All-Ireland final. Malachy Hogan and Jimmy Dunne were members of the Kilkenny Masters team who played Tipperary in the All-Ireland Over-40's final.

### JUVENILE

Following a year of unprecedented success in 1993 at Juvenile level, 1994 would have to be termed almost as successful.

Our Minor hurlers just fell at the last hurdle when failing to Graigue/Ballycallan in the championship final. In a game that



# CLUBS

## ROUND-UP

did not live up to expectations, some missed chances in the first half and some soft goals conceded in the second half decided the game. To reach the final for the second year in-a-row was a big achievement which started in mid-July with a hard earned three points win over Mooncoin in the first round. Piltown were then beaten by five points to setup a South Final with Glenmore. This was a great game of hurling which was decided by a John Hickey goal, to put Dunnamaggin one point ahead with ten minutes remaining, a lead which they maintained to the finish. This was the reversal of a heavy defeat in the league earlier in the year. Mooncoin eventually ended this team's interest in the league by beating them in a play-off.

It was a big honour for the Club this year to supply the captain of the Kilkenny Minor Team, the very talented Michael O'Neill. Three other players, Andrew Hickey, Ken O'Shea and Ramie Cahill were also on this team, beaten in the All-Ireland semi-final.

The U-16 hurlers again had a very successful year when they retained the league title with a great performance against Rower/Inistioge in the final at Nowlan Park. This was a great team performance, but outstanding on the night were Brendan Moore, Andrew O'Neill, William Kearney, Brian O'Shea and chief scorers Ramie Cahill and Leonard O'Shea. To reach the final, good wins were recorded over Thomastown, Piltown, Rower/Inistioge, Mooncoin and Graigue/Ballycallan in the semi-final.

**U-16 League Final team:** N. McCormack, N. Hickey, B. Moore, A. O'Neill, J. P. O'Neill, W. Kearney, C. Herity, B. O'Shea, K. Moore, R. Cahill, J. Hickey, N. Brett, C. Hickey, J. McCormack, L. O'Shea. Subs: B. Delahunty, D. Herity, R. Cahill, N. McCormack, D. O'Shea, G. O'Donovan, L. Heffernan.

In the championship, after a great win over Mooncoin in the semi-final, Rower/Inistioge reversed the league final result to win the south final by nine points.

The same group of players were beaten



Action from the Under-21 Roinn 'A' Hurling Final - Mick O'Neill shoots goalwards.

(Photo: T. O'Neill)



Pictured at the handing over of playing gear are (from left): Dick Dunphy (Dunphy's Garage, Kilmoganny); Seán Ryan (team captain), Hugh Smith (Smith's Garage, Kells); Paddy Prendergast (Prendergast's Tyres, Ballyhale); Pat Comerford (Flower Power - Landscapes); Malachy Hogan (Club Chairman). (Photo: Tom Brett)

in the U-16 Football league by Graigue/Ballycallan in the semi-final and by Mullinavat in the championship.

Fielding a very young team at U-14 level we were well beaten by top Roinn A teams like James Stephens and Dicksboro, with our solitary win in this grade coming against O'Loughlin's. In football, the game group of players performed much better in Roinn B before eventually bowing out to Rower/Inistioge in the South semi-final.

Three players, N. Hickey, C. Herity and K. Moore, played for Kilkenny in U-14 Leinster League and Waterford Glass Tournament.

### DEVELOPMENTS

The club is in the process of purchasing its own grounds, subject to planning permission. This is a major undertaking and will require the full backing of everybody. For the first time, a committee to run the everyday affairs of the club was formed, which was to meet every month. This was a success, overall.

The members of the committee are: Fr. P. O'Farrell, M. Hogan, J. Dunne, S. Ryan, W. Kearney, S. Martin, T. O'Shea, M. Moran, J. Moylan, J. J. Kennedy, D. Lahart, M. O'Shea, C. Whelan, R. O'Neill, L. Costelloe, A. Hickey, D. O'Shea, M. Mackey, C. Moran, R. Cahill, C. Cahill.

### CLUB OFFICERS

**President:** Fr. J. Brennan.

**Vice-President:** Fr. P. O'Farrell.

**Chairman:** Malachy Hogan.

**Secretary:** Jimmy Dunne.

**Treasurer:** Sean Ryan.

**P.R.O.:** Willie Kearney.

**County Board Rep.:** Seamus Martin.

### Juvenile Club Officers:

**Chairman:** Dick O'Shea.

**Secretary:** Brian Mackey.

**Treasurer:** Sean Costelloe.

The Club Personality of the Year, as voted by all the members, was Ramie Cahill snr.

A very successful Golf Classic was held in Callan Golf Club during the year and the club wishes to thank all those who helped to make this such a success.

## KILMOGANNY FOOTBALL CLUB

The parish pulled off a unique double when the Junior Footballers won the County Final. After a very easy passage through the South, Kilmoganny came up against the same opposition as they had met in the hurling, Black & Whites. The teams met in Bennettsbridge in what turned out to be a very good and close game of football, with the teams level on numerous occasions. The decisive score seemed to have fallen to Sean Ryan, when he goaled with time almost up, putting Kilmoganny three points ahead. The gallant Black & Whites boys when straight up the field from the kick-out to score a spectacular goal to level the match and force a replay.

The replay was every bit as good as the drawn match. Black & Whites seemed to be heading for victory when they went three points clear late in the second half, but Kilmoganny dug deep, and four unanswered points left them winners of a famous victory by a single point.

### Club Officers:

**Chairman:** Willie Kearney.

**Secretary:** Jim Hickey.

**Treasurer:** Sean Ryan.

**County Board Rep.:** Willie Kearney.



## EMERALDS

Nineteen-ninety-four, once again an extremely busy year for our club. Pride of place this year goes to our under-fourteen hurlers and footballers. These young boys gave total commitment and dedication all year.

They defeated neighbours Fenians in one of the best Burke Cup Finals ever played, on a score of 4-5 to 3-4.

In the championship they defeated Freshford in an exciting struggle at Lisdowney in a low-scoring game of eight points to four points. The Roinn B semi-final between Emeralds and Mullinavat was also a thriller.

While Mullinavat won by three points, the young boys from Urlingford put up a great fight. Highlights during these games were the great full-back play from Ian Tobin, the craft of little Graham O'Flaherty, the inspiring displays of Michael Moriarty and Cathal Hennessy and the super goal scored by Joe Ryan against Mullinavat.

*Team:* Michael Byrne, Brendan Cahill, Ian Tobin, Jer Joyce, James Kennedy, Michael Moriarty, John Clohosey, Cathal Hennessy, Graham O'Flaherty, Ray Moriarty, David Moriarty, Michael Power, Ger Power, David Roche, Kieran Joyce, Stephen Roche, Aidan Fogarty, Joe Ryan, Phil Dwyer, Keith Grant, Vincent Cleere and Edward Healy.

### UNDER-16:

Our under-16 team played well in the League, defeating Conahy and Tullaroan in the early rounds. However, they were well beaten by Freshford in the League quarter-final and by Fenians in the championship. Nevertheless, this team put in a lot of training in the local park under the guidance of John Lyng.

### MINOR TEAM:

The Minor team, this year, were narrowly defeated by O'Loughlins and Lisdowney in the League. In the Championship, we defeated St. Martin's, but lost to Young Irelands in the second round. Good performances in this grade were put in all year by Denis Tobin, Niall Minogue, John Guilfoyle, Tom Delaney and Richard Norton. The managers of this team were Seán Norton, John Minogue and Joseph Ryan.

### JUNIOR HURLING:

Our Junior players made a bright start to 1994. Urlingford and Black & Whites played a draw - 2-7 (Urlingford) to 1-10 (Black & Whites). We had a very easy win



EMERALDS UNDER-14 1994

*Front Row (l-r):* Dave Moriarty, Kieran Joyce, Graham O'Flaherty, Ger Joyce, Ray Moriarty, Aidan Fogarty, Edward Healy, Phil Dwyer, Alan Guilfoyle, John Clohosey. *Back Row (l-r):* John Moriarty (trainer), James Kennedy, Cathal Hennessy, Joe Ryan, Michael Moriarty, Brendan Cahill, Michael Byrne, Keith Grant, David Roche, Vincent Cleere, Ger Power, Michael Power, Pat Ryan (trainer).

over Threecastles, but lost to Galmoy by three points. After a long break, we got a bye in the first round of the championship from O'Loughlins. Lisdowney put in a great performance to defeat our junior side by five points.

The Club also organised a Junior Hurling Tournament. Many excellent games were played where the home side defeated Ballingarry, Gortnahoe, Lisdowney, and Danesfort, in the final, by two points. The encouraging news from this win was the introduction of several of last year's minors. This winning side was:

Declan Tobin, Liam Tobin, Tom Hughes, Damien Tobin, Tom Phelan, Cyril Cleere, Ken Hughes, Pat Ryan, John

Ryan, Ted Clohosey, Brendan Joyce, David Moriarty, John Moriarty, Michael Rafter, Pat Doyle.

*Subs:* Richard Norton, Adrian Cleere, Niall Minogue, John Guilfoyle, and Denis Tobin.

The Club also organised a Senior Hurling Tournament. Johnstown defeated Young Irelands, while Gortnahoe defeated Tullaroan by two points.

In a thrilling final, later on, Fenians defeated Loughmore/Castleiney and collected the Rody Kilbride Cup for the first time.

The photograph shows the Kilbride family presenting the Cup and trophies to the Club.



*Left to right:* Peadar Tobin, Co. Board Representative; Gerard Kilbride (son), Bernadette Glennon (daughter), John Glennon, Luke Roche (chairman), Eugene Kilbride (son), Martin Power (Committee).



# CLUBS

## R O U N D - U P

The Club sold a record number of hurlers' Co-op. tickets. In the first draw we were lucky getting first, second, and many smaller prizes.

### UNDER-14 FOOTBALL:

Pride of place in our Club goes to our gallant Under-14 footballers. Competing in Roinn 'A' was a daunting task. We were well beaten by Dicksboro' and James Stephens in the earlier rounds. We then met O'Loughlin Gaels in the Plate Final. In these games, Willie Tynan, George Colclough, Vinny Cleere, Michael Moriarty and Cathal Hennessy were excellent. Fionnan O'Driscoll, as team manager, made great progress with this team all year.

The score in the final - Emeralds 2-1, O'Loughlin/Gaels 0-3.

*Team:* Vincent Cleere, Tom Holohan, Ian Tobin, John Clohosey, James Hennessy, Edward Healy, Ray Moriarty, Phil Dwyer, Aidan Fogarty, George Colclough, Ger Joyce. *Subs:* Brendan Cahill, Keith Grant, Ger Power, Michael Power, Stephen Roche, Kieran Joyce.

*Scór:* The Club took part in Scór for the first time. Our quiz team of Sheila Cahill, Eamonn Ryan and Nicholas Walsh emerged as County Champions.

Out set dancers, organised by Nicholas Walsh and Denis Bowden, were very entertaining.



*Left to right: Martin Power (2nd prize, Super Stanley Cooker), Seán Moore (Waterford Crystal), Luke Roche (Chairman), Angela Kirwan (1st prize - trip to World Cup plus £600), Thomas Phelan (Treasurer), John Cahill (Secretary), Peadar Tobin (Co. Board Rep.). The winning ticket was sold by Thomas Kavanagh.*

Unfortunately, fund-raising for our new Clubhouse occupied much of our time. The Golf Classic was a great success. Tremendous effort by Michael Doyle and Fionnan O'Driscoll, A.I.B., who made our Greyhound Night one of the most enjoyable events of the year. A large amount of firewood was auctioned, providing more funds. Here Jim Tobin, John Tobin, Michael and Dick Tobin put in

hours of labour. Plans are now complete and, hopefully, building will commence in Summer of 1995.

Committee 1994: Presidents, Cañon J. Langton, Fr. L. Dunphy P.P.; Chairman, Luke Roche; Secretary, John Cahill; Treasurer, Tom Phelan; Vice-Chairman, John Minogue; Junior Team Coach, Martin Kennedy; Field Officers, Jim Tobin, Patrick Burke and Noel Flanagan.

## ERIN'S OWN

**If success at Senior level was the only yardstick for measuring a year's work, then 1994 would have to go down as a big disappointment for Erin's Own.**

Having progressed to a semi-final in 1993, which they were unlucky to lose after a replay, Erin's Own struggled to make an impact in 1994, and only retained their senior status after a relegation semi-final win over Mullinavat.

However, all was not bad news at adult level, and Erin's Own Junior squad brought a trophy to the Club when they defeated Graigue/Ballycallan in the Northern Junior League Final. This was an important win for the club, and made up for an otherwise poor year at all levels. The junior side also made good progress in the Northern Junior Championship, going down by four points to Danesfort in the second round, having beaten Threecastles in the first round. Congratulations to the Junior panel and to manager, Larry O'Neill, for a job well done.

The club competed in all under-age

hurling and football championships without any success. Despite this, the hard work continues at juvenile level, with coaching for all age groups from under-8 to under-18. The club extended its coaching scheme in 1994, and, with the help of FÁS, has engaged five coaches for the next twelve months. From last year, Seamie Brennan continues in a coaching capacity, and has been joined by Brian Judge, Cormac Young, Ned Lawlor and Nicky Walsh. With this scheme, it is hoped to greatly improve the skill level of young players over the next couple of years. A word of thanks here to all juvenile mentors: S. Smith, M. Shortall and S. Brennan at U-14, J. Meagher and E. Murphy at U-16, P. Phelan and D. Mullins at U-18.

At Under-13 level, Castlecomer fielded two teams in 1994. This was mainly due to the great interest shown in the indoor coaching sessions during the winter. Although no title was won, it was a great year, with over 40 players getting regular games and training. There was a vast improvement in the skill level of all the players involved, and this was due in no

small way to the efforts of the newly appointed coaches. Several practice games were arranged, and the absence of a title is mainly due to the fact that the 'Comer players are generally fairly small.

Some beautiful combination work and ground hurling was shown by both teams, and, without doubt, many of the players involved have the potential to play at the highest level, if they keep up the training. For the record, the First team, playing in Roinn C, were beaten in the semi-final by Tullogher, while the Second team did not make the knock-out stages.

In the Mini-Sevens, two teams were entered, one from Firoda N.S., and one from 'Comer Boys' School. The 'Comer BNS team put in an excellent performance, and lost out narrowly in the semi-final to eventual winners, St. Patrick's. This competition was open to all grades, which makes the performance of the 'Comer lads all the more commendable.

A team was also entered in the Roinn B football championship, and, here again, the efforts of the players were very encouraging. Castlecomer had a beautiful little



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### ERIN'S OWN – Northern Junior Division 2 League Champions

Front: Martin Holohan, Joe Meagher, Liam Shore, Paddy Comerford (C), Tommy Buggy, Colm Meagher, David Buggy, Ken Brennan, Daien Fogarty. Back: Dinny Brennan, Tommy Brennan, David O'Rourke, Brian Judge, Owen Rothwell, James Breen, Paul Rice.

team, and, when in full flight, were lovely to watch. They went out, once again, in the semi-finals, where they were unlucky to lose out to a physically stronger Mooncoin team, having been ahead for most of the game, only to be caught in the final minutes. Players and coaches alike are already preparing for next year, and, while it is unlikely that we will have a team strong enough to take a title, the lads will be in there competing, and, more importantly, enjoying themselves.

On the development front, Erin's Own made some good progress. At the new

pitch in Ballycomey, posts have been erected, and a railing surrounds the playing area. Trees have been planted, and the pitch marked out, its surface in perfect condition. The pitch at the Prince Grounds now has a new pavilion, which includes dressing rooms, showers, toilets etc. It is hoped that this pitch will be used solely for juveniles in future.

Congratulations to Michael Owens and Seán Meally who were part of the Kilkenny Under-21 squad which won the All-Ireland, when they reversed last year's result against Galway.

Since last year, the club has lost some great supporters. We extend our sincerest sympathy to all their families.

**Club Officers 1994:** *President*, Canon Kirwan; *Vice-President*, Dr. MacEaney; *Chairman*, Martin Fogarty; *Vice-Chairman*, Larry O'Neill; *Secretary*, Harold Stone; *Treasurer*, Christy Hughes. *P.R.O.*, Harold Stone.

**Indoor hurling here to stay:** The castle-comer juvenile indoor hurling blitz was an outstanding success with over 60 players taking part. Each team had a minimum of four games but the senior league turned



Senior players from Erin's Own hurling club discussing the new indoor hurleys which the juveniles are using for indoor training during the winter months. The photograph was taken at the recently held juvenil blitz which was organised by the juvenile coaches and members of the senior panel. Included in the photograph are (l-r): J.L. Byrne, S. Brennan, D. Buggy, M. Owens, P. Slevin, J. Meagher.

Photo: T. O'Neill



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into a marathon.

After 10 games, there were three teams on level points for the second place in the final. Even following play-offs, two teams could not be separated and the game had to be decided on penalties.

The standard in some of the games was exceptional, with some great defensive play, especially by goalkeepers.

The displays of senior 'keeper Tom Brophy is having a knock-on effect on the juveniles with many wishing to emulate him. All teams were managed by senior and junior players from the club and it was very encouraging to see these players

giving up part of their holidays to help the juveniles. What started out as a daunting task for them turned out to be a most enjoyable experience.

No doubt senior and junior managers for the coming year – Kieran Meally and Larry O'Neill – will have an easy task as players have now experienced the game from the other side of the fence.

After the 'blitz' the juveniles were treated to a little party and juvenile coaches Seamie Brennan and Joe Byrne presented medals.

The merits of indoor hurling as a bene-

fit to juveniles are many. The hurls, which are available from Eamonn Hennessy's travelling sports shop, are made with a hard plastic handle with a replaceable strong rubber head. The head is ever so slightly flexible which almost eliminates the risk of injury. It also requires more concentration in controlling the ball as there is a little 'give' in it.

This encourages the players to get their bodies behind the ball, and the improvements in defensive play is remarkable. Whilst the ball can be risen, it is difficult to do so, and, as a result, greater rewards are reaped from ground hurling.



JUVENILE INDOOR HURLING AT CASTLECOMER

## FENIANS

**Nineteen-ninety-four was a disappointing year for the Fenians Hurling Club as no team in the club succeeded in winning a County Championship, or even qualifying for a county final.**

The year began with high expectations that the Senior team would go one step further than last year and win the championship. The team played well through the league, only losing to Dicksboro'. This one defeat left the team out of the league semi-finals and into the first round proper of the Championship. Good wins against Erin's Own and James Stephens put them in a championship semi-final against near neighbours, Tullaroan, who won through to the final, only after a replay.

Our Junior team had a very bad run in the league and this continued into the championship with a first round defeat at the hands of Lisdowney. However, our Special Junior team had a very good run in the league and qualified for the league final against the Black & Whites. This was

a close run affair, with the Black & Whites coming out on top in an excellent game.

The team was: P.J. Ryan, Tommy Ryan, Richard Beehan, Tommy Henderson, John Curran, Joe Reid, Tommy Holohan, James Power, Patrick Bowe, Billy Dermody, Thomas Holohan, Derek

Beehan, Melvin Moriarty, Michael Garrett, Patrick Murphy. Subs: Jerry Phelan, Adrian Beehan.

The club's under-21 team had a good first round win against Barrow Rangers, but lost the next round to Freshford in what was a very poor game. The minor



JOHNSTOWN UNDER-14 HURLING TEAM 1994

Front Row (l-r): James Whelan, Joe Dempsey, Martin Henderson, Dermot Power, Eugene Graham, Ger Henderson, Paul Quinlan, J.J. Delaney, Brian O'Gorman, P.J. Delaney, Ciarán Ryan. Back Row (l-r): Ger Beehan, Peter Norton (Trainer), Peter Tobin, Michael Quaney, Robert Tobin, Laurence Ryan, Ciarán Rafter, Kevin Power, James Broderick, Kevin Ryan.



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team played O'Loughlins in the first round of the championship and the city side was fortunate to score a point in injury time to take the game to a replay. However, they made no mistakes in the replay and went on to win the championship.

Our juvenile teams performed up to their capabilities and won many of their

games. Of these, the under-16's qualified for the northern final, but they were, unfortunately, beaten by Freshford.

The highlight of the year was the contribution made by P.J. Delaney and Brendan Ryan towards Kilkenny's Under-21 All-Ireland win, where they both played major roles in the defeat of Galway at Tullamore on the second Sunday of

September. The club was represented on the minor county team by Eoin Beehan, who collected his first Leinster Final medal.

On the issue of sponsorship, the club wishes to thank Arcon for their support during the year. The club would also like to thank everyone who supported them in the Hurlers' Co-op. draw.

## GALMOY

**Galmoy Hurling Club entered 1994 with great hopes of building on the work of underage level in previous years, and, while there are a few hurdles yet to be cleared, progress was obvious throughout the year.**

It was a year where interest in all competitions at adult level was maintained right up to the final stages. The first match of significance in 1994 was the much delayed final of the 1993 Cahill Cup where Galmoy had a handsome win over Lisdowney.

In the Northern Junior League, in April and May, Galmoy had some very good wins over Threecastles, Johnstown and Emeralds, with only one defeat, that, at the hands of Black & Whites, an occurrence which was to repeat itself on two more occasions.

As a result of these performances, Galmoy qualified to meet James Stephens in the semi-final, with Galmoy winning this match by three points in mid-May. This set the team up for a final meeting with Black & Whites, a match which was delayed until the 16th of October but

which resulted in a one point victory for Black & Whites after an excellent game of hurling. This was the second year in a row in which Galmoy had lost the League final.

The Junior Championship served up some very exciting games. Clara were the first team to be overcome, and the next round against James Stephens took two games to divide the teams. The replay, in particular, had a real championship bite about it. Lisdowney were the opponents in the Northern semi-final and provided a much stiffer test than in the Cahill Cup, but Galmoy, showing great maturity, qualified for a Northern final tilt against the Black & Whites. This game, on August 28th, was in the balance right up to the final minutes when a cruel twist of fate swung the game in favour of the Skeough men. The Juniors also reached the semi-finals of the Open Draw competition, holding County Champions, Dunnamaggin, to a draw on October 30th, with the replay fixed for November 13th.

The Club's Under-21 team had 14 of the 1993 team, which lost the Northern

final after a replay, available for selection once again. The championship draw left Galmoy with a tough road to travel, but, with pure effort and determination, the team beat St. Martin's, Conahy, Shamrocks, Clara and then overcame Lisdowney in the Northern Final. After a long and arduous campaign, the team had now qualified for the Roinn B County Final, but had to plan without Brendan Ryan, who took up employment in America, and Kevin Lonergan, who was under suspension.

Despite the loss of two strong players, the team only succumbed by two points to a determined Windgap squad. At a club function in Langtons that evening, Alan Gray was presented with the Man of the Match trophy. While taking this defeat into account, 1994 provided many stern tests for this team and, hopefully, the experience gained and the lessons learned will one day lead to eventual worthwhile success.

The club entered a Special Junior team for the first time in many years, and, despite a lack of success, it provided more



**GALMOY - 1993 CAHILL CUP WINNERS**

*Back Row: Michael Brennan, Seán Doherty, Joe Corcoran, Kevin Lonergan, Alan Gray, Paul Morrissey, John Phelan, Brian Lonergan, Brendan Ryan. Front Row: Nicky Grace, Jerry Drennan, Brian Doherty, Cathal Doherty (capt.), 'Cha' Duggan, Declan Fitzpatrick, Phil Brennan, Tommy Drennan.*



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club members with the opportunity of enjoying the game of hurling. The team was narrowly defeated by Tullaroan in the first round of the championship.

Fielding a very young Minor team, Galmoy did quite well, winning all of the league qualifying games, to meet eventual champions, Bennettsbridge, at the quarter-final stage. The 'Bridge won this match by four points. The Championship pitted Galmoy against Tullaroan. This game took place a week after the replay before a large crowd in Urlingford, and saw eventual championship winners, Tullaroan, with two of the victorious senior team aboard, win well in the end.

At Under-14 level, participation was good but victories were scarce.

On the representative front, Kevin Lonergan played at centre-forward for Kilkenny minors and David Delaney played for Kilkenny Under-16 in the Nenagh Co-op. tournament. Liam Drennan was a selector on the North Kilkenny Junior team which once again defeated the South in the Jim Farrell memorial Cup played in Kilmacow in mid-May.

Club representatives here were Michael Brennan, Cathal Doherty, Brian Doherty, Jerry Drennan and Brian Lonergan. On

the third level front, Declan Fitzpatrick won an All-Ireland medal with Limerick Technical College, while others to be victorious in various competitions were Philip Brennan with Waterford Regional College, Brian Lonergan with Carlow Regional College and Kevin Lonergan with Athlone Regional College.

At schools' level, Noel Doherty and Paul Morrissey were members of the St. Fergal's College, Rathdowney, panel who reached the All-Ireland Vocational Schools final.

The Club also congratulates St. Ann's Camogie Club and their trainer, Donnacha Gray on winning an Under-16 county final after a replay against neighbours, the Emeralds, and on reaching an Under-14 county final against Piltown.

*Junior Hurling Team (Northern Final):* Paul Morrissey, Tommy Drennan, Jarlath Duggan, Shane Doherty, Brian Doherty, Brian Lonergan, Cathal Doherty (capt.), Jerry Drennan, Michael Brennan, Declan Fitzpatrick, Kevin Lonergan, Nicky Grace, Philip Brennan, Joe Doyle, Alan Gray and Leo Doherty. *Subs:* Noel Doherty, Seán Doyle, Eamonn Doherty, Rory Moore, Jerry Drennan, Paddy Drennan, Gavin Doherty.

*Minor Hurling Panel:* Noel Doherty,

Paul Delaney, Leo Doherty, Gavin Doherty, David Delaney, Paul Morrissey, Jerry Drennan, Brendan Ryan, Kevin Lonergan (capt.), Pierce Harte, Joe Doyle, Eamonn Doherty, Brendan Delaney, Rory Moore, Paddy Drennan, Seán Doyle, Charles Brennan, Joe Ryan, David Doyle.

### GALMOY CLUB OFFICERS:

President – Rev. Fr. Michael Purcell, P.P.; Chairman – Michel Lonergan; Vice-Chairman – Charlie Brennan; Joint Secretaries – Joe Corcoran and Donnacha Gray; Treasurer – Phil Bowe; P.R.O. – Jerry Drennan; Co. Board Rep. – Seán Doherty; Northern Board Rep. – Jarlath Duggan; Bord na nÓg Rep. – Jerry Drennan; Groundsmen – Charlie and Michael Brennan; Field Committee – Liam Drennan, Michael Brennan, Declan Fitzpatrick, Alan Gray, Brian Doherty, Johnny Doyle and Simon Fogarty.

*Junior Selectors* – Simon Fogarty, Lottie Harte and Mattie Phelan.

*Under-21 and Minor Selectors* – Stephen Delaney, Charlie Doherty and Jerry Drennan.

*Junior, Under-21 and Minor Trainer* – Jerry Drennan.

## GLENMORE

We began the year with hopes of regaining the Senior hurling championship, but it was not to be. However, it was a successful year if judged by the number of games played:

Senior hurling – 24 games; Junior hurling – 13 games; Special Junior B – 12 games; Under-21 – 1 games; Minor hurling – 10 games to date; Under-16 hurling

– 7 games; Senior football – 4 games, together with a good number of school games.

Our only title, so far, is that of our Special Junior hurling team, who went one better than last year (when beaten by James Stephens), and overcame O'Loughlins in the county final, at Ballyhale. This game is dealt with elsewhere in

the Yearbook, but congratulations are in order to the three selectors: Seamus Culleton, Jack Barry and J.J. Murray, and also to Tom Ryan, our trainer. By winning this title, Glenmore became the first club in Kilkenny to have won all five adult hurling titles.

Returning to our Senior team, we began the season well, drawing with



GLENMORE SENIOR HURLING TEAM 1994

Back: Dennis Mullally, Michael Aylward, Pat Barron, Michael Phelan, Ray Heffernan, P.J. O'Connor, Des Heffernan. Front: Willie O'Connor, Billy Vereker, Seamus Dollard, Mick Deady, Christy Heffernan (capt.), Jimmy Walshe, Eddie O'Connor, John Murphy.



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Tullaroan, and recording good wins over Young Irelands, Graigue/Ballycallan and the Shamrocks, to qualify for the league semi-final, where, however, James Stephens put paid to our league aspirations in a closely contested game. In the championship, we were drawn against old rivals, Ballyhale Shamrocks, and, before a record crowd in Mullinavat, we ran out well deserving winners. In the semi-final, we met Dicksboro, and, on a day when we had every chance, we were narrowly beaten.

Our Junior hurling team had a fairly successful year. In the league, we had a win over Slieverue, and draws against Mooncoin and the eventual championship winners, Dunnamaggin. In the championship, we again beat Slieverue and Mooncoin, before we were beaten by Dunnamaggin in the southern semi-final.

Our under-21 hurling team got a bye into the semi-final of the championship, and, on a day when few played played up to form, we were still only beaten 0-14 to 0-11, by a Dunnamaggin team which went on to be narrowly defeated in the County Final.

Turning to football, our senior team found themselves in a very strong group which included Dicksboro, Railyard and James Stephens, and, although failing to win a game, they improved as the season progressed, and, with the inclusion of a number of minor players, we maintained our senior status, after a play-off with Barrow Rangers, which we won well.

### JUVENILE SECTION:

Our under-11 hurlers played St. Saviours and Balluduff in the Clover Meats Tournament, before losing graciously in the semi-final. The under-12 team played Kilmacow, Slieverue and Mooncoin in the Garda Tournament, before losing to Kilmacow in the semi-final.

In the schools' championship, Roinn D, the under-13 team had victories over Tullogher and Windgap, before losing spiritedly to Cloneen in the semi-final.

Our very young under-14 team battled hard in the 11-a-side championship. They played well but were defeated by both Tullogher and Carrickshock to end their hurling year. The team was: A. Doran, D. Aylward, D. Cody, K. Aylward, M. Phelan, J. Dollard, E. Griffin, M. Phelan, H. Doran, J. Dollard, M. Aylward, C. Lynch.

The club's under-16 team lost to Kilmacow in the Roinn C southern final, having beaten Slieverue and Mooncoin in the earlier rounds. The panel was: N. Mackey, D. Aylward, M. Lynch, L. Garvey, G. Sinnott, R. Mullally, K.



**GLENMORE - SPECIAL JUNIOR B HURLING CHAMPIONS**

*Back: Des Ennett, Patsy Kehoe, Nicky Duggan, Thomas Barry, Brian O'Shea, Kenneth Cotterell, Tom Roche, John Phelan, Donie Duggan, Patrick Doherty, Francis Ennett, Fintan Walsh. Front: Paul Fitzgerald, Richard Aylward, Willie Fitzgerald, Mark Mullally, Noel Mullally (capt.), Dominic Fitzgerald, Pat Phelan, Thomas Mullally, P.J. Griffin.*

Aylward, M. Kelleher, O. Grennan, E. Griffin, W. Forristal, D. Cody, M. Phelan, H. Doran, J. Dollard, M. Aylward, C. Lynch.

The club's under-16 team lost to Kilmacow in the Roinn C southern final, having beaten Slieverue and Mooncoin in the earlier rounds. The panel was: N. Mackey, D. Aylward, M. Lynch, J. Garvey, G. Sinnott, R. Mullally, K. Aylward, M. Kelleher, O. Grennan, E. Griffin, W. Forristal, D. Cody, M. Phelan, H. Doran, J. Dollard, M. Aylward, C. Lynch.

In Minor hurling, we qualified for the southern 'A' final, with a win over the Rower. Lady Luck deserted us in this game, with Dunnamaggin coming out single point winners after a sporting game. Big wins over Dunnamaggin, the Rower, Mooncoin, Piltown and James Stephens, in the semi-final, leave us contesting the 'A' league final, which we eagerly await. The Minor panel is: N. Mackey, F. Freyne, C. Lynch, C. Cody, T. Griffin, P. Mullally, P. Fitzgerald, F. Walsh, M. Mullally, J. Phelan, D. Dowling, D. Mernagh, W. Fitzgerald, M. Kelleher, N. Doherty, D. Cotterell, D. Barry, O. Grennan, W. Forristal, G. Sinnott, M. Lynch, R. Culleton. Willie Fitzgerald and Declan Cody played with the New Ross Vocational School side that reached last year's Leinster final. Playing with Good Counsel College, New Ross, Richard Mullally, Niall Mackey and Fergal Freyne reached the Leinster Senior Colleges final, while Mark Mullally and Dermot Mernagh reached the Leinster semi-final with New Ross C.B.S. last year. Finally, congratulations to John Phelan, Paddy Mullally and Mark Mullally on winning Leinster Minor Hurling medals with Kilkenny.

Club officers for the past year were: Chairman, Martin Cass; Secretary, Seamus Dunphy; Treasurer, Paddy Fitzgerald; Chairman Social Committee, Donie Cody; Chairman Field Committee, Paddy Cody. The cutting of the grass was

in the capable hands of Denis Phelan. In conjunction with the FÁS scheme, there was a good deal of tidying up in the field, and in the next few months it is hoped to plant a shelter belt around it.

At this stage, I would like to, belatedly, congratulate Michael Phelan and Willie O'Connor on gaining All Star awards in 1992, and Eddie O'Connor on his award in 1993. Congratulations are also in order to Seamus Dollard on his part in helping Kilkenny to win the Under-21 All-Ireland hurling title. Congratulations, also, to Bridget Mullally and Joan Aylward, members of the Kilkenny senior camogie team which regained the All-Ireland title, and to Tom Ryan on coaching the team. Congratulations, too, to Frank Kirwan who won the County Long Puck and who will now represent Kilkenny in the Leinster Final.

Death claimed a number of former players during the year - Jimmy Doherty, a member of the great team of the 'fifties and 'sixties, and who played a great game in our first Senior Hurling Final against Bennettsbridge in 1960, and who also won a couple of Senior Football titles; also Danny Power, a prominent committee member, John Kehoe, Paddy Doolan, Tommy Murphy and Jim Clifford, who played for the club during the 'forties.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh siad.



*Jimmy Doherty (R.I.P.), Ballyrobin, Ferrybank, former Glenmore player who won an All-Ireland Junior hurling medal 1951.*



## GRAIGNAMANAGH

While no title was won by the Club in 1994, it was, nevertheless, quite a successful year. Teams representing the Club gave some excellent performances.

The U-13 team won their way to the play-offs but were beaten by Tullaroan, the eventual champions, in the quarter-finals. Other under-age teams battled gamely without any great success. We are indebted to the commitment of underage mentors like John Meaney, Benny Dunne and the Bretts, John and Thomas, and others who contributed during the year.

The Special Junior Team collected eight points out of a possible ten in the League but were beaten by Mullinavat in the South Semi-final.

The Intermediate team gave our supporters most to cheer about in the League but were narrowly beaten by eventual champions, Thomastown, in the league, and by Mooncoin in the Championship. With eleven U-21 players on the panel, this team has potential. Great credit to Paddy Corbett, trainer-coach, for his efforts.

Individual achievements this year included Ger. Walsh and Jarlath Bolger winning All-Ireland medals with Kilkenny U-21, Ken Walsh winning All-Ireland hurling and and football medals with Rockwell, Brendan O'Brien and Ciarán Dunne playing with Kilkenny Vocational School team, and Thomas Brett and Derek Butler who won Internatioal Football medals withn Kilkenny Minor team.

Our sincere thanks to all who contributed in any way with club activities during the year.

### BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE:

A very successful Juvenile Tournament was held in the parish during the month of August. There were eight 11-a-side teams. Great interests was shown by the large attendance at all games. The local Garda Siochána sponsored a set of medals for the winning team and runners-up.

Members of the club prepared the pitch for matches, and umpired and refereed games. All games were evenly contested and there were many excellent displays of skill. Mrs. Nan Brett co-ordinated the events very capably.

The presentation of medals was held in the Abbey Hall. The Garda Siochána were represented by Sergeant O'Sullivan and Gardai, Redmond, Ryan and Paul Martin. Sergeant O'Sullivan presented medals to



**SPECIAL JUVENILE TOURNAMENT 11-A-SIDE WINNERS**

*Front Row: Brendan Ryan, Jamie Cullen, Jimmy Whelan, Barry Moloney, John Murphy. Middle Row: Lorraine Lawlor, Perry Fenlon, Andrew Doyle, Edward Walsh (capt.), William Kielthy, Noel Sheehy. Back Row: Garda Redmond Ryan, Garda Paul Martin, Coach Jerry Murphy.*



**RUNNERS-UP SPECIAL JUVENILE TOURNAMENT 11-A-SIDE**

*Front Row: Deek Murphy, Ramie Fenlon, Laim Kelly, Diarmuid O'Neill, Paul Keating. Middle Row: Christopher Bolger, Eddie Doyle, Mark Jordan, Elaine Murphy, Dermot Ryan (capt.), James Doran. Back Row: Garda Redmond Ryan, Sergeant O'Sullivan, Coach Ken Walsh.*

the winning team, captained by Edward Walsh, and runners-up, captained by Dermot Ryan. Afterwards, a barbecue and refreshments were enjoyed by all the participants, their families and friends.

At the presentation ceremony, the Club chairman, Michael Walsh, congratulated all the young players on their performances. He thanked the local businesses who sponsored refreshments for the final

and was especially appreciative of the Garda Siochána for their positive involvement with the youth.

Following the success of our under-age tournament, a new juvenile committee has been formed and there has been renewed interest in under-age hurling in the parish. A School League is in progress, organised by newly-appointed school-teacher, Mrs. Joan Ryan.



## GRAIGUE-BALLYCALLAN

**In 1993, Graigue/Ballycallan, for the first time since 1983, failed to win a title in any grade.**

That omission was rectified this year when our Minor hurlers won the Roinn A County Final for the first time in 45 years, with a four-goal victory over the reigning champions, Dunnamaggin. A full report on this game appears in the Bord na nÓg report, elsewhere in this book.

At the time of writing, our Under-16 footballers have defeated the Young Irelands in the Roinn 'B' league final, 2-11 to 1-2.

The Senior hurlers avoided the relegation series by beating Mullinavat in the first round of the championship. This was the team's best performance of the year, and, with Adrian Ronan in brilliant scoring form (he pointed on twelve occasions), they ran out winners. In the league section, they had fared none too well, losing to Young Irelands by four points, to Shamrocks by a point, to Glenmore by three points, and by two points, to St. Martin's. When they met Tullaroan in the final game, the eventual County Champions had already qualified for the semi-final, but, nevertheless, a 1-14 to 1-11 victory was a boost to Graigue/Ballycallan.

The Senior footballers qualified for the

county semi-final. A victory over Barrow Rangers, a draw with Shamrocks and a two point loss to Muckalee, saw them through to play Dicksboro' in the semi-final. The city side came out easy winners by 1-12 to 1-2. Dicksboro' went on to win the championship for the first time.

Dicksboro' knocked our under-21 hurlers out of the championship on a scoreline of 1-7 to 1-5. Dicksboro were also our tormentors in the Special Junior hurling competition. The sides clashed in the Northern final, with Dicksboro' winning 0-12 to 2-5, and going on to win the County Final. Our under-16 hurlers qualified for the semi-finals of the championship and league, losing to James Stephens in the former, and to Dunnamaggin in the latter.

The under-16 footballers lost out to Railyard by one point in the championship, 1-7 to 2-3. The under-13 hurlers played a thrilling draw with St. Patrick's in a great county final, but lost the replay 2-6 to 0-4. They came back to beat Ballyhale in the County Cup Final 4-10 to 2-3, having played all three games in the same week. The under-13 footballers also reached the County Cup final, but failed to bring off the double, going down to Thomastown by 5-4 to 0-5. Match reports give the scoreline as 6-4 to 0-5, but one of

the goals was disallowed.

The highlight of the year for Graigue/Ballycallan was the display of Eddie Dwyer in the All-Ireland under-21 final, winning the Man of the Match award. Eddie got an inscribed watch from RTE for his efforts. Denis Byrne also figured on the winning team, and was top scorer in the championship, having particularly good displays against both Laois and Wexford. Both players are eligible for this grade in 1995. Damien Cleere collected his second Leinster Minor hurling medal with Kilkenny and was third overall in the scoring stakes in this grade. Paddy Dwyer was a sub. on this team.

John Caldbeck and John Teehan figured on the Kilkenny Junior football team during the Spring. John Teehan and James Young are currently involved with the county football team in the National League. James Young scored on both occasions against Monaghan and Sligo. Conor Manogue and Tomás Comerford are also members of the panel. For the first time in over 40 years, three members of the club are figuring on the county senior hurling team, namely Adrian Ronan, Eddie Dwyer and Denis Byrne. Michael Hoyne, John Hoyne, Sean Millea and James Cullinane played with the Kilkenny under-16 team in the Nenagh Co-op.



**GRAIGUE/BALLYCALLAN SPECIAL JUNIOR HURLERS**

*Front Row: Michael Walsh, Jim Maher, Michael Marnell, Thomas Dermody, Bill Ryan, Milo Hennessy, Joe Brennan, Eamon Teehan. Back Row: John Nugent, Michael Doran, Billy Ronan, Joe Delaney, John Caldbeck, Johnny Ronan, Eddie Dwyer.*



# CLUBS

## R O U N D - U P

tournament. Gearóid Cleere was a member of the Kilkenny under-14 panel which contested the Tony Forristal tournament. James Cullinane was awarded the Iarnród Éireann Man of the Match award for his display in the Minor County Final.

Damien Cleere (capt.), Paddy Dwyer, Michael Quirke and Seán Millea, as players, and John Comerford, Joseph Cody and Tommy Manogue, as panel members, helped Callan CBS to win the Leinster Colleges' B' hurling final. They were beaten by Our Lady's, Templemore, in the All-Ireland Final. Four players from Graigue/-

Ballycallan helped Callan CBS retain the Rice Cup. Gearóid Cleere and James Ryall played on the team, while Paddy Hennessy, who came on as a sub. in the final, and Brendan Hayes, who played in earlier games, were also on the panel. Brendan Marnell won the Féile na nGael Skills competition, and represented the county at the National Finals in Limerick. Jim Neary was a selector with both the Kilkenny Under-21 and Under-14 teams.

At their annual dinner dance, the club made presentations to the surviving members of the 1949 Senior County title win-

ning team. A successful raffle, which was organised in aid of the new field development fund, was drawn at this dinner dance.

Planning permission is now being sought with a view to building dressing rooms and showers. A Lotto competition, organised jointly with the parochial committee, has begun, and is proving a resounding success. Former Kilkenny hurler, Kieran Brennan, has been appointed trainer for 1995.

All in all, a good year for Graigue/-Ballycallan club.



**GRAIGUE-BALLYCALLAN SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS 1949**

*Front Row: Mick Blake (Trainer), Willie Hoyne, John Keane (capt.), Pat Brennan (Present Chairman), Liam Aylward, Bill Phelan (Selector), Paddy Burke. Back Row: Henry Giles, James Fennelly, Nicholas Purcell, John Healy (Vice-Chairman Co. Board), Bill Cahill, Dick Cleere, Mick Kenny.*



*Left: Paul Glennon, Martin Kilbride, Deirdre Glennon, Sean Glennon. This cup was presented to the Emeralds Hurling Club by the family of the late Roddy Kilbride: Gerard and Eugene Kilbride, "Mayo", and Bernadette Glennon, Tullaroan.*



## JAMES STEPHENS

1994 was yet another hugely successfully year for James Stephens. For another year, St. Patrick's parish teams dominated underage affairs with St. Patrick's DLS completing a hurling/football double, James Stephens Under-14's not only winning the County and Christy Ring trophy last won by the club in 1989. James Stephens remain the only Kilkenny club to have lifted this prestigious trophy.

The under-16's captured the 'A' hurling title after two tremendous battles with Rower-Inistioge. The first game ended in a draw, 2-9 to 3-6 but James Stephens emerged victorious in the replay by 3-6 to 1-7. This was a particularly creditable performance, as they had played poorly in the league, being well beaten by Graigue/Ballycallan and Rower Inistioge. Great work was done by selectors Timmy Grogan (coach), Matt Kelly and Seamus Kennedy to bring the best out of this group of players.

Our minor hurlers worked in reverse order to the under-16's, doing very well in the league, being defeated by a very strong Glenmore side in the semi-final. However our championship hopes ended at the hands of city neighbours Dicksboro in August. Neither did they have any luck in our Paddy Mullen-Peter Conroy minor hurling tournament which was won by Thurles Sarsfields, defeating Glen Rovers in the final.

But most of these players had already won one championship in March – the 1993 minor football title was retained by defeating a gallant Glenmore side in Carrigeen. Martin Phelan went on to captain Kilkenny minor footballers against Dublin in the Leinster championship in May 1994.

Martin was also the only club player to figure on the Kilkenny minor hurling side to lose so narrowly to Galway in the All Ireland semi-final. Indeed it was his second semi-final defeat at the hands of a Galway team, as himself, Ashley O'Keeffe and Paddy Crotty were on the St. Kierans team to lose to St. Mary's, Galway. Former James Stephens players, Pdraig and Eoghan Ryan, featured on the St. Mary's panel.

At all underage levels, we enter two teams and this policy ensures that the vast majority of young people in the parish have representative hurling. Not only that, but they also benefit from the high quali-



James Stephens Juvenile Development Andy Egan memorial Tournament. Sean Brennan presents winning captain, Liam Meehan with trophy. On left is Paul Sheehan.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



Pictured at the Reunion of James Stephens 1969 Co. Senior Hurling Champions – Dinny McCormack, Jimmy Holohan, Eamon Morrissey, Niall Morrissey, Ned Byrne.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

ty coaching which has been a hallmark of James Stephens underage teams for many years. Much thanks must go to the twelve selectors who managed the second teams, of whom the under-14's did particularly well, reaching the league semi-finals.

The under-21 hurlers completed their first hurling back-to-back titles since 1969/70. In the first round they defeated O'Loughlin/Gaels by 2-15 to 3-2. They next overcame Dicksboro by 1-15 to 1-11, and defeated St. Lachtain's in the northern final by 1-14 to 0-5.

The county final against Dunnamaggin was a tremendous battle with both defences very much on top. James Stephens did very well to hold their nerve and come from behind to take the title on a scoreline of 0-13 to 2-5. Captain of the team was Fergal Cantwell, and the team was managed by Michael Moore (coach), Brian Cody and Tommy Lanigan.

Special congratulations to Philip Larkin



Under-14 Roinn 'A' hurling Champions – James Stephens. Chairman of Bord na nÓg, Joe Pyke presents the trophy to Eoin O'Neill, captain. In the background, Timmy Grogan and John Cullen.

(Photo: Tom Brett)





*James Stephens, U-21 Hurling Champions, 1993 . . . Back Row: Paddy Crotty, Stephen Drennan, Barry Smith, Brian Dooley, Conor O'Dwyer, Clive Kenny, Malcolm Murphy, Tobias White, Peter Barry, Martin Phelan, Philip Larkin, Ashley O'Keeffe, Kevin Grogan. Front: Wayne Kelly, Brian McEvoy, Shane Doyle, Fergal Cantwell, Francis Cantwell, Noel Brennan, Vincent O'Brien, Liam Smith, Brian Leahy, Kevin Grogan.* (Photo: Tom Brett)

who captained Kilkenny to victory in the All Ireland under-21 final and to the other panelists, Brian McEvoy, Peter Barry, Malcolm Murphy, Tobias White and Francis Cantwell.

Having won the Special Junior 'B' title in 1993, our third adult team competed in Junior Div. II but found the going tough. Nevertheless, they put up many creditable performances, and, in particular, the younger players benefited very well from the experience of playing at adult level. They reached the league semi-final, only to lose narrowly to a strong Erin's Own team whom they had earlier defeated in the campaign.

The Junior team had high hopes of winning a Northern title this year but the team never really performed to their potential at the crucial times. We reached the league semi-final after winning four games, but were well beaten by Galmoy. A few weeks later, we scraped past Cloneen in the first round of the championship, by one point, thanks to a last minute Robert Kearney goal. We met our downfall against Galmoy after a replay, losing by 1-8 to 0-9 – good exciting games, but no consolation in losing a good game.

This, too, was the story of our senior campaign. The seniors began training on March 1 under the watchful eyes of Sean 'Georgie' Leahy (coach), Paddy Millea and Joe Hennessy and had an impressive league run. They defeated Mullinavat by 3-17 to 2-5, county champions Dicksboro, by 3-9 to 2-10, John Lockes by 3-10 to 3-7, Erins Own by 4-9 to 1-13 and lost to Fenians 3-8 to 0-16 and went on to defeat Glenmore in the League semi-final by two points.

Our championship quarter final meeting with Fenians was reputedly one of the finest club games played in Kilkenny for many years but that was no consolation to us when a late P. J. Delaney goal deprived

us of victory.

The league final against Dicksboro, played on 5th November, brought us no joy either, losing on a scoreline of 1-8 to 0-6. A disappointing end to a campaign which promised much but, with many young players coming through, the future looks bright.

#### FOOTBALL

It was a year of mixed fortunes for our footballers too. Senior champions in 1993, we had an indifferent year, eventually being defeated by Ballyhale Shamrocks in the semi-final, despite having lots of scoring chances. Our Special Junior footballers went all the way to the county final, then only to lose narrowly to Dicksboro. Special mention must go to Jim Mulvin and his band of dedicated helpers who keep the fortunes of football thriving in the club.

#### DEVELOPMENT

In all, last year, 140 games were played by James Stephens teams at every level, an

enormous commitment in terms of time and expertise from the 39 selectors and other committee members led by cathaoir-leach, Liam Tyrrell and runaí, Michael Moore, who organise Gaelic games in the club. Much credit must go also to Bob Cody, who keeps the grass at perfect length, Dick Coyne and Michael Slattery for various necessary caretaking duties and, in recent times, to the participants on a Fás course who ensure the grounds are in tip top condition.

A special word of praise for the Sunday morning coaching schemes. Two street leagues are played annually, the Seamus Fry league in Spring and Andy Egan Memorial league in Autumn. Sean Brennan chairs the subcommittee of interested adults who provide assistance and coaching every Sunday morning from April to November for over 200 young players. It would do you good to look into James Stephens Park on Sunday mornings to view the hive of activity.

The social highlight of the year was the



*James Stephens, Camogie Minors 1994 . . . (Front Row): Paula Power, Nicola Fitzpatrick, Teresa O'Neill, Yvonne Kenny, Angela Grogan, Elizabeth Murphy, Emer Murray, Caitriona Purcell, Deirdre Murphy. (Back Row): Gretta Kelly, Deirdre Phelan, Aisling Power, Bronagh O'Brien, Niamh Kenny, Elaine Leahy, Cora Mullen, Valerie Kelly, Rosaleen Comerford, Helena O'Rourke, Roseanne Walsh, Maria Doyle, Niamh Maher, Jimmy O'Brien.*



## Keeping it in the family



*Keeping it in the family . . . Peter O'Neill captained St. Patrick's to victory in the Cumann na mBuíscóileanna Roinn 'A' championship, while brother Eoin captained James Stephens to victory in Feile na nGael, County U-14 hurling and football. Their uncle, Pat Doherty, won a County Senior Hurling medal with Tullaroan also in 1994.*

25th anniversary reunion of the 1969 senior hurling team who defeated Fenians in that county final. They came from near and far, Niall Morrissey coming from Australia to enjoy a wonderful night of memories, song and story. The catering committee provided an excellent meal for over 100 guests.

Two major club developments are currently in hand, the first being the redevelopment of the new juvenile playing field at Nuncio Road. The contractors have recently completed the levelling, draining and reseeding of the playing surface. The bar committee have drawn up plans to improve the present clubhouse exterior and revamp the entrance to include wheelchair access and stain glass panels to depict the sporting and cultural ethos of the club.

### OBITUARY



*Ned Larkin, R.I.P., James Stephens.*

The death took place on 24 January of Ned Larkin, Patrick Street after a long illness. Like his brothers, Paddy, Mick and Moscow, Ned played at all levels for James Stephens. In 1945, he played at right half back on the winning Kilkenny team in the Árus na nGael S.H. tournament. Ned played at right full forward on the Junior championship winning team of 1955 which brought James Stephens back to the senior grade. Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

### SPONSORS

A club of our size could not possibly function without the generous assistance of many local businesses and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who helped us during 1994: Bank of Ireland, Denis Treacy & Son, Ormonde School of Motoring, The Village Inn, Gerry O'Brien (Victualler), Loughboy and Market Yard, Dwans, Thurles, Intosport.

### A UNIQUE FEILE ACHIEVEMENT

When St. Patrick's and James Stephens won their four Feile na Gael titles, each of the teams contained a member of the Morrissey family, Kells Road. Noel - 1981; Ian - 1994, Nicholas - 1983 and Vincent, RIP - 1989.



*Vincent Morrissey, R.I.P.*



*Noel, Ian and Nicholas Morrissey.*

## CLUBS ROUND - UP

### U-14 HURLERS

1994 produced one of the most remarkable under-14 hurling teams ever to have been seen in Kilkenny when James Stephens swept all before them in both county and country. Physically enormous for a club side, they contained a large number of free scoring forwards, who did not encounter one club at national level who could match their scoring prowess. Two of the full forward line were six footers, a feature most senior club teams would earnestly wish for.

The first under-14 tournament of the year is the Paddy Grace Memorial tournament, sponsored by Brophy Enterprises, the qualifier for Feile na Gael. They defeated Erin's Own, Fenians, St. Lachtains, Dicksboro and Tullaroan, amassing 46-90 to 2-6 in five games.

Mungret, Co. Limerick were hosts to the Kilkenny champions for the weekend of 24/26 June. A prominent club member in the Limerick club is Garda Dowling, formerly of Patrick Street, who ensured his fellow parishioners were royally treated. James Stephens responded by defeating Mungret by 7-8 to 0-0 in the first round. Athenry were Galway champions and they were defeated by 2-12 to 1-1, rather easily. Adare fell next on a scoreline of 7-12 to 1-0 and Patrickswell were defeated in the semi-final after the toughest match of the campaign by 5-3 to 2-2.

The Feile final brought carloads of supporters to Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday for the final against St. Finbarrs, Cork. While James Stephens were slow to get into their rhythm, they finally steam-rolled the 'Barrs by 2-9 to 0-1. Eoin O'Neill became the fourth captain from St. Patrick's parish to receive the magnificent Christy Ring trophy, the others being Frankie Morgan in 1981, Anthony Smith 1983 and Vincent O'Brien in 1989. No other Kilkenny club has ever won the competition in its twenty four year existence.

The team was: Joe Murphy, David Delaney, Ian Morrissey, Peter O'Neill, Eoin O'Neill, John Morgan, Alan Dunne, Hugh Gannon, John Cullen, Paddy O'Brien, Brian O'Dwyer, Karl Conroy, Shane Egan, Shane O'Grady, Joey Murray. Subs: Eoin Walsh, Gary Whelan, Nigel Skehan, Brian Skehan, Brian Tyrrell.

Twelve of this team represented Kilkenny at under-14 county level during the summer, a remarkable contribution from any club. They went on to contest the final of the Waterford Glass - sponsored Tony Forristal tournament, narrowly losing out to Galway in the Final.



## JOHN LOCKES

**THE G.A.A. maintained a flourishing stability in Callan in 1994. A few titles were gathered into the "Barn", a few reputations were enhanced, and we had hurling at a competitive level right up to the late Autumn.**

The John Lockes under-age players take pride of place as they brought home two county titles. Neither can we be unmindful of the amazing achievement of club official, and Coláiste Éamon Rís coach/trainer, Tom Walsh, winning a Leinster Colleges Championship, and nearly collecting the All-Ireland title to boot.

The C.B.S. Rice Cup team won their competition for the second year running. Congratulations to Frank McKenna and Brother Liam Burke.

At club level, the first big thrill we had was the winning of the Supermac's under-16 Roinn "B" hurling league. This competition started way back in April. The first match was against Mullinavat. We were winning well, but play was prematurely stopped – wait for it – by a snow-storm!

Travelling down to Graignamanagh, we didn't know what to expect. However, with John Paul Corcoran, Denis and Conleth Nolan, John Norris and Kevin Fitzpatrick hurling brilliantly, the Lockes came home with plenty to spare. Mentors, Tom Ryan, Tom Walsh, and Eric Roche knew they had something special after the

match against Tullogher down in Tullogher.

Ross Holden, Keith Doheny, and Ger Tobin were beginning to establish themselves on this team, and we began to talk "titles". The Ballyhale Shamrocks were "wiped out" in the South Final, a match where Callan had the find of the year in young John O'Neill in goal.

The final in Nowlan Park was a thriller. It was a personal triumph for John Paul Corcoran, who scored seven points for Callan. It was a night for celebration, and Callan came alive as the lads were paraded through the town on the back of a lorry.

Unfortunately, the same team went out of the championship in the first round against Mullinavat, who went on to contest the County Final later.

However, they had a slight modicum of compensation when they beat Piltown, Mooncoin and James Stephens to qualify for the Roinn "A" football final. Alas, they "bit the dust" against a bigger, and better Dicksboro team.

In the under-14 hurling championship, which is run on a league basis, the Lockes youngsters had a mixed bag of fortune. In the first round, Mooncoin hammered us. But then our lads bounced back, to record victories over Thomastown and Piltown. However, in the South semi-final, a much bigger Mullinavat beat our hard-trying youngsters. It is worth noting that in the Mooncoin match, lads that caught the eye

were Andy Ryan, Ross Holden, Ger Corcoran, and Eoghan Ryan. Against Piltown, the stars were John Mark Egan, T. J. Cahill, and Derek Holden, who scored two brilliant goals.

Team – Ger Corcoran, Andy Ryan, Alan Phelan, Eoghan Ryan, Ross Holden, Eamonn Power, Michael Hartley, Joe Gormley, Paddy Fitzpatrick, Martin Cahill, Damian Doheny, John M. Egan, Keith Doheny, T.J. Cahill, Derek Holden, David Coffey, J.J. Egan, Stephen Hibbits, Barry Cahill, Brian Cahill.

Like the under-16 team, the Minors were thought to be a championship-winning team. They won the league, but Lady Luck turned against them in the championship. They started slowly in the league, and, but for a fortuitous quirk of fate, we could have been "gone". However, we eventually won our way to the south final against Shamrocks in Piltown. The boys hurled tremendous stuff to win by a couple of points.

The county final against "hot-shots" O'Loughlin Gaels was a thriller. Some strong hurling by Paul Morrissey, Denis Nolan, Conleth Nolan, P.J. Coady, Michael Denny, John Paul Corcoran, John Norris, Eamon Kennedy, David Henriques and John O'Neill in goal, ensured that we faced Gowran in a league final.

That was the league final of all league finals. The Callan lads were playing with



*The John Lockes team who played in the first ever Senior Championship match played in Palmerstown against Erin's Own. Front row (left to right) – Sean Hogan, Stuart Donovan, John Power, Jim Lynch (capt.), Kevin "Butty" Coffey, Noel Dargan, Michael Lynch. Back row (left to right) – David Lynch, Philip Comerford, James Quigley, Jim Power, Declan Roche, Liam Egan, Adrian O'Sullivan, Jack Lynch.*

(Photo: Tom Brett)  
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# CLUBS

## ROUND-UP

### John Lockes – Contd.

great confidence, and were ahead by three points with six minutes to go. A goal was conceded, and we thought our “goose was cooked”. It was not to be. With a renewed vigour, a final assault was mounted on the Gowran goal. Conleth Nolan collected the ball some forty yards from the Gowran goal. He rifled the sliothar into the corner of the net, to take the title to Callan.

In the Championship, the Callan lads were unfortunate to let slip a five-point lead, with as many minutes on the clock, against Thomastown, and that was that. We were beaten by a single point. The

Senior scene is covered elsewhere.

Congratulations are due to Lockes players who figured with distinction on Kilkenny County teams throughout the year. Pride of place goes to Adrian O’Sullivan, who won his under-21 All-Ireland medal against Galway. Declan Roche and Philly Comerford won Leinster Junior medals, Paul Morrissey won a Leinster Minor medal, while John Paul Corcoran played on the County under-16 team.

The club has presently two men working in John Locke’s Park on a FÁS scheme. To their credit, the whole area around the

Park is looking splendid. The front wall of the Park was flattened during last Winter, which added expense to the already overburdened resources of the club.

The Senior team consolidated their Senior status, and at the end of the day, that was the aim for 1994. It took a long time to achieve that aim. Suffice to say, that as a learning process, the year was a huge success. The club brought Liam Egan home from America for four important matches. It has to be said, that the expense was certainly vindicated. The Senior championship is also covered in John Knox’s article elsewhere.



John Locke Park “head honchos” – Joe O’Dwyer and Johnny Tobin..

(Photo: Kay Morrissey)



### JOHN LOCKES SCÓR SET DANCERS

Included are: Michael Kirwan, Paula Roche, Ross Holden, Sinéad Burke, Michael Dunne, Evita Cassin, Caroline Cooke, Rose Corcoran; teacher: Collette Doyle, Karen Wall; committee: Breda Holden, Nell Wall, Mary O’Sullivan.

## JOHN LOCKES – Minor Hurling Roinn ‘B’ League Winners 1994



Front Row (from left): Shane Doheny, Brian Kennedy, Christopher Vaughan, Michael Denny, Andy Power, John O’Neill, P. J. Cody, Kevin Fitzpatrick, John Norris, Derek Holden. Back row (from left): Ger Tobin, Shane O’Keeffe, Eamon Kennedy, John Power, Conleth Nolan, John Paul Corcoran, Paul Morrissey (Capt.), Denis Nolan, Adrian Lyons, David Henriques, Michael Dunne.



## KILMACOW

IT WAS an early start to the year for the club in 1994. The previous year's U-21 football championship was our first competition and this began way back in late January. Following a good win against Callan in our first match, we went straight into the county final where we met the Blacks and Whites.

After a very tough and sporting game, Kilmacow came out victorious on a score-line of 1-10 to 1-4. It was a perfect way to start the year and was due in no small way to players such as Tomas and Eamon Reddy, Ned Gahan, Peter Ryan, the hard-working Trevor Sutton and the goal poacher from Callan, Micky Phelan. Pdraig Fell also deserves credit for many vital scores in the final.

**Team:** Ned Gahan, John Phelan, Denis Scully, Pdraig Fleming, Eamon Reddy, Peter Ryan, Tomas Reddy, Paul Long (0-1), Trevor Sutton (0-1), Dermot Tierney (0-1) Paddy Gahan (0-4), Pdraig Fell (0-3), Micky Phelan, John Walsh, Neil O'Callaghan (1-0).

### UNDER-21 HURLING

It was much welcomed in the club when the U-21 hurling began early in the year rather than late as had been the case in previous years. Expectations were high that, this year, we would finally make the break-through in this competition. We made a sluggish start in our opening match against Mullinavat, but, in the end, won out comfortably. We played Tullogher in the Southern semi-final on a Saturday evening in Mullinavat. It turned out to be a real cracker. Sadly, Kilmacow had to come out second best by a mere two points. Another great opportunity had been wasted despite good performances from Tomás Reddy (who had to step back into the full back position due to unavailability of players), Robert Dalton, Eamonn Reddy, Denis Scully, Brian Walsh, Dermot Tierney, Ned Gahan and Mehal Sweeney.

### JUNIOR HURLING

It was a mixed year for the Junior Hurling team. Unpredictable would be a good way to describe the performances throughout the year. We got off to a very good start in our league campaign with a six point win over Glenmore. A very poor performance followed against Piltown and we were well beaten. We were victorious against Mooncoin and Slieverue but suffered defeats at the hands of



*Kilmacow Under-21 Football Champions, 1993 . . . . Back Row (left to right): Ned Gahan, Dermot Tierney, Micky Phelan, Eamon Reddy, Peter Ryan, John Phelan, Paddy Gahan, Declan Gahan, Joe Chaffer, John Phelan, Brendan Dalton, Fergal Walsh. Front Row (left to right): Michael Phelan, Denis Scully, Mehal Sweeney, Tomas Reddy, Pdraig Fleming, Trevor Sutton, Neil O'Callaghan, Paul Long, Paul Long, Pdraig Fell, Martin Aylward.*



*Kilmacow Under-16 County Finalists . . . Back Row (left to right): Brendan Maher, John Carroll, Gary O'Shea, Peter Mullally, William Kelly, Francis Walsh, Pat Gaule, Leonard Egan, Stephen O'Keefe. Front Row (left to right): John Walsh, Lory O'Hanlon, David Walsh, Richard Walsh (capt), John Barron, Brian Fleming.*

Dunnamaggin and Windgap. We were drawn to play Piltown in the knockout stages. Little chance was given to the team, especially when injuries deprived us of players of the calibre of Sean Caulfield and the two Daltons. Kilmacow came within a whisker of winning the game which would surely have turned our season around. The final score was Piltown 2-12, Kilmacow 2-10. Every player showed, in that match, just what can be done if attitude is right.

**Team:** Brian O'Callaghan, Greg Power, Ian O'Callaghan, Liam Walsh, Tomas Reddy, Declan Gahan, Denis Scully, Noel Dunphy (0-1), Paul Long (1-0), Dermot Tierney (1-8), Paddy Gahan, Mehal Sweeney, Dermot Haberlin, Andy Ryan (0-1), Ned Gahan.

Much appreciation must go to Ray Heffernan who gave many hours training the players, and the team would have gone

a long way if the players showed the same commitment to training. Selectors Gerry Mulligan, Johnny Phelan, Mick O'Neill and Dave Kenneally also did all they could do for the team.

### SPECIAL JUNIOR HURLING

As the league campaign began, things looked very promising for this team. One knew, that, come the knockout stages, some players would be lost to the junior side. In the end, the team was torn apart because of so many injuries during the year. Good wins were recorded against Mooncoin, Callan, Windgap and Dunamaggin in the league stages. Glenmore defeated us in the knockout stages, despite the best efforts of Paddy Walsh, Eamonn Reddy, John Phelan, David Phelan and company.



# CLUBS

## ROUND - UP

### MINOR AND U-16

The minor team of '94 won't be remembered as the biggest or the oldest, but that never got in their way. They were a highly spirited bunch of lads who gave everything and produced some fine hurling, and credit must go to Dermot Haberlin, Paul Long and Mick Flynn for coaching the team. Some fine performances were given. Minds go back to the third round of the league, when Kilmacow notched up a scoreline of 5-15 against Graignamanagh's 0-3. Mehal Sweeney was a star that day, scoring 0-8, while Don Laffan blasted home a brace of goals. The team was beaten in the championship by the Shamrocks. It was a wet evening and this didn't suit a lot of our players. It was one of the youngest minor teams ever fielded by Kilmacow and there is certainly hope for the future with the likes of Brian O'Callaghan, Bill Gaule, Mehal Sweeney,

Mark McDonald and Micky Phelan.

The Under-16 team can look back on a busy year and be proud of what they achieved. They fielded in both 15-a-side and 11-a-side competitions in hurling. The 11-a-side proved a very fruitful tournament for the team, with the likes of Francis Walsh, John Barron, Richard Walsh and Peter Mullally shining, as was evident in matches such as the one against Glenmore.

In the U-16 hurling championship, the lads reached the county final, and, on the day, were beaten by the better team, Bennettsbridge. Conditions never suited the lads, as the pitch was sticky underfoot and Bennettsbridge clearly had the physical advantage. The score on the day 3-8 to 1-6.

**Team:** Davy Walsh, William Kelly, Leonard Egan, Brendan Maher, Conor Walsh, Peter Mullally (0-1), Stephen O'Keefe (0-1), Francis

Walsh, Lory O'Hanlon, John Barron (1-3), Pat Gaule, Brian Fleming, Gary O'Shea, Richard Walsh (capt), 0-1, John Walsh.

Next year they may go all the way as many of the lads are underage for the coming season.

On the inter-county scene Sean Caulfield helped the county Junior side reach the All-Ireland final while Robert Dalton, Paddy Gahan and Paul Long were members of the South side. Mehal Sweeney and Brian O'Callaghan played for the South Kilkenny minor team while Peter Mullally played in goal for the U-16 county team. Richard Walsh and Bill Gaule won medals with Mooncoin Vocational Schools.

1995 could be a memorable year if everyone associated with the club comes together and works towards winning that elusive junior title. The ability is there. Let's hope it's seen in the summer of 1995.

## LISDOWNNEY

**THE Under-13 hurlers of Lisdownney are the toast of the Parish, having captured the Roinn D title after a lapse of 13 years.**

In the Northern section, they had victories over Danesfort, Moneenroe, Kilkenny School Project, Galmoy and Castlecomer B. In the play-off stages, they overcame Windgap (2-4 to 0-4), Carrickshock (0-4 to 0-2) and played some outstanding hurling in the final against Moneenroe to win by 4-5 to 1-2.

At the presentation of medals in Lisdownney Community Centre, county star, D. J. Carey, complimented the players (and team managers Eamonn Dunne and Tommy Maher) on their great victory. He urged them to play the game for as long as possible for the love of it. He told them they were at a great age to improve their skills.

Chairman Kieran Costelloe welcomed special guests D. J. Carey, Ted Carroll. (Co. Board Secretary), Brian Carty R.T.E., Johnny Ivory (long-serving Northern Board Secretary) and Briain Ryan (Hurling Coach). He thanked those involved with the team - Eamonn Nolan, Josephine Murphy, Paddy Bergin and team managers, Emaonn Dunne and Tommy Maher. The guests and players were introduced by Larry Hamilton and John Mackey.

The players who received medals were David Dowling (capt.), Brendan Maher,



*Lisdownney Under-13 champions (Roinn D) 1994. Also included are: Ted Carroll (Co. Sec.), Johnny Ivory (former Secretary, Northern Board), D. J. Carey, Tommy Maher, Lar Carroll, Eamonn Nolan, Josephine Murphy, Kieran Costelloe, Brian Carty R.T.E., and Eamonn Dunne.*

John Murphy, Richard Blanchfield, Pdraig Doheny, John Carey, John Bergin, Pat Bowden, Michael Bergin, David Hogan, Pat Dunne, Noel Dowling, John W. Bowden, Richard Kenny, Owen Maher, Anthony and Niall O'Hara, Declan Tallis, Nicholas O'Sullivan, Kevin Maher, Eoin Sheehy, P. J. Dowling, Paul Mullally, James Fogarty, Stephen Thornton, James Fitzpatrick, Seamus Nolan, Alan Dunne, Andrew Phelan.

The Under-14 team had a good run in the league (11-a-side), only to be beaten by Bennettsbridge in the quarter-final. They were ousted in the first round of the championship by James Stephens.

The Under-16 team and their mentors, John Bowden, John Mackey and Paddy Bergin, had a long successful campaign in

the Roinn 'C' League, only to be pipped at the final hurdle - again by Bennettsbridge.

As far as the minors, Under-21 and Junior teams were concerned, it was Galmoy who proved to be the stumbling block. The minors reached the quarterfinal of the League where they were defeated by Young Irelands, Gowran. Then Galmoy ended their run in the Championship.

After early success, the Under-21 team was ousted by Galmoy in the Northern Final.

The Junior team gave some lacklustre performances in the League campaign but rejuvenated themselves for the Championship. Again, it was Galmoy who emerged victorious in a well-contested Northern semi-final. The same teams



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met in the final of the Paddy Cahill Cup (1993), once again ending in a Galmoy victory.

Once again, the running of the Lisdowney/Coca-Cola Sevens was one of the highlights of the year. This was the 13th year of this prestigious event and 32 teams from six counties took part, including Kilkenny, Carlow, Laois, Kildare, Tipperary and Galway.

A measure of its popularity is the increasing list of quality sponsors and the continuing sponsorship of Coca-Cola. In spite of the inclement weather, the organisers were very appreciative of the attendance of Ted Carroll (Co. Sec.), Barry Hickey (Development Officer), Paul Kinsella (School Board Secretary), Eamonn Hennessy (Hennessy Sport), John Mackey (Kilkenny Supporters' Club), Kieran Costelloe (Lisdowney Chairman), Eamonn Nolan (Coca-Cola), Fr. McEvoy P.P., and guest referees, Eamonn Mahon and Pat Hayes.

The organisers of the tournament, which produced 69 games, were Larry Hamilton (Sec.), Eamonn Dunne (P.R.O.), Tommy Maher, Josephine Murphy and Eamonn Nolan (Coca-Cola), with lots of invaluable help from Bord na nÓg players, club officials and ladies' committee.

*For the record, the winners were:*

Sweeney Cup (Spa Construction):  
Winners: Ballyhale.

Coca Cola Trophies: Runners-up  
Lisdowney.

Lisdowney Shield (Kilkenny Supporters' Club) + Coca-Cola Trophies.

Winner – Portlaoise – Runner-up –  
Ballyragget.

Medal Tournament (Hennessy Sport).

Winner – Tullaroan. Runner-up:  
Moycarkey.

Parish Sevens (Lisdowney, G.A.A.)  
+ Coca-Cola Trophies.

Winners – David Dowling's team.  
Runner-up Patrick Bowden's team.

Best Player Award (Coca-Cola Trophy) David Dowling (Lisdowney).

The organisers wish to acknowledge the help of the *Kilkenny People*, Radio



*Lisdowney/Coca-Cola Sevens – taking shelter from the elements are organisers (l. to r.) Tommy Maher, Larry Hamilton, Eamonn Nolan, Eamonn Dunne and John Mackey.*

Kilkenny, and the Kilkenny Yearbook and also sponsorship for the Under-13 team from Irish Life.

### *Club Officers are:*

Chairman: Kieran Costelloe.

Secretary: Canice Mackey.

Treasurer: Lar Carroll.

Registrar: John Mackey.

P.R.O.: Eamonn Dunne.

The Lisdowney club would like to

heartily congratulate Lisdowney Camogie Club on its impressive list of achievements during 1994, namely retaining the Co. Senior Camogie title, leading Kilkenny to All-Ireland victory, retaining the Leinster Club Camogie title, scoring a convincing win over Ulster champions Dunboy, in the All-Ireland semi-final and crowning it all with a spectacular comeback against Glen Rovers (Cork) to win the All-Ireland Club title.

*Gura fada buan iad.*



*Lisdowney/Coca Cola Sevens – Fr. McEvoy P.P., David Dowling (Lisdowney) "Best Player Award" (presented by Coca-Cola).*



*Lisdowney Coca-Cola Sevens – Paul Kinsella presenting Sweeney Cup to Ballyhale captain – Eamonn Frisby. Ballyhale overall winner (Sweeney Cup).*



## MOONCOIN

### HURLING

1994 will be remembered as a great year for the club because we regained senior status. Victory in the Intermediate final against Clara was just reward for the dedication and hard work of the players, trainer Johnny Walsh, and the selectors:- John Crowley, Noel Doyle and Joe Wall.

This team has also reached the finals of the Mullinavat and Piltown tournaments, as well as the Byrne Cup Open Draw competition.

Our Junior hurlers failed to win a match in the League/Championship. However, with a little bit of luck, they could have won at least three matches. Our Junior B team played just one match against Kilmacow, which they lost. We failed to field a team in the next round and so ended our interest in this competition. Our Under-21 team reached the Southern final but lost to Dunnamaggin.

### FOOTBALL

On 30th January, we lost our senior status by suffering defeat at the hands of Graigue-Ballycallan in a relegation play-off. In the Intermediate Championship, we failed to qualify from the League Section, having gained one win and one draw, while suffering defeat by eventual County Champions, Tullogher/Rosbercon.

In the Special Junior Championship, we reached the County Final after wins over Carrigeen and Kilmacow. On an



*Mooncoin team on stage, singing the "Rose of Mooncoin" in Springhill Hotel.*

evening which was difficult for football because of a constant downpour, James Stephens triumphed after a very enjoyable game.

### ACHIEVEMENTS OF CLUB MEMBERS

Ned Quinn was re-elected Chairman of the Southern Board and was a selector of the County Junior hurling team.

Billy O'Keeffe was re-elected Vice-Chairman of the County Football Board.

Noel Doyle was a selector of the All-Ireland winning Under-21 hurling team.

Tom O'Hanlon is a selector of the County Junior football team and was a selector of the County Under-21 football team.

Michael Walsh, John Mahon and Joe Murphy helped Kilkenny to victory in the

Leinster Junior Hurling Final. Michael Walsh also won the 'man of the match' award for his performance in the County Intermediate Hurling Final.

Mark Tyler and John Ryan won All-Ireland hurling medals with the Regional College in Limerick.

### OFFICERS

President: Fr. Frank Grace; Chairman: John Crowley; Vice-Chairman: Noel Doyle; Secretary: Pat Kinsella; Assistant Secretary: David Phelan; Treasurer: John Walsh; P.R.O.: Paddy Crowley; Irish Officer: Edmond Quinn; Delegate to County Board: Eugene Dunphy; Delegate to Southern Board: Nicholas Henebery; First Aid: Eddie O'Hara; Complex Caretaker and Groundsman: Eamon Holden.



*John Mahon, captain, receiving the cup from Nickey Brennan.*



*Michael Walsh, receiving the "Man of the Match" award*

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MOONCOIN - *(Continued)*

OBITUARY

## DENIS KINSELLA

WHEN Denis Kinsella went to his eternal reward last June, Mooncoin lost one of its best-loved sons. A great hurler, Dennis played in all grades for his club.

He won County Championship medals at Under-14 (1957), Minor (1960/61), and Senior (1965) with his club. He also won an All-Ireland Minor medal with Kilkenny in 1960/61, playing at centre-forward. He also represented his club in Scór.

Denis had other talents – a beautiful

singer, he was a member of the parish choir. He was always in great demand to sing at weddings and social events. He loved dancing and was a member of Comhaltas Éireann. History was also dear to his heart – a great man to trace relationships. Denis was instrumental in getting our G.AA. club history published.

His passing was mourned by his many friends. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Patsy; son, Michael Óg; daughter, Kathleen; brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.




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## MUCKALEE FOOTBALL

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THE PAST year may not have been the greatest in the history of the club, but yet, some progress is being made with our under-age teams.

Pride of place in the club goes to our minor team of 1993. Competing in the 'B' championship, played last spring, the team provided several sterling performances in reaching the county final, where they were eventually beaten by a

strong Piltown team. Will done to the team and mentors.

Our Seniors failed to qualify for the semi-finals, being defeated narrowly by Graigue/Ballycallan in a play-off. Our special juniors bowed out early in the championship, while our under-21's and minors are looking forward to starting their competitions in 1994.

At the time of writing, our under-16

team has qualified for the Roinn 'C' county final. This team played brilliantly in the Northern Championship to qualify for the decider. We wish the team and officials the best of luck in the final.

With many fine young players emerging through the ranks, we hope that success will soon return again to our adult teams.



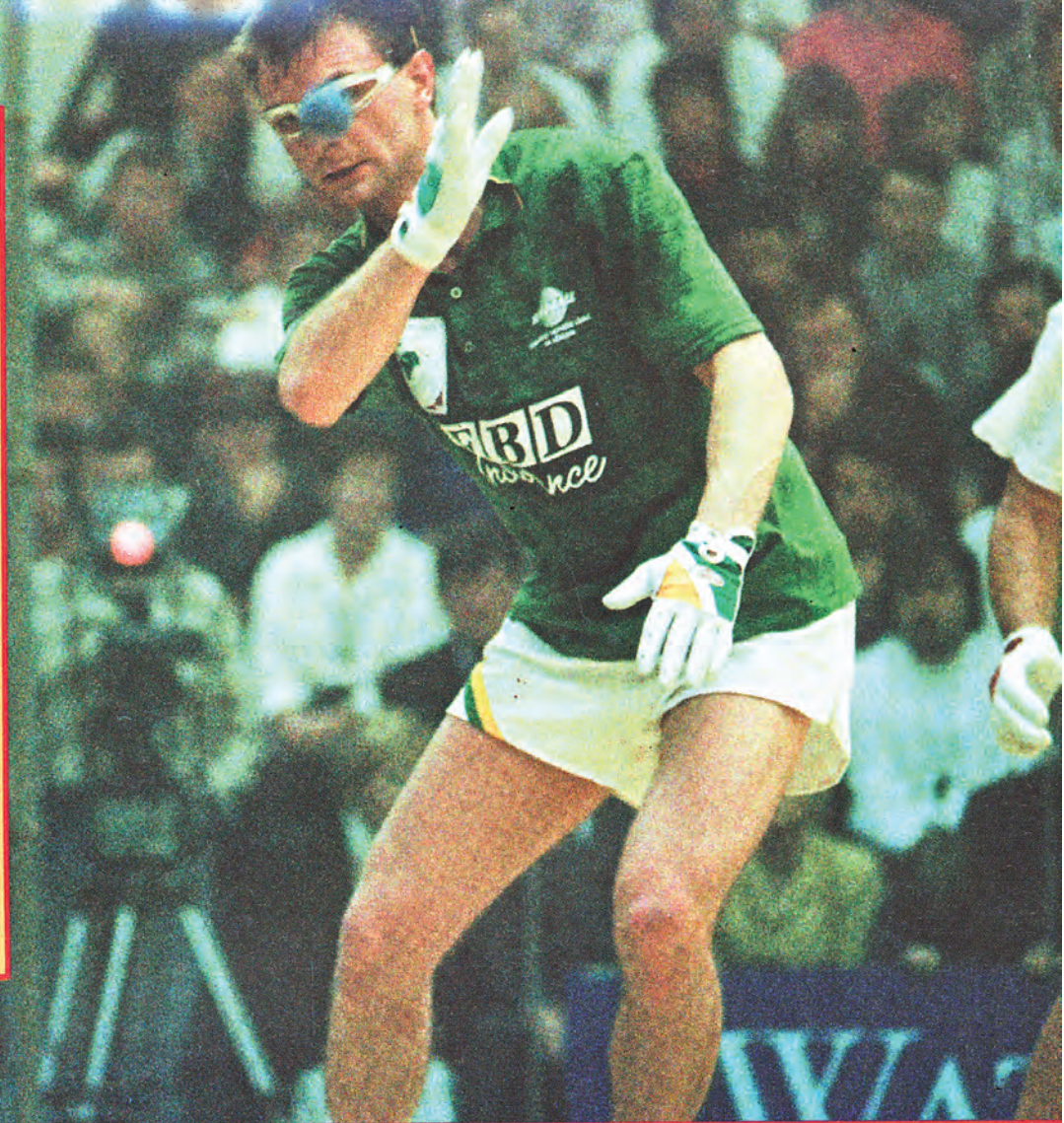
**ST. MARTIN'S MINOR FOOTBALLERS 1994**

*Back row: Donal Brennan, John Doyle, Laurence Brennan, Benjamin Burke, Richard Nolan, Niall Moloney, Paul Brennan, Keith Brennan, Ger Doyle. Front row: John Maher, Philip Shore, Eoin Maher, Jimmy Cantwell, Brendan Ryan, Alan Murphy, Martin Somers.*



**"Duxie"  
Walsh  
lets go  
in the  
World  
Handball  
Final  
in  
Croke  
Park.**

(Photo: Sportsfile)



**MOTHEL**

**Community Games Handball National Champions 1994**

*From left: Shane Walsh, Mrs. Ann Kelly (Manager), Seamus Kelly, Donal Kelly, Sean Walsh (Manager), Tom Nolan.*



*by Tony Brett*



## THE QUEENS OF CAMOGIE

Angela and Ann Downey



Derek Gaffney raises the Tom Walsh Cup aloft after Tullaroan beat Dicksboro in the County Senior Hurling Final. On Derek's right side looking on with great pride is Martin White, former Tullaroan and Kilkenny stalwart.



## JUBILARIANS DAY OUT

The Kilkenny team from 1969 in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final Day 1994.

From left: Pat Kavanagh, Noel Skehan, Paddy Moran, Sean Buckley, Seamus Cleere, Jim Lynch, Fr. Tommy Murphy, Martin "Goggy" Brennan, Joe Millea, Pat Delaney, Claus Dunne, Mick Lalor, Frank Cummins, Martin Coogan, Pat Henderson, Willie Murphy, Jim Treacy, Pa Dillon, Ted Carroll, Ollie Walsh, Eddie Keher (Captain). (Photo: Sportsfile)





## MULLINAVAT

**ALTHOUGH** this may not have been the most successful year for Mullinavat in terms of trophies won, we can still look back with a certain amount of satisfaction.

Our biggest disappointment must surely be the drop from Senior to Intermediate Grade. To be successful in any sport, you need at least a small element of luck. That seemed to have deserted Mullinavat completely this season. From the beginning, things took a downward turn, and no amount of motivation could get things working properly again.

We were still hopeful right up to the last game but a gallant effort from John Lockes, Callan, put paid to any thoughts we had of avoiding the drop. However, the world hasn't come to an end, and it is now up to the players and the Club as a whole to knuckle down and get back up to the grade where it is every club's ambition to play, that is, Senior.

Our Special Junior Team had a reasonably successful year, reaching the Southern Final and being beaten in a replay by the Rower-Inistioge. At under-age level, we had, again, a certain amount of success, winning quite a number of games both in the hurling and the football.

In the League, our Minor hurlers reached the Southern Final to be beaten by Ballyhale Shamrocks. The Championship saw us reaching the County Semi-final. We were drawn against Young Irelands, Gowran, and after a titanic struggle we had to eventually give best to a very good team.

Our Under-16 hurlers and footballers did us proud, and, at the moment, we have reached the County Final in football. We also reached a County Final in Under-14 hurling in Roinn B, but, alas, it was the same hard luck story that has become part of Mullinavat Club this year.

Although Mullinavat teams may not have enjoyed as much success as they would have liked, a few individual members of the club gained some much-needed publicity. Our President, Very Rev. Monsignor T. Maher, has been honoured by the County Board with the 1994 Hall of Fame Award. Fr. Tommy, as he is better known, needs no introduction to followers of hurling.

A past pupil of St. Kieran's College, he was a member of the Kilkenny team beaten by Tipperary in the 1945 All-Ireland Final. He won a County Championship medal with Thomastown in 1946. During



*Mullinavat County Board Award Winners with Co. Board Chairman Nickey Brennan – Monsignor Tommy Maher (Hall of Fame Award), left, and Jim Conway, (Club Man of the Year), right. (Photo: Tom Brett)*

his years as President of St. Kieran's, he came in contact with many players who were later to distinguish themselves in the Black and Amber jersey.

In the mid-'Fifties he became coach to the Kilkenny team and quickly made his presence felt as Kilkenny, in 1957, ended the Wexford dominance in Leinster. During his term as coach, which was a new concept then, Kilkenny captured seven All-Irelands.

In 1983 he was appointed Parish Priest in Mullinavat and he immediately became involved in the local hurling scene. It came as no surprise to anybody that, in 1984, Mullinavat won the Junior Championship, and, in 1985, won the Special Junior B Championship. A couple of years later, he retired completely from the game but his interest has never waned as is evidenced by his attendance at our A.G.M. each year. We wish him many more years of health and strength to enjoy the game he loves.

Our Treasurer of over 30 years, Jim Conway, was the next member of the club to be honoured, as the County Board awarded him the title of "Clubman of the Year 1994". Jim, who is one of the longest-serving Club Officials in the county, has done trojan work for the Club. He was first elected Treasurer in 1962 when a Club could be run on a budget of around £100. Now it is in the region of £12,000 to £14,000. Jim played on the Mullinavat Junior team for 18 years, during which time he won a number of tournament trophies, and was a member of the Selection Committee for 12 years. He has also been a member of the Referees'

Committee of the Southern Board for a number of years. To Mullinavat, Jim is "Mister G.A.A.", and no one person is more deserving of the honour of "Clubman of the Year".

The other official to be honoured is our present Assistant Secretary, Andy Aylward, who has been elected Chairman of the Southern Board. Andy has been Vice-Chairman of the Board for the past number of years. He was a permanent fixture on the Mullinavat team for a good number of years, winning Junior and Intermediate Championships with the Club in his favourite position of left full-back.

He played for a couple of years in the Senior grade and then, in 1992, he captained the Special Junior team to win the County Championship. He has been Chairman of the Club for eight years and Secretary for another six years. This year, he was a member of the over-40 Kilkenny team, playing in his favourite position at left full-back. We wish him success in his new job.

We would like to congratulate our Under-14 girls on winning the Camogie Championship. We would also like to say "well done" to their trainer, Tom Anthony. Our congratulations also to two members of our Club, Joe Walsh and Michael Dunphy, who are at present members of the Kilkenny panel.

The Club would also like to congratulate John Dunphy, Willie Carroll and Brian Conway on winning All-Ireland Intermediate medals with Waterford Stanley, 1994. Owen Conway, a member of Mullinavat Club, was one of the Waterford Stanley selectors.



## O'LOUGHLIN GAELS

### JUVENILES:

Pride of place in the juvenile section of the club must go to the victory of our minor hurlers in the Roinn B championship. It was the first win in a Bord na nÓg championship and it augurs well for the future. Our first game in this competition was against the Fenians in Freshford. On a night when things just did not seem to go right for us, it took an Alan Geoghegan eighty yard injury time point to bring the game to a replay. A fine second half display in the replay, with goals by Lee Phelan, Stephen Trant (2), and Brian Kelly (2) saw O'Loughlin's run out easy winners. An easy win over Freshford in the following round saw the Gaels through to the Northern Final, where they met Young Ireland's. After a hard struggle, O'Loughlin's came out eleven points on top.

So to the county final in Callan on a damp day in September. O'Loughlin's, led by captain, Brian Kelly, really rose to the occasion, and beat a fine Ballyhale Shamrocks team on a scoreline of 1-16 to 1-10. A feature of this championship success was the great commitment to training by each panel member, making the job of trainer, Mick Nolan, and his fellow selectors that bit easier.

Our under-16 and under-14 teams enjoyed mixed fortunes in both league and championship, but gave good accounts of themselves overall.

The Diarmuid Shortall/Billy Keane Memorial Blitz was an outstanding success, with our under-14's reaching the final, only to be beaten by a point in extra time. On the following Saturday, they contested the Dicksboro Tournament, again losing the final of the Tommy Martin Shield by one point. Success, at this age-level, cannot be too far off.

The Sunday morning coaching sessions continue to be a great success. Now in its eight year, the numbers attending, and the standard of hurling, continue to improve every year, this year being no exception, with the under-10 competition for the Leydon Cup being a closely contested affair. Four teams took part this year – Galway, led by Laurence Dowling; Cork (Stephen Galvin); Limerick (Patrick Shortall), and Clare (Seán Walkin). The finals took place on a fine summer's evening in June. Cork and Galway opened the proceedings in the Losers' Final. The teams paraded around the field, led by piper, Christy Donovan, and in the match that followed, the lead changed hands sev-



*O'Loughlin Gaels – Kilkenny Special Junior B county finalists 1994*

*Back row (l. to r.) D. Lanigan, G. Buckley, E. Deegan, M. Lambert, P. Murphy, D. Morrissey, B. O'Neill, N. Lanigan, P. Tyrrell, D. Ralph, J. Grant, S. Brennan, L. Murphy, P. Ward. Front row (l. to r.) N. Owens, G. Lanigan, D. Ward, T. Bergin, M. Barcoe, J. Bennett, T. Dillon, O. O'Connor, E. Buckley, N. Leydon, A. Bergin, P. Dowling.*



*Winners of the O'Loughlin Gaels under-10 League and Leydon Cup (l. to r.) Shem McEvoy (manager), Brian Malone, Declan Brett, David Wall, Paul Mahon, Darren Morton, Daniel Lanigan. (l. to r.) Seán Walkin (captain), Paul O'Brien, Nial McEvoy, Derek Dalton, Robbie Healy, Paschal Lanigan (coach).*



*Winners of the U-10 League Losers Final*

*Back (l. to r.) Ger Ralph, Nial Kavanagh, Seamus Dunne, Patrick Kealy, Laurence Dowling (captain), Shane O'Neill, Kathy O'Neill, Brian O'Neill (coach). Front: (l. to r.) Paul Nolan, Colm Brennan, James Hanlon, David Brennan, Mark Griffin.*



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eral times before Galway emerged victorious after extra time. The stars here were Laurence Dowling (Man of the Match), Seamus Dunne, David Brennan, Niall Kavanagh and James Hanlon. For the losers, Cork, none tried harder than Stephen Galvin, Mark Colgan, Graham Scanlon, Daniel O'Connell and Gerry Rowe.

The Winners' Final was also a closely contested affair which gave the large attendance plenty to cheer about. Exchanges were even throughout, but Clare put in a storming finish that saw Seán Walkin lift the Leydon Cup. He was ably assisted by Darren Morton, Paul O'Brien (Man of the Match), Daniel Lanigan and David Wall. For the losers, great work was done by Christian Cuddihy, Patrick Shortall, Michael Lambert and Thomas Grey. A special word of praise for team managers, Paddy O'Hara, Gerry Rowe, Brian O'Neill, Tom Dalton, Mick Lambert, Tom Nolan, Shem McEvoy and Paschal Lanigan.

### ADULT SECTION:

On the Adult side, it was a year in which little seemed to go right, and we were relegated to junior for next year. In the first round match against Rower-Inistioge, O'Loughlin's were very unfortunate to have a perfectly good goal disallowed, when the referee blew late for a free, especially as they had just reduced a six point lead. This left them one point down at the final whistle. They were then faced with a relegation match against a determined Freshford side, and again went out, one point down. The loss of Mick Cleere, Andy Comerford, Mick Doyle and John Nolan was a severe blow to the Intermediate team. The additional handicap of having Paul Cleere and Davy Ronan out injured for most of the year was just too much to overcome. Despite the determination of Barry Power, Barry Daly, John Dowling, John Holohan and Seanie Tyrrell, who played their hearts out all year, we still found ourselves facing a return to junior hurling.

There is a lot of rebuilding to be done now, but, with our minors playing well, winning the league last year, and the minor B championship this year, there is still some light at the end of the tunnel. We had some representatives at county level, with Barry Power winning an under-21 All-Ireland medal at corner-back. Johnny Holohan earning a Leinster junior medal, and Brian Kelly a Leinster minor medal.

Our special juniors won the Northern final in fine style, when they beat Conahy

Shamrocks in Palmerstown, 4-10 to 2-8. The standard of hurling was very high with both teams showing quite a few young, promising hurlers. The game itself was closely contested and highly entertaining, Conahy leading by a point at half

time, 1-4 to 1-3. O'Loughlin's came out stronger in a high-scoring second half and good displays by Niall Lanigan, Ollie O'Connor, Benny Cleere, Derek Ralph and Michael Barcoe saw them finish deserving winners.

## Leydon Cup



*Limerick – Runners-up for Leydon Cup – Back (l. to r.) Tom Dalton (manager), Patrick Shortall (captain), Patrick Cuddihy, Thomas Ruane, Sean Dalton, Thomas Walsh, Brian Culleton, Tommy Gray. Front (l. to r.) Christian Cuddihy, Matthew Dalton, Anton Deegan, Mick Lambert, Mark O'Connor, Eoin Conway, Brian Lambert, Mick Lambert (coach).*



*Runners-up U-10 Losers Final – Back row (l. to r.): Daniel O'Connell, David Butler, Mark Colgan, Graeme Scanlon, Aaron Rowe, Michael Egan. Front row (l. to r.): Paddy O'Mara (manager), Shay Lawlor, Stephen Galvin (captain), Conor O'Brien, Paul Colgan, Gerry Rowe, Patrick Bergin, Gerry Rowe (coach).*



## PILTOWN

### JUNIOR HURLING

The Junior hurlers began their league campaign with a hard earned win over Mooncoin 0-15 to 1-8. This was followed by their most powerful display of the year which ended in a draw with Dunnamaggin, the eventual League and Championship winners. Piltown should have won this game, such was their dominance.

However, the game finished level on a scoreline of 0-6 to 1-3. Easy wins over Kilmacow and Slieverue, and a tough four point victory over Glenmore set them up for their final league game against Windgap with a place in the Southern League Final at stake.

Piltown played their opponents off the pitch in the first twenty minutes, putting eight points on the board, but missing goal opportunities. Windgap, aided by a goal, were back within a point at half-time. With Piltown fading badly, they took a firm grip on second-half exchanges and ran out comfortable winners.

In the championship, an uncertain start saw Piltown defeat Kilmacow by two points, after leading by eight, midway through the second half, over a Kilmacow side short four regulars. Showing good form in training and challenge games, they gave the impression that things were coming right. In the Southern semi-final, Windgap got off to a flying start, literally running rings around Piltown, to lead 3-8 to 0-2 at the break. In the second half, Piltown staged a remarkable recovery, scoring 2-12, to finally lose by two points, while on the attack, at the final whistle. Final score, 4-10 to 2-14. The Piltown panel was Jim Power (captain), Brian Farrell, Jimmy Walsh, David O'Brien, Michael Long, Pat Long, Michael O'Shea, Liam Kenny, James Connolly, Kevin O'Shea, Denis McCarthy, Jim Norris, James Farrell, Liam McCarthy, Pat Davis, Liam Kearns, Michael Brennan, Dessie O'Dea, Pat Enright, Tommy O'Shea, Seamus Norris, Denis Lawlor, Tadhg Kenny, Michael Gordon, P. J. McCarthy, Patrick Cunningham, Pa Dunne, Jim Morrissey, Michael Walsh, Eamonn Kenny, Andrew McCarthy.

Selectors: Jimmy Power, Denis McCarthy, Dan Kenny. Trainer: Paul Murphy.

On the positive side, many younger players gained valuable experience. Despite a great effort, there is a need for a far more genuine effort if greater progress is to be made.

### UNDER-21 HURLING

The Under-21 hurlers were beaten by two points by eventual winners, Windgap. Windgap deserved their win but the pushing through of fixtures did not help some Piltown players who were helping the county minor hurling and football teams as well as their club hurling and football teams. The Under-21 squad was Michael Gordon, Brian Farrell, Eamonn Kenny, Denis Lawlor, Liam Kearns, James Connolly, Robert Walsh, Pat Enright, Kevin O'Shea, Tadhg Kenny, James Farrell, Michael Brennan, Donal O'Brien, Pat Davis, Tommy O'Shea, John Falconer, Richie Connolly.

Selectors: Jim Norris, Jack Kearns, Michael Long, Dan Kenny and Ned Power.



*Under-16 'A' Football finalists - Roinn A - Front row: Brendan Dineen, Liam Knox, Paul Walsh, Michael Gordon, Tommy Falconer, Patrick Connolly, John Walsh. Middle Row: Mark Long, John Minahan, Philip Walsh, Richard Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Donoghue, Pat O'Donoghue, Andrew Norris, Evan Grace. Back row: James Norris, Richard Norris, Aubrey Storey, Vincent Long, Alan Butler, Peter Falconer.*



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**PILTOWN INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL TEAM**

*Intermediate Football Finalists 1994 – Front row: Michael Brennan, Michael “Mossy” Walsh, Liam Kearns, Denis Lawlor, Jim Power, Liam Kenny, Andrew McCarthy, Liam Costello, Kevin O’Shea. Back row: Seamus Norris, Eamonn Costello, Patrick “Pakie” Cunningham, Denis McCarthy, Tadhg Kenny, Brian Farrell, James Farrell, Michael O’Shea (captain), Paul Friend, Thomas Reid.*



*Piltown Under-11 Team 1994 – Back row: Paul Kirby, Andrew McCarthy, Michael Galvin, John O’Shea, Ross Blackmore, Gary Byrne, Richard Brophy, Finbar Dineen, Pat Walsh. Third row: Brian Purcell, Brendan Doyle, Niall Brophy, Shane Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Galvin, Eamonn Kenny, Brendan McCarthy, Eoghan Moloney, Evan Walsh, Philip Kenny. Second row: Michael Dineen, Richard McCarthy, John Norris, David Walsh, Paul Maher (captain), Cian Moloney, Shane Kinsella, Barry O’Brien, Pat O’Shea. Front row: Joseph Maye, Aidan O’Neill, James Power, Paul Gaynor, Brian Falconer, John Brophy, Nicholas Kenny.*

### SPECIAL JUNIOR HURLING

The Special Junior A hurling fielded some strong teams and, despite coming close in a number of games, didn’t manage the win to get themselves off the mark.

Panel: Tommy O’Shea, Denis Lawlor, P. J. McCarthy, Philip Kenny, Liam Kearns, Michael Walsh, David Commins, Pat Dunne, Dessie O’Dea, Seamus Norris, Gerry Kenny, Jim Morrissey, Tadhg Kenny, Andrew McCarthy, Jim Norris, Sean Kinsella, Pat Enright, Donal O’Brien, Michael Gordon.

### INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Two well deserved draws, against Mooncoin and Tullagher, 0-7 to 1-4, and 0-6 to 1-3 respectively, qualified Piltown for the Intermediate semi-final. In this game, they met Clara, their conquerors in the Junior Final in 1992, and emerged with a four point victory.

In the county final versus Tullagher, Piltown struggled for forty minutes and despite picking off five good points, trailed by eight, having conceded a goal late in the second half. However, Piltown staged a very strong recovery and were

unlucky not to draw with the final kick of the game, losing by a solitary point. Wayward shooting proved very costly.

Reaching the final, in their first year at Intermediate Grade, was a good achievement. However, the commitment of the previous year was sadly lacking. The panel also included (not in photograph) Michael Gordon, P. J. McCarthy, Paul Murphy, Tom Holden and James Connolly.

Team: Paul Friend, Brian Farrell, Michael Walsh, Denis Lawlor, Liam Kearns, Michael O’Shea (captain), James Connolly, Liam Kenny, Kevin O’Shea,



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Patrick Cunningham, James Farrell, Jim Power, Andrew McCarthy, Tadhg Kenny, Denis McCarthy.

*Subs:* Liam Costello and Michael Brennan.

*Selectors:* Jim Power, Denis McCarthy and Dan Kenny.

The Under-21 footballers, with two good wins over Glenmore and Dunnamaggin reached the Roinn A final but went down to a strong James Stephen's side.

*Team:* Cathal Kiely, Brian Farrell, Michael Walsh, Denis Lawlor, Liam Kearns, Eamonn Kenny, James Connolly, Liam Kenny, Kevin O'Shea, Brian Walsh, James Farrell, Tadhg Kenny, Michael Gordon, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael Brennan.

*Subs:* Liam Costello, Neil O'Shea, Robert Walsh, John Falconer.

*Selectors:* Ed. Blackmore, Bill Costello, Dan Kenny.

### UNDER-AGE SCENE

*Under-16 Hurling and Football:* 1994 was a transition year for Piltown at this level. For the past number of years, Piltown have been very strong in this grade but, in 1994, there was a large dependence on Under-15 and 14 players. Mooncoin and Callan were played in the Football League early in the season, and while both games were lost, the team performed well as a group. In the hurling league, Dunnamaggin, Rower/Inistioge, Thomastown and Mooncoin were all played. We failed to qualify for the knockout stages of the league, but our young team performed very well against stronger opposition.

In the hurling championship, our old great rivals, Mooncoin, were our conquerors, despite some heroic performances from some of our players. The Under-16 Roinn A football championship was next in line and a big effort was put in by the panel. Callan were our first opponents, and, after an entertaining game, Piltown avenged an earlier league defeat. Mooncoin were the next visitors to the Model Village, and got off to a bright start, going 1-2 in front after ten minutes. When Michael Gordon had to depart injured soon afterwards, it looked bleak for Piltown. A goal by John Minihan restored a modicum of hope. Points by Philip Walsh and John Walsh were followed by the reappearance of Michael Gordon and he quickly added another goal. Evan Grace had one of his best games in a Piltown shirt and Piltown triumphed. However, it was at a great cost as captain Michael Gordon's hand was broken in two places in an accidental col-

lision. In the final, versus Dicksboro, our captain couldn't play, but the team gave a fine performance, only capitulating in the final two minutes. Philip Walsh scored a marvellous goal in the final, but it was not enough against a very sporting Dicksboro team. This was Piltown's fourth time to reach the Roinn A football final and great credit is due to all who promote football and hurling in the parish.

*Under-16 football team:* Michael Gordon, Brendan Dineen, Connie Enright, Richard Fitzpatrick, Peter Falconer, Tommy Falconer, Evan Grace, Liam Knox, Mark Long, Vincent Long, James Maher, John Minihan, Andrew Norris, James Norris, Michael Norris, Stephen O'Shea, Pat O'Donoghue, Brian O'Donoghue, Aubrey Story, Aidan Walsh, Joe Walsh, Paul Walsh, Philip Walsh, John Walsh, Paul Butler.

### ON THE COUNTY SCENE

James Connolly, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael Gordon and Brian Farrell all played on the Kilkenny minor football team beaten by Dublin in the championship. Michael Gordon was on the minor football team which won the International Shield. James Connolly and Michael Brennan were on the county minor hurling panel. Mark Long and Andrew Norris played with Kilkenny under-16's during the year.

Even though no major victories came Piltown's way at this level, all did their best, and, as we read, a parish hurling league is in progress. Eventually, all such work will pay off and success will return.

### UNDER-14 HURLING AND FOOTBALL

Our Under-14 team, though they failed to achieve any major success were involved in the championship and four tournaments.

In the hurling championship, Piltown lost out to Thomastown, Mooncoin and Callan. In football there was a good win over Tullogher in the first round before being beaten by Kilmoganny in the second round.

Four tournaments were entered, with some great games. These tournaments were the Paddy Grace Memorial Cup, Davidstown/Cloughbawn (Wexford) tournament – beaten in final by Gowran, The Lisdowney Coca-Cola Sevens and the Clover Meats Tournament – beaten in semi-final by Roanmore.

*Panel involved:* James Maher, James Norris, Pa Connolly, Aidan Walsh, Connie Enright, David Kirby, Vinnie Long, Jerry Long, Joe Walsh, Ed. Butler, Peter Falconer, Alan Butler, Jonathan

Butler, Richard Fitzpatrick, Richard Norris, Stephen O'Shea, Philip Kenny, Michael Galvin, Gary Byrne, Richard Kirby, Conor O'Shea, Brendan Doyle.

### PRIMARY SCHOOL GAMES

The Under-13 hurlers reached the quarter-finals of the championship but were comprehensively beaten by a strong Urlingford team.

The Under-13 footballers had a very good campaign, and qualified for the quarter-finals. In this game they had a great win over Callan on a scoreline of 0-10 to 2-2. They gave an impressive second half performance in the semi-final against Carrickshock, who again proved too strong for them, but Piltown did a little better than the scoreline of 4-5 to 1-1 would indicate.

*Team:* John O'Shea, Noel Reid, Patrick Connolly, David Prendergast, Colm Flood, Kevin Walsh, Ivan Gell, Michael Galvin (1-1), Brendan Doyle, David Walsh, Philip Kenny, Eoghan Moloney, Darren Cooney, Eric Lonergan, Brian Fitzpatrick.

*Subs:* Robert Byrne, Pierre Burke, Richard Brophy, Damien Blackmore, Gary Byrne, Niall Brophy, Nicholas Kenny, David Reid, Christopher Walsh, Darren O'Dwyer.

The Under-11 hurlers surprised everybody by winning the Clover Meats tournament. A thrilling draw and replay with Glenmore in the semi-final set them up for an epic struggle with the Rower-Inistioge in the final, finally winning 0-4 to 0-2.

The winning team was John O'Shea, Paul Maher, Brendan Doyle, John Norris, Brian Falconer, Niall Brophy, Richard Brophy, Michael Galvin (0-3), Andrew McCarthy, David Walsh, Philip Kenny (0-1), Eoghan Moloney, Evan Walsh, Gary Byrne, Shane Fitzpatrick.

*Subs:* Paul Kirby, Finbar Dineen, Nicholas Kenny, Brian Purcell, Conor Galvin, Brendan McCarthy, James Power, Aidan O'Neill, Richard McCarthy, Eamonn Kenny, Barry O'Brien, Joseph Maye, Ross Blackmore, Pat O'Shea, Michael Dineen, John Brophy, Paul Gaynor, Shane Kinsella, Pat Walsh, Rian Moloney.

*Mentors:* Mark Connolly, Jim Norris.

### COUNTY PLAYERS

Liam McCarthy represented our club in the senior hurling championship playing against Meath and Offaly.

Liam Kenny, Kevin O'Shea and Mossy Walsh were involved with the county junior football team.

Eamonn Kenny, Kevin O'Shea and



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Liam Kearns were part of the county Under-21 footballers.

A special word of thanks to Sean Gorey and Noel Martin, who look after the dressingrooms, playing pitches and complex with great care and attention.

Club officers 1994:

President: Fr. Woods; Vice-Presidents: Fr. Moore, Fr. Dunne; Chairman: Jim O'Keeffe; Vice-Chairman: Liam Ryan; Secretary: Jim Walsh; Asst. Secretary: Michael Brennan; Treasurer: Edward Walsh; Asst. Treasurers: Sean Norris, Bill Costello; P.R.O.: Liam Ryan, Martin Gordon; Registrar: Michael Long; County Board Rep.: Eddie Blackmore; Southern Board delegate: Sean Norris.

### PAT KIRBY

On the evening of August 15th last, Piltown Under-16 hurlers played Mooncoin in the championship at Mullinavat. As the team was being picked, we kept a

watchful eye on the gate, expecting to see Pat arrive and lend his valued opinion to our deliberations. We could only think that they were, perhaps, taking in the corn in Fethard that evening, as otherwise, Pat would be amongst us suggesting different formats, which he did so well. Our team were well beaten by a superior Mooncoin fifteen and we left for home.

Little did we know the enormous shock that was in store for us on our return, to hear of the ever-so-sudden passing of Pat to his eternal reward.

The winning or losing of a hurling match became so irrelevant, as all of us, especially those associated with under-age hurling, tried to come to terms with the huge loss of a great colleague and friend. Our hearts went out to Kathleen and their three children, his mother, brothers and sisters. We know only too well their loss was much greater than we could even begin to imagine.

We remember Pat, and are proud that we knew him well and worked with him to promote the game he loved. It mattered not that he was steeped in the blue and gold of Tipperary, his knowledge and appreciation of the finest field game in the world was second to none. We shared many a joke about the fortunes of the opposing counties in the lead up to, and the aftermath of, championship encounters. We spent many hours picking and guiding teams to represent Piltown, disagreeing on numerous occasions, but never falling out.

When Spring comes around again, and God willing, we sit down to select our teams, we know it will still be difficult to believe that Pat is no longer with us. However, the memory of a true Gael and a great friend will inspire us. Of that we are certain.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## RAILYARD



*Railyard Under-16 – League and Championship winners – Patrick Dowd, Liam Hennessy, David Clancy, Seamus Hennessy, Michael Maguire, Thomas Coogan, John Paul Brennan, Michael Kealy, Seanie Brennan, Daniel Lawlor, William Shea. Front: Tommy Treacy, Michael Shea, Colm Coogan (captain), Cyril Steadman, Paul Maguire, Jimmy Kealy, Oliver Meally, Pauraic Dowd.*

A difficult year for Railyard Football Club was saved, to some extent, by the Under-16 squad, who achieved the League and Championship double in Roinn B.

Like many other rural parishes, the problem of lack of numbers provides a constant headache for team builders. Back in the fifties, sixties and seventies, when Railyard were the standard bearers of Kilkenny football, things were different. The coal mines provided regular, hard, physical work, which, in turn, produced hard physical men, who enjoyed the robust demands of football.

Familiar local family names became known throughout Kilkenny and neighbouring counties. Names such as Meally, Walsh, Nash and Brennan (Cloney and

Durrick, in particular), came easily off the tongue of football followers.

Individual stars like Sonny Browne, Mike Kelly and Danny Dowd, along with several of the families mentioned, were familiar names around Laois, Carlow and Kildare, as much as in Kilkenny.

A total of seventeen senior titles between 1951 and 1978 was the legacy of this group of talented players. Invitations to many prestigious tournaments brought successes in such diverse places as Kildavin, Timahoe, Graiguecullen, Wexford and Kildare. The club embarked on ambitious tours to take on the best clubs in Kerry, Galway, Donegal, Meath and Dublin and across the sea in Manchester.

The lean years of the club coincided with the emergence of the very strong

Thomastown team, backboneed, by the Hoynes, Galways and Lannons. When, eventually, the Thomastown ghost was laid, Railyard looked set to return to the top of the pile, but three county finals were lost by a single score to Muckalee, Glenmore and The Village. The latter repeated the dose in 1991, before Railyard at last got their act together, under the direction of Pat McNally to take the 1992 title from The Village. Many club supporters believed that this was the break through that would re-establish Railyard as the premier football club in the county. The second team, a conglomeration of veterans and promising youths, reinforced this belief by winning the Special Junior county final.

This year's championship began with a



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clash with county champions, The Village, and, for the fourth time in recent years, the game ended level, with a sharing of the points. Disaster was to follow in Ballyragget, when Dicksboro, who had been improving, but were not expected to be so strong, gave Railyard a football lesson to prevent them reaching the semi-finals, for the first time in over a decade. Meanwhile, the Juniors failed to build on their promotion to full Junior status, and lost interest early on.

The lack of involvement in adult championship from May was devastating to the club. Team management and players alike decided to take a break, lasting, perhaps, a little too long.

The club, which in recent years has improved immensely in administration and presentation, boasts one of the most impressive club premises in G.A.A. circles. Some supporters believe that new faces are needed on the committee.

The base is in place for a successful

football club, but, in the end, success will be judged by results on the playing field.

### Railyard committee 1994:

Chairman: Kieran Meally; Vice-Chairman: Tommy Brennan; Secretary: Charlie McCarthy; Treasurer: Liam Mooney; County Board Rep.: Jim Purcell; Committee: Michael Dowd, Noel Geoghegan, Tommy Reilly, Eddie Mahon, Joe Coogan, Sean Mansfield, Patrick Dowd, Aeneas Daly.

## ROWER-INISTIOGE

### INTERMEDIATE:

This was very much a year of contrasting fortunes for the Rower-Inistioge. The performances during the league couldn't have been worse – five games played – five games played – five games lost.

The campaign started against Mooncoin in Mullinavat, and, after an even enough first half, the Rower-Inistioge fell away in the second half and Mooncoin ran out comfortable winners.

The same problem arose again against Tullogher in the next game. The Rower-Inistioge fell away again in the final ten minutes and lost on a score line of 1-10 to 1-8.

The Rower-Inistioge's next game was against Freshford in Nowlan Park. The Rower-Inistioge took command from a very early stage and led 1-5 to 0-0 after 15 minutes. Freshford came more into the game after that, and, at half time, the score was 1-7 to 0-3. The scores were fairly much matched for most of the second half but Freshford had scored an early goal. For the last ten minutes, Freshford took over, to run out winners 3-10 to 1-11.

The Rower-Inistioge's best performance in the league came in their next game against near neighbours, Graignamanagh. The standard of hurling by both teams was good and exchanges in the first half were close, Graignamanagh leading by 1-4 to 0-6.

Graignamanagh held the lead throughout, and, with the Rower-Inistioge committed to attack, Graignamanagh scored a goal with the last puck of the game to run out winners on a scoreline of 2-11 to 0-11.

The Rower-Inistioge's final game in the league was against Conahy Shamrocks and, with nothing at stake, the honours went north.

The turning point in the Rower-Inistioge season happened the week prior to the championship meeting with O'Loughlin Gaels, with the appointment of George Leahy as coach. This signalled a



*Rower-Inistioge U-11 finalists Clover Meats juvenile tournament – Back: Dan Cottrell, Michael McCarthy, Paddy Cassin, James Roche, David Dunphy, Patrick Clifford, Nicky Morrissey, Séan Cummins, Michael Tierney, Ed. Kavanagh, Sean Knox, Padraic Lyng, Michael White, Richard Minogue. Front – Conor Lyng, John Grace, Eamon Phelan, J. J. Fitzpatrick, Michael Clifford, Gerry Grace, Toby Kavanagh, John George Butler, Kevin Corcoran, Liam Lyng, Pat Tierney, William McGrath.*

change in players' attitude which was evident on the field of play the following week. Being very much the underdogs, the Rower-Inistioge played with great determination and teamwork to lead at half-time by nine points to five, and, with Richie Kelly hurling particularly well, things looked very promising. The second half was again dominated by the Rower-Inistioge but they failed to put away their opponents. O'Loughlin's slowly but surely clawed their way back into the game, and, when they goaled with only a couple of minutes to go, to take a one point lead, it looked as though they had won their way through. Had this been earlier in the year, this would have been so but this Rower-Inistioge team showed great resilience and heart and fought their way back with an equaliser from Edward Prendergast, and set up a mouth-watering replay.

Score: Rower-Inistioge 1-12; O'Loughlin's 0-15.

The Rower-Inistioge set about the replay in a very business-like fashion. After an early exchange of points, Richie Kelly took up where he left off in the drawn game, and goaled for the Rower-Inistioge. This sparked the Rower-Inistioge to life and they built up a lead of 1-6 to 0-2 after twenty minutes. From there to half time,

an equal number of scores were exchanged with the Rower-Inistioge leading at the break 1-8 to 0-5.

O'Loughlin's started the second half the livelier and reduced the lead to 1-9 to 0-7. But then the Rower-Inistioge struck with their second goal of the game, courtesy of Edward Prendergast's first time ground stroke. (2-9 Rower-Inistioge) (0-7 O'Loughlin's) raised their game and made the Rower-Inistioge fight to the end for their victory by the minimum of margins 2-11 to 1-13. O'Loughlin's goal came from a Joe Daly penalty with the last puck of the match.

The Rower-Inistioge's quarter-final opponents were Clara, who had just come down from senior the previous year and were determined to go straight back up. It was score for score all through the first half until Robert Shortall kicked Clara into an interval lead of 1-4 to 0-5. The second half started with two more points for Clara and it looked as if they might take over. The Rower-Inistioge pulled back a minor score to stay in touch and then Greg Fitzpatrick goaled to equalise, 1-6 each. Clara responded almost immediately with a goal from Robert Shortall but Greg Fitzpatrick struck back with a similar score (2-6 each). Clara edged themselves in



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front again with a point, but, with ten minutes to go, the Rower-Inistioge equalised, and this was to be the last score of the game. Both teams had chances to win but both seemed happy with the draw.

The replay again turned out to be a very close encounter. With neither side hurling as well as the first day, scores were hard to come by. The Rower-Inistioge fared better in the first half, to lead by a couple of points at half time. The two decisive breaks came early in the second half when Clara's forward Anthony Prendergast struck for two opportunist goals.

The Rower-Inistioge, at this stage, seemed to panic and seemed intent on going for goals, and, with J. J. Ward in great form between the posts, none were forthcoming. Clara were able to hang on and go through to the semi-finals on a score line of 2-10 to 0-10 after a great save from a penalty struck by Michael Mackey from the Rower-Inistioge.

**Team:** Pat Dunphy, Gerry Lyng, L. Ryan, J. Kelly, E. Bolger (0-1), James Lyng (0-2), B. Bolger, T. Lyng, J. Galavan, J. O'Keeffe, R. Bolger (0-1), G. Fitzpatrick, M. Mackey (0-2), R. Kelly (0-3), E. Prendergast (0-1).

**Subs:** S. M. Kennedy.

Other panel members who played during the league/championship campaign were: Matt Galavan, P. Cottrell, Michael Galavan, K. Kennedy, J. Prendergast, S. Kelly.

**Selectors:** Michael Tierney, Michael Lyng, Pat Dunphy.

**Captain:** John Galavan.

Having gone through the qualifying stages with victories over Gaignamanagh, Piltown, Shamrocks, Thomastown, (w.o.), and just one reversal against Mullinavat, the Rower-Inistioge qualified for the southern semi-final against the Shamrocks. Having beaten them earlier in the year, the pressure was now on the Rower-Inistioge to repeat the performance without the services of four players lost to the intermediate team. This, they duly did, to qualify for the Southern final against Mullinavat.

Mullinavat was the only team to beat the Rower-Inistioge in the earlier part of the competition so the advantage was with them. The game was very hard fought, but the Rower-Inistioge led at half time 2-4 to 2-2, goals coming from the sticks of Michael Barron and Michael Galavan. It was nip and tuck all through the second half with the Rower-Inistioge leading by one point approaching the end. Then Mullinavat, scored what looked like the winning goal. To the Rower-Inistioge's



*Rower-Inistioge Junior A Finalists 1994 – Back: Patsy Lyng, Tom O'Keeffe, Jimmy Prendergast, Michael Ballonn, Jack Lyng, Joe Ryan, Michael Galvin, Jim Murphy, Matt Galvin, Declan Whelan. Front: Robert Prendergast, John Mackey, Amby Galvin, Michael Doyle, Martin Flood, Dermot Tennyson, Kieran Bolger, Eoin Kenny, Richard Flood.*

credit they didn't give up and Jimmy Prendergast popped up to divert a seventy to the net to regain the lead. From the puck out, Mullinavat won a free, which they pointed, to leave the score at 3-8 each at the final whistle.

The replay turned out to be another titanic struggle, with the Rower-Inistioge having to soak up very strong pressure as Mullinavat came at them from the word go. They weathered the storm, and, even though Mullinavat built up a three point lead, the Rower-Inistioge started to get on top, and, with a goal from Jimmy Prendergast, led at half time by 1-5 to 0-4. Things started well for the Rower-Inistioge in the second half with goals from Dermot Tennyson and Jimmy Prendergast, but Mullinavat struck back with like scores. Things looked bad for the Rower-Inistioge when they lost goalkeeper, Ciaran Bolger, but 15-year-old Michael Doyle stepped into the breach, and, as a result of some stout defending, the Rower-Inistioge went on to win 3-9 to 2-8.

The county final turned out to be very much an anti-climax for the Rower-Inistioge, when they came up against a very strong well balanced Dicksboro team. The Rower-Inistioge never got their game together in the first half, and went in at half time in arrears of 1-11 to 0-2. To the Rower-Inistioge's credit, they didn't throw in the towel, and, with a few positional changes, did much better in the second half and matched Dicksboro on the scoreboard 0-4 each, Dicksboro went on to a thoroughly deserved victory on a scoreline of 1-15 to 0-6.

**Team:** C. Bolger, D. Whelan, J. Lyng, T. O'Keeffe, R. Flood, Matt Galavan, M. Flood, J. Murphy, Michael Galavan, M. Barron, J. Ryan, E. Kenny (0-1), J. Prendergast (0-5), D. Tennyson, A. Galavan.

**Subs:** J. Mackey.

**Selectors:** Jim Fitzpatrick, Fintan Murphy, Ger Lyster, Michael Roche, Jack Lyng.

**Captain:** Dermot Tennyson.

### UNDER-21:

The Rower-Inistioge bid for honours came to a cruel end against a very fancied Mooncoin team in Mullinavat in the first round of the championship. Having matched Mooncoin all over the field, the Rower-Inistioge led at half-time by 1-3 to 0-3, the goal coming from Richard Flood. The scoring all through the second half was tit for tat and the Rower-Inistioge led going into the closing stages 1-6 to 0-8. Then disaster struck. The Rower-Inistioge won a line ball, and, as a result of a misunderstanding between players, Mooncoin gained possession and worked their way through for a goal. Time ran out before the Rower-Inistioge could pull the game back and Mooncoin won a score line of 1-8 to 1-6.

**Team:** C. Bolger, D. Walsh, J. Murphy, M. Murphy, P. Cottrell (0-1), Jim Kelly, Martin Flood, B. Bolger, E. Kenny, M. Doyle, M. Barron (0-1), J. Kavanagh (0-1), R. Flood (1 goal), R. Kelly (0-3), J. Galavan.

**Subs:** M. Kennedy.

The clubs off-the-field activity continued with further development to our pitches, and a very successful fund raising campaign. The club extends its thanks to all our supporters for their generous support, both on and off the field.

### CLUB OFFICERS:

**President:** Martin Butler; **Vice-President:** Fr. Grace, Fr. Noonan. **Chairman:** Michael Tierney; **Secretary:** Edward Prendergast; **Treasurer:** Richard Tierney; **P.R.O.:** Matt Galavan; **Field Development:** Jim Fitzpatrick, Billy Kennedy.



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### Bord na nÓg teams narrowly lose five finals

The Rower-Inistioge had a somewhat frustrating year at Bord na nÓg level. Hopes had been high in the club, after the outstanding successes in 1993. However, many fine performances were given during the year, by the teams, none more so, than by the U-16 hurlers, who reached both the Roinn A League and Championship finals, only to suffer defeat on both occasions. Our defeat in the replay of the championship final was hard to digest, as we had beaten James Stephens by thirteen points in the League semi-final. With fourteen of the panel who captured the Roinn B title in '93 eligible, we were quietly fancying our chances, as we lined out for battle in Ballyhale, against the highly rated city boys. The Rower-Inistioge held the whip hand in this thrilling encounter, until the dying minutes, when James Stephens snatched a late equaliser.

The replay, at the same venue, was another absorbing game. The bigger and stronger Stephen's side were better suited to the soft conditions. The Rower-

Inistioge made an impressive start and went into an early five point lead, and things were looking up for the South-erners. However, two quick goals for the city side, approaching half-time put paid to the Rower-Inistioge's chances of adding a Roinn A title to the Roinn B U-16 hurling title won last year. We need not despond, as nine of the panel are again eligible next year. Injuries and failure to take scoring chances, dashed out hopes in the Roinn A. League final played in Nowlan Park. Our conquerors, Dunnamaggin, got it right on the night, and scored an impressive victory over us. Great credit is due to Richard Tierney (trainer), and his selectors, who left no stone unturned in their efforts to achieve success with their fine U-16 panel of players. Maurice Doyle, Pat Brennan, Tom Digbey and Bill Cottrell were selected, and played, for South Kilkenny U-16 team this year.

The Rower U-11 hurlers had a great year, reaching the Clover Meats hurling final played in Ferrybank. In a thrilling final against Piltown they lost narrowly on the score Piltown 0-4, Rower-Inistioge 0-3. In the Rower-Inistioge club, men like Jim Mooney, Dermot Kavanagh, Pat Corcoran, Johnny Murphy, Richard

Tierney, Benny Holohan, Andy Cottrell, Paddy Grace, Martin Barron, and many more are striving to ensure that hurling will continue to flourish in the club. Great strides have been made this year by our footballers. We will contest our first ever U-14 football final this year against Clara. Also our U-16 footballers are involved in the final stages of both the league and championships Roinn B as we go to press. This same panel who were so impressive on the hurling fields, have always had great football potential and perhaps we will add to our victory in this grade in 1989, when we won the Roinn B title, before following up with a brilliant Roinn A success in 1990.

Our U-14 hurlers had successes at mini féile level, and beat Rapparees and Faythe Harriers, two strong Wexford sides, but our championship form at this level was a bit unpredictable in a year which saw the almost unbeatable James Stephens side conquer not alone Kilkenny opposition, but also the best in Ireland. Three of our U-14 team won Leinster League medals: Paul Sheehan, Tom Doyle and Richard Tierney.

## ST. LACHTAIN'S

May 25th, 1994, was an historic day for the club as Páirc Lachtain was officially opened by Mr. Jack Boothman, President of the G.A.A. The grounds have received great admiration and club members can feel proud of the achievement. Go mba fada buan na daoine go léir a bhí páirteach san obair.

On the playing fields, St. Lachtains maintained its record of winning a championship each year since 1989 the exception being 1991. This year, the Under-16 hurlers provided the highlights with a thrilling victory over Ballyhale Shamrocks in the final of the Roinn B championship. Their triumph made up for the disappointment of losing the League final to John Lockes and provided just reward for the amount of hard work put in at under-age level in recent years. Selectors: Brian Waldron, Paddy Flynn, Jack Cahill, Johnny Kavanagh, Ned Kennedy and Adrian Byrne.

The other under-age teams had a reasonable amount of success without winning a county title.

The Under-13's tried hard in the League stages of their competition. New structures next year means their future fate



*Pictured at the official opening and blessing of Páirc Lachtain on 25th May, 1994, were Very Rev. Fr. Henry P.P., and Mr. Jack Boothman, President of the G.A.A. Also included are club officials Paddy Butler, Runai; Tom Doherty, Leas-Cathaoirleach and Mick McCarthy, Cathaoirleach. Servers were Jonathan Doherty, Jamie Kennedy, Niall Anderson and Tommy Kennedy.*

is still undecided but the standard shown in the club league, the Philip Kinane Cup, shows hope for the future. Martin Ryan was the winner of this year's final, the tenth year of the competition.

The Under-14's did not do themselves justice in their quarter-final championship defeat by the Emeralds. Before that, however, in May, they had the honour of

opening proceedings on the occasion of the official opening of Páirc Lachtain with a challenge match against neighbours Tullaroan. The game ended with a thrilling one point victory for the home team. They followed up later in the year with a win in the Ballyragget Culchie Festival tournament and then one of the highlights of the year – a terrific tussle



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with Graigue/Ballycallan in the Billy Keane Memorial Shield Final in the O'Loughlin's tournament. A last minute Martin Ryan goal sent the game to extra-time when St. Lachtain's had a hard-earned and enjoyable victory which provided a measure of success for selectors Martin McGree and Bernie Burke and trainer, Joe Morrissey.

The minor hurlers continue to plough the furrow in Roinn A. Two highly entertaining league games against Dicksboro (draw) and Graigue (defeat) were followed by a disappointing performance against James Stephens. Graigue proved too good for understrength St. Lachtain's in the championship but the team holds promise for the future. The minors entertained Loughiel Shamrocks from Antrim in November. This visit was very successful thanks to Collette Flynn and her organising committee. We look forward to renewing acquaintances in future years.

A great amount of work went into the Under-21 team this year and it was rewarded by qualification for the Northern final. A star-studded Village team proved too strong in the end but future encounters will be interesting. Selectors Murty Kennedy, Tom Beckett and Joe Dermody.

The Special Junior team and Intermediates were not in contention for honours but the latter provided some hope for the future by retaining their league status with a thrilling one point victory over O'Loughlin's. Selectors: Mick McCarthy, Tom Doheny, Tony Hughes, Joe Morrissey, Maurice Mason.

Success on the playing field in 1993 meant St. Lachtain's had two county selectors this year: Murty Kennedy with Kilkenny juniors and Brian Waldron with the county minors. Leinster championship honours were won at both grades but All-Ireland titles eluded us. Congratulations to both.

On the county junior team, Oliver O'Connor and Joe Dermody secured places for the run to the All-Ireland final. On the minor team, Joe Ryan and Pa Hickey represented the club while Neil O'Connor was unlucky to be injured after the Leinster semi-final.

Oliver O'Connor also represented St. Lachtain's on the Under-21 panel and came on as a sub in the All-Ireland Final. He made his senior debut against Clare in the National Hurling League with Joe Dermody who was on goal.

Noel Hickey, Liam Cahill and Michael Kavanagh were on the county Under-16 panel.

A visit, in November, by the Under-12



*Noel Hickey, captain of St. Lachtain's Under-16 Roinn B champions, receives the trophy from Joe Pyke, chairman of Bord na nÓg.*

hurlers from the Kevin Lynch Hurling Club in Derry rounded off a busy year for St. Lachtain's.

Sympathy is extended to the families of the parish who were bereaved during the year, and especially to the relatives of those with club connections: Mrs. Mary Brennan, Mrs. Bridget Dawson, Shay Burke and Jack Dalton. Sympathy is also extended to the family of John Manogue, Kilaroe, who died in May. John won two senior championships with St. Lachtain's in 1961 and 1963.

The Harrison family, Crohill, was bereaved by the death of Miss Henrietta (Hennie) Harrison in October. The Harrison family gave great service to the G.A.A. in Kilkenny through the provision, for over sixty years, of the hurling field in Freshford. Sympathy is extended to her brothers Nicholas and Paul and her relatives.

Go raibh leaba i measc na naomh acu go léir.

## official opening Páirc Lachtain

Wednesday, May 25th, began in glorious sunshine, but by late afternoon, the rain clouds had gathered. The rain that began to fall in torrents failed, however, to dampen the party atmosphere that enveloped Freshford for the day. After many years hard work, the day had finally arrived for the official opening of Páirc Lachtain.



# CLUBS

R O U N D - U P

G.A.A. President Mr. Jack Boothman, performed the official opening. Mr. Boothman paid tribute to all who had made the provision of such an amenity possible. He was proud of the G.A.A.'s contribution in the development of such facilities throughout the country. The selfless work of people at club level, he continued, was the basis of the G.A.A. He hoped to see these facilities used by the young people of the parish.

Páirc Lachtaín was blessed by Fr. S. Henry, P.P., Nicky Brennan, County Chairman, Michael McCarthy, Club Chairman and Liam Aylward, T.D., all paid tribute to the people involved in the development of Páirc Lachtaín.

The Freshford U-14 team defeated Tullaroan in the curtain raiser to the senior game. The senior match, played in atrocious weather conditions, ended with victory for Kilkenny.

Both teams were treated to a meal in the Community club, at which the trophies were presented.

With the official part of the evening over, many a tale was recounted. The Firewood Auction, Donnacha Ó Dulaing and the work in the field itself were remembered with great joy. As dawn broke the following day a wish expressed by all was that Páirc Lachtaín would witness many wonderful 'battles' as Harrisons had done in the past.



*Mr. Jack Boothman, President G.A.A., unveils the plaque at the official opening of Páirc Lachtaín, Achardh Úr, 25th May, 1994.*

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## ST. MARTIN'S

1994 began with high hopes for the Club in the Senior Hurling Championship. The team had good and bad performances in the League, winning their first game, losing the next two before showing promise and winning the last two games.

After being lucky to draw with John Lockes in the first round of the Championship, they improved considerably to defeat them reasonably comfortably in the replay. We all looked forward with great hope to the quarter-final against defending champions, Dicksboro, but on the day, missed chances proved costly, and we were defeated by six points.

Various injuries throughout the year made selection difficult, and the absence of Dermot Lawler for the entire season, with a knee injury, robbed the team of one of its best forwards. We hope that he will have made a full recovery for 1995. Had all players been available, perhaps, we could have made a more determined bid for the Championship. We look forward with great hope to 1995. Tom Brennan took on the job as Trainer/Coach this year and gave a great commitment to St. Martin's, but unfortunately his efforts were not rewarded with success on the playing field. We thank him for his efforts.

Our Special Junior team, which consisted of some very young players, put in some very good performances in the League but were beaten in the first round of the Championship by a very strong Dicksboro team.

Our Under-21 team, after competing in the County Final last year, were beaten in the first round by old rivals, Galmoy. The loss of some of the stronger players from 1993 proved too much and Galmoy got revenge for their defeat in the Northern Final last year.

Our Minor hurlers were beaten early in the Championship, but, after putting in some extra training, had a good run in the League. It was good to see Ger Doyle winning a Leinster Minor Championship medal with Kilkenny.

Our Under-16 team performed well but were not strong enough to qualify for the final stages of any competition. Philip Shore gave some great displays and was part of the North Kilkenny Under-16 team.

The highlight of the year was the performance of our younger teams - U-14, U-13 and U-10's. Our U-14 team won the Tara Ryan Tournament in Castlecomer, when they defeated Conahy



Tom Ryan presenting the Tara Ryan Cup to Michael Keane (St. Martin's). Also included are Betty and Bernadette. Tom, Betty and Bernadette are son and daughters of the late John 'Tara' Ryan. (Photo: T. O'Neill)



ST. MARTIN'S SENIOR TEAM 1994

Back row: Dermot Comerford, John Dooley, Eamon Morrissey, Niall Moloney, Michael Maher, Ger Doyle, Aidan Lawlor, Paddy Kehoe. Front row: Bobby Shore, Anthony Maher, Eamon Breen, John Ryan, Brendan Ryan, Liam Dowling, Dick Dooley.



ST. MARTIN'S UNDER-14 - Tara Ryan Cup Winners

Front row (left to right): Brendan Maher, Kieran Kelly, Stephen Murphy, Tom Morrissey, Brian Cadigan, Damien Maher, Thomas Kinsella, Shem Kelly. Back row (left to right): Martin Dowling, Michael Mulhall, Paul O'Dwyer, Owen Habessy, Michael Keane (Captain), Adrian Costigan, Larry Comerford, Donal Kelly, Declan Morrissey, Brian Callanan.

(Photo: T. O'Neill)



# CLUBS

## ROUND - UP

Shamrocks in a cracking game and great credit must be given to all the players involved.

The team was: S. Murphy, B. Maher, E. Keane, T. Morrissey, M. Mulhall, L. Comerford, D. Morrissey, M. Dowling, S. Kelly, P. Dwyer, A. Costigan, K. Kelly, S. Kelly, O. Hahessy, D. Cadogan.

Our Under-13 team was beaten in the Roinn 'C' County Final by Rosbercon/Tulloghger (see Cumann na mBunscoileanna reports). It is very encouraging to see so much talent and interest at this level and we owe a great debt to Gerry O'Neill, Tony Maher and their helpers for the work they are doing with these age groups. Our Under-10 team was defeated in the final of the Conahy Tournament by a strong Conahy team. The work being done with these players was reflected in the great attendances present for the visits of County Coach, Briain Ryan.

It was good to see five of our members attending the Foundation Coaching Course held in Castlecomer recently. Those who attended were Tony Maher, Liam Dowling, Dermot Lawler, Tom Walsh and Patsy Murphy. Hopefully, they will put their knowledge to good use during 1995.

For the first time a local Tournament was organised in memory of the late Tommy Kinsella. St. Martin's, Graigue/Ballycallan, Erin's Own and James Stephens took part. Large crowds attended all the games.

Our Senior hurlers participated in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition for the first time. They played very well considering that they had no experience of this type of competition, and were only narrowly beaten by Sarsfields (Cork) and the eventual winners Portroe (Tipperary). They should be far better prepared for their next venture.

Eamonn Morrissey kept the Club banner flying at Inter-County level and did all in his power to rescue Kilkenny from defeat against Offaly when he finished with 1-4 to his credit. He also played a major part in Leinster's Railway Cup victory. He was Kilkenny "Player of the Month" following some of his scores against Ulster. We congratulate him on his successes. We would also like to congratulate all players from the Club who played for Kilkenny throughout the year. We wish to congratulate Bobby Shore and Jimmy Kelly for the major role they have played in the success of the Kilkenny Masters team.



**ST. MARTIN'S JUNIORS 1994**

*Back row: Caleb Daly, John Kelly, Luke O'Neill, Philip Shore, Ger Doyle, Seamus Byrne, Tom Agar, Jimmy Maher, Paul O'Neill. Front row: P. J. Shore, Tom Cody, Nicky Purcell, John Ryan, Joe Brennan, Richard Nolan, Paul Brennan.*

This year saw the continuing development of the facilities at the G.A.A. fields in Coon and Muckalee. We would like to thank all those who have supported the fund raising for these developments, not alone in 1994, but for the last number of years. We would also like to acknowledge the work done by those men who have taken part in the FÁS Employment Schemes of the past few years – both St. Martin's Hurling and Muckalee Football Clubs have benefited greatly.

During 1994, Fr. Martin Ryan has been researching and compiling a video on the

history of all sports in the parish, with particular emphasis on hurling, football and handball. This video is due for release before Christmas and is eagerly awaited by all. We thank him for the enormous time and effort he has devoted to this project.

The Club would like to extend thanks to all those who looked after teams, provided transport, washed jerseys, looked after grounds and gave financial support in 1994.

St. Martin's wish to extend sincere sympathy to all families in the parish who suffered bereavements during the year.



**ST. MARTIN'S MINORS 1994**

*Back row: Alan Murphy, Myles Haughney, Martin Dooley, Laurence Brennan, Donal Brennan, Keith Brennan, Ger Doyle, Philip Shore, Lorcan Maher. Front row: Fiachna Gibbons, Willie Dowling, Noel Maher, Joe Dowling, Philip Agar, Paul Maher, Martin Somers, John Maher, Michael Somers.*



## ST. PATRICK'S (BALLYRAGGET)

A YEAR that began with high hopes for our Junior hurlers, once again ended with disappointment when they were well beaten by Blacks & Whites in the second round of the Barlo Nissan Championship.

After an indifferent league campaign in which they beat Lisdowney and Cloneen, but lost to Dicksboro, James Stephens and Danesfort, thereby missing out on the knock-out stages, serious training for the championship commenced under new trainer Pa Dillon.

A bye in the first round of the championship left them in the last eight in the North and a date with championship favourites Blacks & Whites who had also received a first round bye.

A blistering opening quarter by Blacks & Whites, in which they ran up a 3-5 to 0-3 lead, paved the way for the Skeough men's success. Ballyragget matched their opponents score for score for the remainder of the game but that disastrous start left them with too much to do and Blacks & Whites eventually wound up winners 3-18 to 1-13.

The Special Junior hurlers reached the play-off stages of the league where they were beaten by Fenians whom they had beaten in the earlier stages of the competition. In the play-off the Fenians ran out easy winners on the score 1-17 to 2-7. Tullaroan proved too strong in the championship, winning 2-9 to 1-4 after a disappointing game.

At under-age level, pride of place must go to our Under-16 hurlers who reached the Northern Final for the second year running. Once again, however, Bennettsbridge proved to be our "bogey" team, edging home by a goal after an exciting game. Bennettsbridge went on to win the County Final.

Ballyragget reached the quarter-final of the 11-a-side league, where they were beaten by Lisdowney. This game was evenly balanced until a St. Patrick's defender was "sent off" and from there on Lisdowney took control and won easily.

The Under-14 hurlers reached the knock-out stages of the Supermac's Championship where they lost out to a very strong Tullaroan side that eventually won the County Final.

St. Patrick's had a rather low-key Minor league campaign, failing to reach the knock-out stages. However, in the opening round of the Iarnród Éireann Championship they caused a surprise by



*Ballyragget woman, Angela Downey, captain, Kilkenny camogie team, lifts O'Duffy Cup.*

defeating Barrow Rangers (Paulstown). Alas, for them, their second round game against Cloneen coincided with a number of players' work and holiday commitments. Failure to secure a postponement meant they had to line out with only thirteen players for this game. Despite this, they were still in contention at half-time, at which stage the referee had no option but to call off the game as Ballyragget could not field a full team for the second half. A disappointing end to what could have been a fruitful season at this level.

At schools level, Ballyragget had a good year in their first ever venture in Roinn "A" of the Primary Schools League, recording good wins over Freshford and Dunnamaggin.

In the Lisdowney "Sevens", St. Patrick's reached the final of the Shield competition. On their way to the final they beat Clane, Naas and Mooncoin. A physically stronger Portlaoise proved too strong in the final.

Big disappointment of the year was the performance of the Under-21 team who were well beaten by Lisdowney in the first round of the championship. However, most of this team are eligible again next year, so, hopefully, they can make amends.

Once again camogie players from the Parish were to the fore. Ann and Angela Downey added to their already impressive collection of All-Ireland medals while seventeen years old Sandra Gleeson was also included on the Kilkenny panel for the All-Ireland final. All three girls played prominent parts in Lisdowney's County and Leinster Championship victories.

Success on the football field eluded us again this year. However, there were a good number of performances at under-age level, particularly from our Under-16 team.

The schoolboys' league was once again a huge success. Conor Delaney's team took the honours this year. They beat Enda Holohan's side in the final, while Niall Staunton's team won the consolation final by defeating J. J. Sullivan's team. This year's league was kindly sponsored by O'Shea's Super Valu.

The local "Park" continues to attract many major games. This year, all Kilkenny's games in the Church & General National League will be played in Ballyragget. Meanwhile, development work continues with two men employed under the S.E.S scheme. It is hoped to have a number of major improvements completed during 1995.

Fund-raising continues to cause headaches. The Club's weekly lottery continues to be well supported. Almost £6,000 was paid out in prize money during the year. Two local business concerns, M. & A. Coaches and "The Corner House", provided much needed sponsorship, while the Hurlers Co-op Draw and the Annual American Tea Party were other major fund-raisers.

This year's American Tea Party was very well attended. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of medals to the 1993 County Under-14 champions by All-Star hurler D.J. Carey. Among the attendance were Nickey Brennan (County Chairman), Joe Pyke (Bórd na nÓg Chairman) and Tom Ryall (Bórd na nÓg Secretary) as well as members of the Kilkenny team.

Although no titles were won in 1994, there is plenty of reason for optimism. If the successful under-age teams of recent years "stay in the game" and continue to develop their undoubted skills, there is no reason why Ballyragget cannot achieve success at adult level in the not too distant future.

During the year the club lost a good number of friends and former players. Amongst those who went to their eternal reward were Paddy Brophy (Finnan), Neddy Delaney (Conahy), Ned Deegan (The Green), Joe Whelan (Toormoore). "May they rest in peace".

### CLUB OFFICERS 1994

*Chairman:* Tom Phelan

*Vice-Chairman:* Michael McCraith

*Secretary:* John Lacey

*Assistant Secretary:* Mary Healy

*Treasurer:* Pat Gannon

*PRO & Juvenile Chairman:* Richie Stone.



## SLIEVERUE

SLIEVERUE teams are, at present, not entering the winner's enclosure too often. Some of our adult and under-21 teams have, in recent times, been very close to Southern, or indeed, County honours, but were lacking that little extra something which makes all the difference. Since, at any rate, the present is fresh in the memory, it is intended to focus, in this contribution, on the past and on the future.

The glory year of the Slieverue club in terms of county success was in 1954. In that year, the parish won its one and only Senior Hurling Championship. This being the fortieth anniversary of that notable victory, it is appropriate that the club should celebrate that success. This was done with considerable flair on 18th November. All twenty members of the panel are still alive and well and were in attendance at the celebratory function. Some of that team were household names in the hurling life of the 'fifties, in particular Dick Rockett, Mick Walsh and Paddy Buggy, all of whom wore the Kilkenny jersey with distinction at senior level.

Those players and many other before and since have ensured that the skills and traditions of hurling were well developed in Slieverue. The youth of today, then, have inherited a rich and important sporting heritage, and it is necessary that they be made aware of this.

It is very satisfying to record that the heritage is, indeed, being nurtured. Hurling is very much alive amongst the



**SLIEVERUE UNDER-13 TEAM, 1994**

*Back row (left to right) – John Forristal (trainer), Eoin Dollard, Alan Atkins, Fergal Doherty, Trevor Cullen, Colin Haberlin, David Barrett (capt.), Robert Drennan, Robert MacDonald, Paul Hogan, David Walsh, David Manning, Richard Vereker, Liam O'Brien, Francis Keogh, Robert MacGee, Brendan Forristal, Niall Knox, Jamie Walsh, Brian Delahunty, Eoin Phelan, David Connell, Tony O'Keefe, Seán Phelan, Paddy O'Keefe.*



**SLIEVERUE – UNDER-12 TEAM, 1994**

*Front row (left to right) – Kieran Grant, Patrick O'Keefe, Brendan Coady, Senan Kelly, Robert Roche, Sean Phelan, John Paul Keogh, Nicky Coady, Mark Haberlin, John Paul Vereker, Aidan Hogan. Back row (left to right) – David Connell, Brendan Forristal, Trevor Cullen, David Phelan, Robert Drennan, Paul Hogan, Niall Knox, Jamie Walsh, Liam O'Brien, Richard Vereker, Robert Magee, Robbie Roche (selector).*

youth of Slieverue, and plays an important part in the lives of many of them. To the parents, teachers and club members who contribute to the ongoing promotion of hurling in our parish, we owe a great debt of gratitude. As in most parishes, there is only a small core of people who are dir-

ectly involved with the teams. On behalf of the club, we thank them sincerely for their time, their care and their enthusiasm. Some of these juvenile teams have achieved recent success in local competitions, and, hopefully, this is a forerunner of greater things in the future.



**SLIEVERUE – 1954 COUNTY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS**

*Back row (left to right) – Michael Grant (selector), Tommy Walsh, Dick Mahony, Gerry Buggy, Paddy Grant, Dick Rockett, Ned O'Dwyer, Andy Irish, Jim Walsh, Tom ("Builder") Walsh, Michael Griffin (treasurer), Michael Walsh. Front (left to right) – John Hoke, Bill Cahill, Paddy Buggy, Sean Griffin, John Hartley, Martin Buggy, Michael Murphy, Pat Irish.*



## THOMASTOWN

**THE HIGHLIGHTS** of 1994 must surely have been the winning of the Intermediate League title and the commencement of the final phase of development work at Grennan.

Under the guidance of new trainer, Christy Doyle, and selectors Ber Maher and Alan Hoyne, the League title was won after an exciting match against Conahy Shamrocks. Our dreams of a double were, however, shattered by Paulstown less than a week later.

Our Under-21 team were well beaten by Windgap, while our Minor team put up a fine performance against the Shamrocks before going down in the last five minutes.

Our Juvenile committee did Trojan work with the youth of the parish, and, while no trophies were won, a lot of valuable groundwork for the future was done by Ben Walsh, John Manogue, Michael Cullen and John O'Keeffe.

At schools level, the Under-13 footballers had a great win over Kilmanagh in the County Cup Final. For the work done in the schools by our teachers, we are eternally grateful.

Work has begun on a running track in Grennan, and it is hoped that this will be open next summer. At inter-county level, we were represented by Paul Treacy and Billy O'Keeffe at Junior level, while Tadhg Feeney was a selector on this team.

Great credit is due to Brendan O'Sullivan for training the successful Kilkenny Under-21 team, and best of luck to Ollie Walsh in his quest for further success with the Senior team.

A special word of thanks to the County Board for honouring the Thomastown team of 1946 on Senior County Final day and for the very pleasant function afterwards in Newpark Hotel

Finally, many thanks to our main sponsors, Kavanagh Supermarket, and to all our other sponsors, and to Liam Burke for his work in Grennan.



**THOMASTOWN BOYS N.S. – INTER-CLASS LEAGUE FINALISTS 1994**  
*Back – Colm O'Neill, Philip Begley, William Hoyne, Gerard Mullally, Tony Dempsey, James Blanchfield.  
 Front – David Roche, Jason Burke, Richard Bolger, Michael Doyle (winner), Tommy Quinn, Jason Burke, Barry Maher.*



*Thomastown G.N.S. – Coaching with Bobby Jackman. Included is teacher Mrs. Brid O'Shea*



*Coaching at Thomastown B.N.S. with Bobby Jackman*



*Coaching at Thomastown G.N.S. Included are Bobby Jackman (coach) and Mrs. Brid O'Shea (teacher)*



## THREecastLES

Not a significant year by any manner of means. Emigration, and a few retirements, made things extremely difficult for the club during the year. Further complicated by second and third level examinations, the early part of the season is best forgotten.

Our Juniors, nevertheless, performed quite creditably against Erin's Own in the first round of the championship, and, but for a double stroke of misfortune near the end, might have surprised the 'Comer boys.

Doubt was expressed as to the future of the club, but a few wins in the Junior Open Draw competition soon put an end to such thoughts, and now, the lads are looking forward to 1995 with renewed confidence.

### ROCK CUP:

No hurling tournament took place this year because of the difficulty of getting suitable dates.

### PATTERN FESTIVAL:

Likewise, it was decided to drop the festival for a few years to regenerate interest, hoping, meanwhile, that the Irish summers might improve!

### ANNUAL SOCIAL:

This event, held in February in the Newpark Hotel, was an enjoyable occasion for 150 people, the highlight of the night being an exhibition by the Threecastles Set Dance group.

### ANNUAL WEEKEND TRIP:

This year's outing was to Ennis, Co. Clare. A hurling game was arranged by our great friend, Pat Hennebry. Clooney provided the opposition, and just managed to get the better of our boys by two points.

As the Leitrim Senior footballers had an outing against Clare, in Ennis, on the same weekend, it was extremely nice to share the hotel accommodation with this fine bunch of young men from the West. Another highlight of the trip was the chance meeting with Jimmy ("Puddin") Cullinane, the former Clare hurling great, who proved to be as flamboyant off the field as he was on it. He sent his best wishes to all his friends in Kilkenny, especially his old friend and foe, Eddie Keher.

### OBITUARY - JOHN MANOGUE

May 22nd, 1994, was indeed a sad day around Threecastles, as it marked the passing of a great Gael and friend, John Manogue.

John, as well as having played for



*Some members of Threecastles Club in Pat Henchy's Pub in Clooney, Co. Clare - Oct. 1994.*

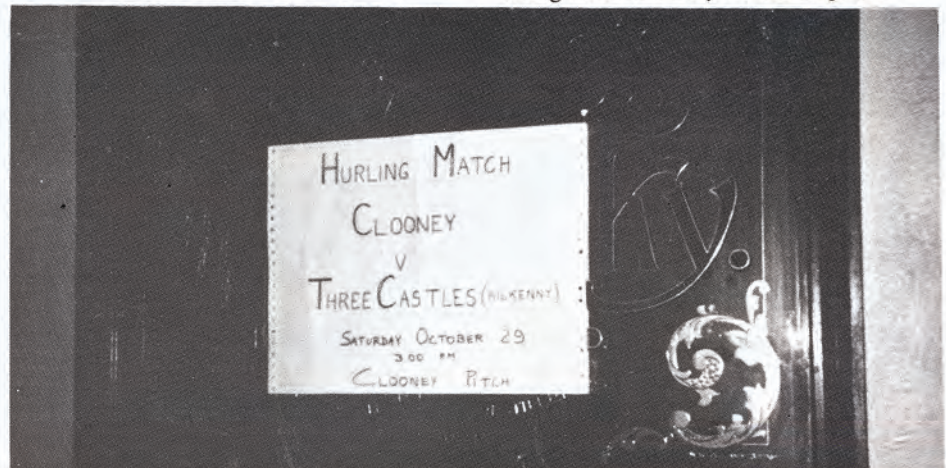


Threecastles, also played with the St. Lachtain's team which won Senior county titles in 1961 and 1963. Under no circumstances could he be described as a typical Kilkenny hurler, as his rather cumbersome style made him look "awkward", but he possessed a heart as big as Nelson's Pillar, and a hardened body to go with it.

In his favourite midfield spot, it was impossible to get the better of him. Many fine players who came up against him found him "all arms and elbows", and had great difficulty standing upright with him.

When the Threecastles club was reformed in 1984, John was to the fore. Whether it was organising fund-raising activities, preparing the playing field, or overseeing training, he was a natural leader. He was a selector with the Threecastles junior team which reached the Northern final in 1992, and was extremely proud of his achievement against all the odds. He always travelled on our annual visits to other counties, and made many friends, especially in Ballycastle, Co. Antrim. He rarely missed a game in which Kilkenny were involved.

Those of us who had reason to visit him in his home found his hospitality as big as his heart, and his popularity was well reflected by the great numbers of friends who came from all over the county to pay their last respects to a great Gael and gentleman. May he rest in peace.



*Noticed in a shop window in Ennis - October, 1994.*



## TULLAROAN

THERE CAN be no doubt that the highlight of 1994 was the historic victory in the County Senior Hurling Final. That moment when the final whistle sounded in Nowlan Park on Sunday, 9th October, heralded the release of a wave of emotion that warmed the hearts of Tullaroan people everywhere. The 36 years wait was over.

Men and women who had kept faith with the Green and White throughout the long years of waiting felt a great weight lift from their shoulders and were feeling young again, none more so than the veterans of the 1948 and 1958 victorious teams. Scenes of great joy and happiness exploded onto the pitch. This wonderful victory began to sink into the hearts and minds of Tullaroan people who were overjoyed and filled with emotion. The odd tear trickled down the faces of grown men. This surely was the proudest moment of their lives. It was a dream come true.

No more fitting captain ever lifted the Cup than Derek Gaffney. His acceptance speech touched the hearts of everybody, including the neutral supporters in the large crowd. Derek led by example throughout the year and his input to Tullaroan hurling during '94 was simply terrific. The thanks of the club goes to Derek, his gallant panel, the selectors, John Teehn and John Hall, and especially to trainer/selector Declan Connolly who had the team in driving form.

Bonfires blazed on the way to the village. People, young and old, danced around a huge fire at the village crossroads which was fuelled by big square and round bales of straw, quickly collected from nearby fields.

The Cup was filled and refilled and everybody took it in their hands, some to drink from it, more just to feel the precious metal. We had it now and we wanted very much to honour and enjoy its presence. A man came bursting through the crowd looking for his wife's false teeth. "Could be in the Cup!" People talked and talked. Every score was scored again and again until the dawning of a new day was upon us. The celebrations had started. When would they finish?

Tullaroan opened their hurling campaign with a draw against Glenmore. They had wins over St. Martin's, Shamrocks and lost to Graigue-Ballycallan. They were now through to the League semi-final and the quarter-finals of the championship. They played a draw with Dicksboro in the League, but lost the replay by a point. The panel of players were training hard and awaiting the draw for the championship. As in '92, we were drawn against Graigue-Ballycallan. There was a big build-up to this important game, classed by the media as a local derby, and so it turned out, with Graigue-Ballycallan having the upperhand in the early stages until Pat Doheny goaled just before half-time.

Tullaroan were more determined and full of spirit in the second half and went out clear winners.

We were drawn against the Fenians, Johnstown, in the semi-final. P.J. Delaney had a good game for Johnstown, scoring 1-9, the goal coming three minutes from time and putting the Fenians one point ahead. On the stroke of full-time, Dick Walsh had a great point for Tullaroan to draw the match.

The replay was eagerly awaited. Tullaroan were growing in confidence every day and were ready for the replay.



*John Breen, who won the Man of the Match trophy in the Roinn C minor final, which was won by Tullaroan. He will be a minor next year also.*

The backs played very well, midfield was supreme. Derek Gaffney and his fellow forwards were in top form. The Fenians tried hard, but had to settle for second best. We were now in a county final, our second in three years.

The parish was a hive of activity with flags and bunting being erected everywhere. Every pole and tree had a flag and a banner, or a number had five or six, depending on what part you lived in. The sportsfield was filled every evening with young boys and girls, men and women, all supporting their famous sons.

The Pat Treacy Sports Programme was never missed. The *Kilkenny People* was read from cover to cover wherever the name of Tullaroan was mentioned. People took great delight in it. We were waiting for 36 years. We were feeling anxious now. Fr. Michael Keoghan said, early in the year, that the cup had come out part of the Tullaroan Road to Dicksboro in 1993. Maybe it would come all the way this year. How right his prediction proved.

Many Tullaroan people travelled home from England and parts of Ireland to be with their friends on this happy occasion.

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Tullaroan Special Juniors went down to Blacks & Whites in the League and to Conahy Shamrocks in the championship.

The Under-21 team were beaten by Lisdowney in the first round of the championship.

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**TULLAROAN - SPECIAL JUNIORS**

*Front row (left to right) - Donal Doheny, Niall Keogh, John Hall, Philly Coogan, John Breen, Simon Walton, Laurence Cummins, Eamon O'Neill. Back row (left to right) - Anthony Dooley, Eamon Sweeney, Jimmy Glennon, David Glennon, Peter Butler, Fergal Moore, Michael Walsh, Pat Doheny, Ian Dowling, Derek Holmes, Dick Walsh.*

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)



# CLUBS

## ROUND - UP

### TULLAROAN - Contd.

#### JUVENILES

Our Minors won the Roinn C League and Championship. (See Bórd na nÓg report).

We were very fortunate to have five of the senior panel playing Minor. They were M. Maher, B. Teehan, D. Glennon, A. O'Dea and J. Breen. We had five men doing the Coaching Course, they were: Eamonn Campion, Bobby Sweeney, John Gleeson, Tom Cleere and John Hall.

The new Juvenile Referee for '94 was John Glennon.

#### UNDER 14s

The past year will be remembered as a very successful year for juvenile hurling. The Under-14s had a long campaign, starting in April with the Féile competition and finishing on a joyful note, winning the County Final. (See Bórd na nÓg report).

Tullaroan look forward to next year, playing in Roinn A. The medals were presented at a social in Palmerstown by Liam Keoghan and Derek Gaffney and a most enjoyable night was had by all.

Tullaroan Under-16 hurlers were defeated by Freshford in the first round of the championship. Jimmy Coogan and Eamonn Delaney played on Kilkenny Under-16 team this year.

Congratulations also to the Tullaroan National School Under-13 team who won the Roinn B championship and to Mr. Ned Kennedy, School Principal.

Congrats to Marie Maher who was on the Kilkenny Senior Camogie team which



Above, left, Michael Maher and, right, Barry Teehan. Michael played at corner-back for Tullaroan in the senior final and at centre-back in the minor final. He will be a minor next year also. Barry played at corner-forward in the senior final and scored the opening goal after only ten seconds. He was captain of the minor team which won the Roinn C final a week later. Tullaroan also had three other minors on the senior panel - David Glennon, John Breen and Adrian O'Dea.

won the All-Ireland final. Well done, also, to Philly Doheny, Dick Walsh and Derek Gaffney who won the All-Ireland Senior Inter-Firms hurling final with Avonmore.

Sincere thanks to all the club officials and members who helped in the running of the club this year. Congratulations especially to the club chairman, Eugene Walsh, who has been at the helm for four years now. He was there for the disappointment of 1992 and must be especially proud to lead Tullaroan in this historic year.

A special note of thanks goes to all those who sponsored the club for the county final, leaving it in a healthy finan-

cial state for the immediate future. The team and supporters who travelled to the Killeshin Hotel in Portlaoise for a night of celebration are sincerely grateful to Tom Walsh of the Killeshin who sponsored that memorable occasion.

Tullaroan Hurling Club wishes to sympathise with those families who were bereaved during the year, and, especially with the families of the following: Mrs. Ann Cleere, Paddy Webser, Pat Brennan, Joan Marshall, Jimmy Kerwick, Mick Maher (Curracloe) and Edward Delahunty (Palmerstown).

May they rest in peace.



Avonmore Foods plc became sponsors of all Kilkenny County Teams this year in an agreement which will operate to the end of the 1996 championship season. Pictured at the launch of the sponsorship agreement earlier this year are: (from left) Liam Mahon (Chairman - Kilkenny Handball Board), Kieran Meally (Chairman - Kilkenny Football Board), William Murphy, Director, Agricultural Trading Division, Avonmore Foods plc., Nickey Brennan (Chairman - Kilkenny G.A.A. County Board), Sheila Dowling (Chairperson - Kilkenny Camogie Board).

Photo: Toom Brett



## TULLOGHER-ROSBERCON

In 1994 the club created its own piece of history. Down through the years, almost since the foundation of the G.A.A. itself, football teams representing the parish have graced the playing fields of Kilkenny.

There have been quite a few successes along the way, and County titles brought home. But one title had so far eluded the Club. Since the inception of the Intermediate Football Championship a few years ago, Tullogher-Rosbercon teams have bowed out of the race at various stages of the competition, but this year all the promises and hopes of previous years would finally be brought to fruition.

On an unbeaten run through to the County Final, we had wins over Thomastown, Mooncoin and Conahy Shamrocks plus a draw with Piltown, enough to qualify for the decider. This was going to be a tough one, as we faced Piltown at Páirc na Seamróige, in Ballyhale.

Two fit, determined teams served up a fine game of football, with the result in doubt right up to the final whistle. Our lads started with a flourish, and rocket of a goal from Tom Doherty seemed to set us up for an easy victory which still looked on the cards at half-time as Tullogher-Rosbercon led by five points.

Piltown, however, had other ideas, and in a rip-roaring second half threw everything bar the kitchen sink at the Tullogher Rosbercon rearguard. But the men who held the fort coped extremely well and with the forwards clipping on a couple of



**TULLOGHER-ROSBERCON – SOUTHERN U-21 HURLING B FINALISTS**

*Back (l-r): Paudie Murphy, Colm Phelan, Martin Bookle, Enda Cummins, Thomas Healy, Joe Murphy, Dick Murphy (capt.), Ed. Hanrahan, Thomas Doherty, James Lyng, George Peters, Damien Cummins. Front (l-r): John Mullally, Ray Roche, Mark Malone, Eamon Ryan, John Lalor, Brian Aylward, Louis Gaule, Brian Walsh, Richard Walsh.*



**ROINN C TEAM**

*Back Row (l-r): Richard Gaule, Amby Malone, Stephen Cotterell, Simon Kennedy, Martin Malone, Martin Woods, Alan Malone, Joseph Croke. Andrew Murphy, Kieran Barron, Michael Grennan, Frank Madigan (Teacher). Front (l-r): Moling Cotterell, John Murphy, Eamonn Saunders, John Maher, Richard Murphy, Edward Conway, Michael Murphy, Brian McElwee, Mark O'Brien, John Fitzgerald, Tommy Maher, Martin Roche.*

vital points, the Tullogher-Rosbercon team went on to score a memorable victory and an historic first victory in the Intermediate grade.

Ed. Walsh was, as ever, sound in goal, whilst defenders Ed. O'Sullivan, John Walsh, Michael Bookle and Robbie Hennessy did trojan work.

At midfield, Tommy Morrissey was one of the best players on view with a tremendous workrate to his credit. In attack, Martin Bookle, Seamus Phelan, Seamus Murphy and Tom Doherty were top class, but the class of Joe Murphy shone brightly too.

So, having played a captain's part, a proud Robbie Hennessy accepted the cup from Kilkenny Football Board Chairman, Martin Meally.

In Intermediate hurling, we mixed the good with the bad. One win over St. Lachtain's, Freshford, and draws against Conahy Shamrocks and Graignamanagh were not enough to qualify us for the final

stages of the League. In the first round of the championship proper, a lacklustre display meant an early exit at the hands of Barrow Rangers. then in the first relegation play-off, a good win over St. Lachtain's, Freshford, meant a retention of Intermediate status in 1995.

The First team took part in the Roinn C championship and defeated Kilmacow, Conahy, Slieverue, Clara, Castlecomer, Bennettsbridge and Coon Muckalee, to qualify for the semi-final against Castlecomer, which they won convincingly. The final between Tullogher and Coon-Muckalee was a very exciting game with only one point separating the teams at the finish.

Our Roinn D team defeated Paulstown, Windgap, Carrickshock, St. Canice's, losing to Glenmore, to qualify for the semi-finals, where they played Moncenroe, and resulted in an exciting draw, in St. James's Park, Kilkenny, but were defeated by three points in the replay.



*Robbie Hennessy, captain of the Tullogher Rosbercon Intermediate Football team, receiving the Cup from Kieran Meally, chairman of the Kilkenny Football Board.*



In Special Junior Hurling, two wins over Windgap and Kilmacow, plus a walk-over from Mooncoin, set Windgap and Kilmacow, plus a walk-over from Mooncoin, set up a Southern final meeting with Glenmore. However, the Glenmore boys were too strong and went on to score a decisive victory.

At Minor level, there was no success, even though the minor hurlers turned in some fine displays.

Three of our well-known footballers of the 1930's passed on to their eternal rewards. John Grennan of Ballycurran was the mastermind of the glorious era of Tullagher Football in the 1930's. He was instrumental in getting a united team on the field and they took the Kilkenny Senior Football titles of 1930, 1931, 1934, 1936 and 1937, as well as the



ROINN D TEAM

Back Row (l-r): Laurence Ryan, Richard Gaule, Eoin Gorry, Martin Lanigan, Donal Phelan, Martin Woods, Eddie Mullally, Patrick Gaule, Mark O'Brien, Moling Cotterell, John Grennan, Dermot Heffernan. Front Row (l-r): Edward Conway, Colin Gorry, Thomas Mullally, Kieran Grennan, Martin Roche, Joseph McCarthy, Brian McElwee, Raymond Ryan, Philip Boyle, Declan Phelan, John Murphy.

Junior Football title of 1935. Truly an outstanding record for a small club.

Jimmy Purcell of Kilbrahan and Jimmy

O'Neill of Slievecorragh, who also died in 1994, were members of that 1935 Junior Football team.

# An interview with P.J. Delaney

By Richard Holden, Grannagh, fellow student of Waterford Regional Technical College

## Razor-sharp opportunist searching for new horizons

For P.J. Delaney, 1994 would always be a difficult year. The memories of his dream 1993 All-Ireland Final would disappear into oblivion if the standard of his performances for Club and County dropped. The Under-21 victory was probably the greatest achievement for the Fenians' attacker and also the most significant.

By his own admission, things had not been going too well and his achievements had dropped considerably from the aftermath of September 5th, 1993, up to June 26th, 1994.

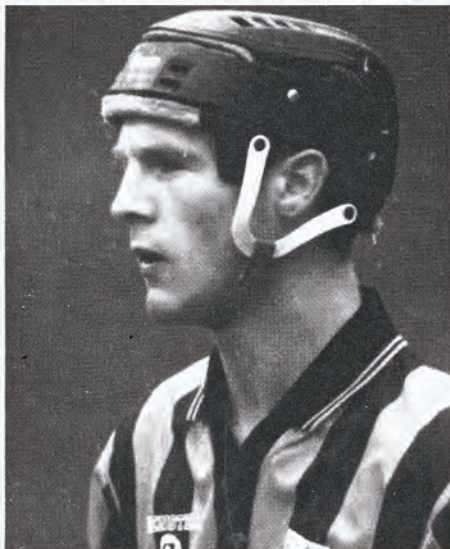
The Seniors defeat by Offaly relieved some pressure on the young 21-year-old – no longer the intense attention or the daunting prospect of 3-in-a-row. Delaney hit his best form against Waterford, and his brilliant goal against Galway helped finish '94 on a bright note; elevating him among the elite few who have won Minor, Under-21, and Senior All-Irelands.

The I.C.S.A. student has his own theories on why the 3-in-a-row dream collapsed. "Compared to other years, there was a lack of appetite amongst the players and we couldn't stay winning the whole time," he said.

Within the past few years, there have been growing demands for players to be paid for playing, and Delaney agrees with part of this Scheme. "For the effort required, players should be given some monetary benefits and not left totally isolated by the G.A.A.," he

remarked.

What annoys the young Johnstown native in today's ultra-competitive game of hurling? "At times, supporters are too critical. You are only as good as your last game and if you have an off-day, you can get a lot of unfair criticism." The lack of consistency applied in refereeing standards is another of Delaney's pet hates and he agrees that this aspect of the game requires urgent attention in the near future.



P.J. DELANEY

Regarding the increasing intimidation and off-the-ball tactics employed in today's matches, P.J. feels "There is much verbal abuse from

fellow players. However, one learns to accept that this is just part and parcel of the game and you must learn to take the rough with the smooth."

Since 1971, the All-Star system has been set up to reward the best players on an annual basis. However, in latter years, it has been subjected to much criticism – a view with which P.J. agrees. "To a certain extent," he says, "selection is not made from the best players. It is not very fair on the weaker counties who never have a hope of getting an All-Star. A balancing-up system is required." He feels that the media can have an adverse effect on inter-County players. "They can blow certain incidents out of proportion completely – it is very unfair on the players above all," he remarked.

Team managers have been the subject of much debate of late in Derry and Limerick. Regarding the role of the manager, Delaney insists: "The personality of the manager is very important. At the end of the day, the men on the line are as important as the players, when it comes to making the decisions."

At just 21, P.J. Delaney has the hurling world at his feet. He has the potential to develop into a top class "Cat" and join the ranks of Keher and Carey. There are few who would bet against the razor-sharp opportunist from Johnstown achieving that ambition in the near future.



## WINDGAP

When Windgap G.A.A. club held their 40th AGM, the greatest dreamer or optimist present could hardly have predicted the great successes that were in store for the year ahead. With interest and participation at an all-time high, club teams were involved in a plethora of finals.

### JUNIOR/UNDER-21:

The Junior team qualified for their first league final against Dunamaggin, having beaten Slieverue, Kilmacow, Glenmore and Piltown on the way. In what was described as the best Junior game in the county this year, Windgap were within sight of victory with five minutes to go. In a thrilling championship semi-final, Windgap beat Piltown for a second crack at Dunamaggin in the Southern Final.

At the same time, our team of the year, the Under-21's were setting out on their victorious match. A surprise win over Shamrocks, a close one with Piltown, and a good win over Thomastown saw Windgap into a Southern Final against Tullogher, where they recovered from an eight point deficit to snatch a draw.

Two Southern finals! The Juniors attracted a gate of £2,500 for their first final appearance since 1986. In the end a fiercely determined Barry Henriques-trained squad went down to favourites Dunamaggin 2-15 to 2-9.

A week later, the disappointment was exorcised when the Under-21's captured their first title in a classic, beating Tullogher after extra time in the replay. Two weeks later, the unbelievable happened when Windgap defeated Galmoy with an injury-time goal to become County Champions 2-11 to 1-12. The parish duly celebrated one of its greatest

victories.

### MINORS:

The minors, not to be outdone, qualified to meet Tullaroan in the County Final, having beaten Slieverue and Mooncoin B. A huge crowd attended the decider in Callan, but Tullaroan, buoyant after their senior success, proved too strong. In the League semi-final, Clonee came out on top. The footballers still await the start of their championships.

### UNDER-16:

The under-16's had a good run, beating Mooncoin and drawing with Kilmacow, before going down to Kilmacow in the championship and to the Shamrocks in the football competition.

### UNDER-14's:

A young under-14 side put in a great effort, qualifying for the final of the Leinster Mini-Féile in Wexford, and winning the Danesfort Tournament against Carrickshock. In the championship, they went down to a good Bennettsbridge team in hurling, and to Slieverue in football.

### SCHOOLS:

The under-13 side went down to eventual champions, Lisdowney, in the championship quarter final, and to Durrow in the Coca Cola Sevens at the same stage. In the INTO Sevens, they defeated Newmarket and Stoneyford to go down to Ballyhale.

### SPECIAL JUNIORS:

For the Special Juniors, a win over neighbours, John Lockes, was the highlight of the season.

### JUNIOR:

In the Junior Open Draw, an under-strength Windgap side went down to the Black & Whites at the semi-final stage. The Raparees (Wexford) ended the hopes

of three Carrigeen tournaments in a row.

### COUNTY PLAYERS:

On the County fields, Bobby Jackman and Seamus Power played on the Over-40's side, while Alan Hearne won his second Leinster Minor medal. Pat Foley and Pat Power lined out on the Southern selection.

A welcome development on the club front was the foundation of a camogie club in the school, the first in twenty years. In the Butler Cup, Piltown defeated Dunamaggin in the final.

Nine club members attended coaching courses, with many pupils travelling to the summer camps.

Off the playing fields, the club ran an Inter-County Table Quiz in Killamery, card games, buses, and had a number of winners in the Co. Board Co-op. Draw.

New jerseys, kit bags, togs etc. were sponsored by various supporters.

On the development front, planning permission for dressing rooms was granted, and figures for Lotto and field grants were sanctioned.

A start was made to collecting some of the club's history in conjunction with the Lory Meather project.

For the Handballers, it was another successful year with nineteen county medals and a number of school titles being won.

The wedding took place of Pat and Mary Foley (nee Cody).

County Chairman, Nicky Brennan, complimented the capacity audience at the Victory Celebrations in the Carraig Hotel, on the year's successful activities.

### CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Fr. Rob Raftice; Vice-Presidents: Dan Phelan, Tommy Walsh, Paddy Egan, James Power; Chairman:



**WINDGAP JUNIORS**

*Back Row (l-r): Walter Purcell, Alan Hawe, John Enright, Jimmy Cuddihy, Tommy Lanigan, Edmond Meehan, Ray Brawders, Keith Doran, Denis Foley, John McKenna, P.J. Barron, Paul Doran, Tom Egan, Gerry Meehan, Jimmy Purcell, Bobby Jackman, Pat Foley. Front Row: Richie McKenna, Colin Comerford, Vincent Meehan, William Walsh, Enda Walsh, P.J. Egan, Jimmy Walsh, Simon Brophy, Gay Doyle, Frank O'Brien, Pat Power, Seamus Power, Eamon Murray, Alan Hearne, Pat Walsh, Robert Jackman.*



Richard Barry; Vice-Chairman: Jim Phelan; Secretary: Simon Brophy; Co-op Draw: Frank O'Brien; Treasurer: Eamon Doyle; Membership/Insurance: P.J. Egan; P.R.O.: Jimmy Walsh; Co. Board Delegate: Jimmy Walsh; Football Secretary: Tom Mackey; Southern Board Delegate: Paddy Egan; Primary Schools:

Shem Power; Committee: Richard Barry, Simon Brophy, Jim Phelan, Eamon Doyle, P.J. Egan, Jimmy Walsh, Pat Moore, Denis Foley, Frank O'Brien, Tom Mackey; Trainer: Barry Henriques; Groundsman: George Waters; Trustees: James Power, Richard Barry, Tom Mackey; Camogie Committee: Mary Molloy, Frances

Mackey, Pat Moore; Handball Committee: John Ryan, Jimmy Walsh, Nicholas Hawe, P.J. Egan; Juvenile Committee: Sadie Bacon, John Kenny, Bobby Jackman, George Waters, Eamon Doyle, Seamus Power, Denis Foley, P.J. Egan, Tom Mackey.



WINDGAP – MINOR COUNTY FINALISTS 1994

Back Row (l-r): P.J. Egan (Trainer), Fintan Kenny, Paul McKenna, Paddy Downey, Alan Hearne, Noel Power, George Waters, Joe Murray, Keith Doran, Niall Kenny, Ray Brawders, Denis Foley (Trainer). Front Row (l-r): Aidan Mackey, Laurence Doyle, Matthew Enright, P.J. Barron (capt.), Alan Hawe, James Murray, Noel Enright, Enda Hawe, Sean Power, Darragh Guinan.

## YOUNG IRELANDS

### SENIORS:

We had thrills and spills for our second year running contesting League and Championship. Having gained six points in the League, and needing two more points to see us through to the quarter-finals, we were denied by Tullaroan.

Although we were short six of the panel for this game, it was nevertheless there for the taking. Fair play, however, to Tullaroan, they are County Champions.

Short two senior players, brothers Pat and John Kennedy, Gowran failed to the more experienced Ballyhale Shamrocks in the opening round of the championship. Relegation was now in sight as they next faced John Lockes, but trainer Paddy Prendergast, with selectors, Tom Carroll and Michael Hayes fielded a new-look side, a move which paid handsome dividends.

This was one of Gowran's finest games, showing competitiveness and potential. If this team can get the three D's together – dedication, determination and discipline, there's no doubt but that they will be County champions before long.

### SPECIAL JUNIOR A:

This team, guided by Jim Carter, Pat Hutchinson and Tom Kehoe, reached the semi-final stage of the league. They played old rivals Graigue/Ballycallan in the first round of the championship. This side has never been found wanting and deserves to win a championship.

### UNDER-AGE:

The under-21's failed in the first round of the championship to O'Loughlins. The minors had a very good year, reaching semi-final stage only to be beaten by



TOMMY PHELAN

O'Loughlins. They were beaten in the semi-final of the league by a much stronger John Lockes's side. Michael Kehoe (in his early twenties), the trainer of this team is to be admired and congratulated for a job well done. John Comerford has never flinched his responsibilities for all under-age grades. His endless dedication to the vital under-16, 14 and 13 age groups is invaluable.

### MASTERS:

Charlie Carter has helped in no small way to get his side through to the All-Ireland final. He has always been a dedicated and active member of his club, and the club is very proud of Charlie's achievements to date.

Congratulations also to Martin Carey on winning an All-Ireland Under-21 hurling medal, and to Eoin Drea and Dick Carroll who represented Kilkenny at Under-16 level. Pat O'Neill and D.J. Carey continue to fly the Gowran flag on

the Kilkenny Senior team, and, of course, both are current All Stars, a fact of which we are very proud. Further congratulations to D.J. on becoming World Under-23 Handball Champion in both singles and doubles.

### CLUB:

The club has undertaken to construct ladies' and gents' toilets, a project which is scheduled to begin in the new year. Money is always a big factor in keeping the club afloat, and the committee work endlessly to keep the grounds in peak condition.

### SYMPATHIES:

The club was shocked by the untimely death of Tommy Phelan R.I.P. in February of this year. Tommy, in his early fifties, passed away after a short illness. He played his hurling with his native Clara at Minor and Junior levels. As a young man, he moved to his adopted parish, Gowran, where he became involved with the local club, acting as selector on many under-age teams.

He was a selector with the Special Junior team which won the 1985 County Final, one of his proudest days. He spearheaded the draining of the hurling field, and was deeply involved with the sowing of the shelter belt. Tommy Phelan is sadly missed by all G.A.A. persons and by his whole parish.

The sympathy of the club goes to his wife Joan, his daughter Siobhán, his sons Ciarán, Michael and Liam, and his brothers and sisters. May he rest in peace.

The club wishes to extend its sincere sympathy to all bereaved families within our parish who were bereaved during the past year. Ar dheis Dé go raibh anamnacha na marbh.



# Supermacs Under-14 Hurling

## James Stephen's, light years ahead of the field

It was not the fault of James Stephen's that they won the Supermac's under-14 championship by the proverbial "city block". This competition was as close to farcical comedy as you will ever get on a G.A.A. pitch.

Outside of the Dicksboro club, whom the Village beat by 21 points in the final, none of the rest of the competing teams could manage to get within 40 points of the city giants. We are talking here of quality teams like Graigue/Ballycallan, Rower/Inistioge, Dunnamaggin and O'Loughlin Gaels. If such hammerings were to continue, then it is very debatable whether this competition would continue in its present format. In the final, the 'Boro were just a goal

behind at the break, but the flood-gates opened in the second half, and the final score was James Stephen's 6-13, Dicksboro 2-4.

**James Stephen's:** Joe Murphy, David Delaney, Ian Morrissey, Peter O'Neill, Hugh Gannon, John Morgan, Alan Dunne, John Cullen, Shane Egan, Patrick O'Brien, Brian O'Dwyer, Karl Conroy, Nigel Skehan, Shane O'Grady, Joey Murray.

**Dicksboro:** Brian Barry, Thomas Hackett, Peter Brennan, Andrew Lowry, Stephen Rochford, Alan Barry, Mark Massey, Timmy Clifford, Paul McKee, Dessie Treacy, Cillian Breathnach, Mark Donnelly, Derek O'Gorman, Jason Dempsey, Padraig Lacey.

**Subs:** Gerard Hayes, Brendan Tobin.

## TULLAROAN WIN ROINN "B" CHAMPIONSHIP

Not since 1950 have Tullaroan won the under-14 Roinn "B" championship. They made no mistakes this year, however, as they beat Mullinavat in the final by 1-13 to 2-4. At half time, the score stood at Tullaroan 1-4, Mullinavat 1-3. Best for Tullaroan were Richard Holland, John Coogan, Patrick Campion, Ritchie Cleere, Ned Sweeney and Christ Maher.

For Mullinavat, P. J. Aylward, John Paul Dungan, Brian Butler, Tony Duggan, Conor Conway and Andrew McGovern performed brilliantly.



James Stephen's - Co. U-14 Champions 1994. Front row (l. to r.): Brian Tyrrell, Joe Murphy, Alan Dunne, Eoin O'Neill (captain), Paddy O'Brien, Nigel Skehan, Eoghan Walsh, Peter O'Neill, Jackie Tyrrell, Mark Hoban, Richard Hayes. Back row (l. to r.): Gary Whelan, -Hugh Gannon, Karl Conroy, Ian Morrissey, Joe Murray, John Cullen, Brian O'Dwyer, Shane Egan, John Morgan, David Delaney, Dermot Ryan, Bryan Skehan, Shane O'Grady, Niall Grogan.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



Mullinavat - Under-14 Roinn B hurling championship runners-up: Mullinavat under-14: Front row (l. to r.) Damien Conway, Denis Butler, Philip Dungan, Andrew McGovern, John Rohan, Patrick Butler, Walter Burke, Tony Duggan, Tommy Holden, Damien Madigan, Brian Kennealy, Sean Sutton, William Duggan. Back row (l. to r.) Andrew Duggan, Mark Kennealy, John Paul Dungan, Conor Conway, Keith Madigan Damien Aylward, Eoin Maher, Michael Murphy, P. J. Aylward, Mark Coughlan, Tomás Reid, Michael Walsh, S. Knox, Andrew Frisby, Liam Kennealy (trainer)

(Photo: Tom Brett)



**Tullaroan:** Richard Holland, Tommy Walsh, Jimmy Cleere, Edmond Campion, Ken Coogan, Martin Kennedy, Liam Breen, John Coogan, Patrick Campion, Paul Doheny, Christ Maher, Tom Fitzgerald, Ned Sweeney, Richie Cleere, Shane Hennessy.

**Mullinavat:** P. J. Aylward, Brian Butler, Walter Burke, Sean Sutton, Tony Duggan, Andrew Duggan, John Paul Dungan, Mark Kennealy, Keith Madigan, Andrew McGovern, Michael Murphy, Eoin Maher, Denis Butler, Conor Conway, Damien Aylward.

#### CLARA TAKE SUPERMAC "C"

As in the Roinn "A", Clara were far too good for all-comers in the Roinn "C" title race. The Village could do nothing about their situation as they were competing in the highest grade possible. However, a system that allows a team compete in an 11-a-side league competition, and win it "looking back", and makes no attempt to redress the situation for the on-coming

championship leaves a lot of questions to be answered. Nevertheless, Clara won the final by a whopping twenty-six points. They beat an unfortunate Danesfort by 8-11 to 2-3, and I'm sure that didn't do much good for the state of hurling at under-age level in Danesfort. They were a great team to get to the final, considering they had a young girl playing at full-forward. Take a bow Pamela Ireland.

**Clara:** Martin Keely, Martin Prendergast, Richard Nolan, Tommy Dowling, Trevor Murphy, Adrian Fitzpatrick, Ger Byrne, John Prendergast, T. J. Fitzgerald, David Mulrooney, Padraig Langton, Brian Phelan, John Bambrick, Gordon Byrne, Mark Shortall.

**Danesfort:** Derry Kearney, Patrick Mulhall, Owen Cunningham, Benny Mulhall, Thomas Ryan, Tim Murphy, Alan Pembroke, Padraig Forristal, James Mullins, Nigel O'Hara, Joe Synnott, Brian Manogue, Tony Woodcock, Pamela Ireland, Shem Hurley.

Clara also won the 11-a-side league title. They hammered Bennettsbridge by

4-16 to 0-7.

#### JAMES STEPHENS WIN FÉILE FOR FOURTH TIME

The youngsters of James Stephen's blazed a trail through the "Féile", that left nothing but broken hearts, burned grass and wonderment in their wake. They are still the only Kilkenny team to have won the famed "Cloyne Tower". The team was brilliantly prepared by Tom Keane, Matt Ruth and Val Malone. They played their hosts for the week-end, Mungret of Limerick, and they experienced little discomfort in beating them by 7-8 to no score.

Next to fall were Athenry from Galway. They fared a little better than Mungret, going down by 2-12 to 1-1. The third round saw Adare from Limerick fall, rather heavily, and in the semi-final the Kilkenny kids played Patrickswell, again from Limerick. This was the toughest battle the Village got. They eventually won by 5-3 to 2-2. The final pitted Cork champions, St. Finbarr's against



Tullaroan Under-14 Roinn "B" champions – front row (l. to r.) D. Cleere, S. Hennessy, K. Coogan, S. Glennon, T. Walsh, N. Sweeney, P. Campion (captain), E. Campion, N. Maher, M. Connolly, P. Doheny, S. Hennessy. Back row (l. to r.) Eamon Campion (coach), M. Walsh, R. Cleere, J. Holland, J. Pollard, L. Breen, C. Maher, M. Óg Kennedy, J. Coogan, T. Fitzgerald, R. Holland, J. Cleere, Tom Cleere (selector), M. Maher

(Photo: Tom Brett)



Clara – Roinn C under-14 Champions 1994. Front row (l. to r.): J. O'Keeffe, M. Barcoe, F. Treacy, M. Shortall, F. Knox, J. Brennan, M. Kealy, G. Byrne, A. Fitzpatrick (captain), J. Bambrick, T. Dowling, G. Prendergast, E. Kealy. Back row (l. to r.) John Dowling (trainer), G. Byrne, R. Nolan, N. Hoyne, J. Prendergast, D. Mulrooney, P. McDonald (selector), T. J. Fitzgerald, P. Langton, B. Phelan, T. Murphy, M. Prendergast, T. Brennan, M. Prendergast (selector)

(Photo: Tom Brett)





*Dicksboro U-14 Football Runners-Up (Roinn A) Back row: Michael Gibbons, Peter Long, Niall Gallagher, Ronan O'Higgins, Ronan Cahill, Brendan Tobin, Cillian Breathnach, Jason Dempsey, Mark Donnelly, Thomas Hackett, Michael Byrne, Michael Mullins, Peter Brennan, Mark Massey, Sean Butler, Dan Campion, John Trait. Front row: Niall Bambrick, Kieran Cuddihy, Conor O'Loughlin, Bobby Lawlor, Jonathan Knox, Gerard Hayes, Padraig Lacey, Timmy Clifford (captain), Brian Barry, Derek O'Gorman, Dessie Treacy, Ian Deegan, Andrew Lowry, Stephen Rochford.* (Photo: Tom Brett)



*James Stephen's U-14 Roinn A football champions – Back row: Brian Mulhall, Gary Whelan, Brian Tyrrell, Brian O'Dwyer, John Cullen, Karl Conroy, Dermot Ryan, Joe Murray, Shane O'Grady, Hugh Gannon, Alan Fitzpatrick, Ian Morrissey, Eoin O'Neill. Front row (l. to r.): Niall Grogan, Peter O'Neill, David Delaney, Brian Rogers, Kieran Keane, Shane Egan, John Morgan, Alan Dunne, Gary Owens, Joe Murphy.* (Photo: Tom Brett)

Kilkenny's best. It was nearly a "no contest". Village hero, Shane Egan scored 2-4 of his side's total of 2-9, and it was all over. Eoin O'Neill collected the Christy Ring Trophy, and the Village headed home.

**James Stephen's:** Joe Murphy, David Delaney, Ian Morrissey, Peter O'Neill, Alan Dunne, John Morgan, Eoin O'Neill, Hugh Gannon, John Cullen, Paddy O'Brien, Brian O'Dwyer, Karl Conroy, Shane Egan, Shane O'Grady, Joey Murray.

**VILLAGE DO THE DOUBLE**

As in the hurling, James Stephen's dominated their football championship also. Again their opponents in the final were the Dicksboro team. The village won this one by 4-12 to 1-3. The loss of one of their better players, Alan Barry, didn't help the 'Boro cause. At half time the 'Stephens led by 3-5 to 1-0.

**James Stephen's:** Alan Fitzpatrick, Dermot Ryan, Ian Morrissey, Alan Dunne, Eoin O'Neill, John Morgan, Brian O'Dwyer, Hugh Gannon, Shane

Egan, Joey Murray, John Cullen, Karl Conroy, Gary Owens, Shane O'Grady, Joey Murphy.

*Subs:* Brian Rogers, Niall Grogan, Brian Mulhall.

**Dicksboro:** Brian Barry, Brendan Tobin, Ger Hayes, Ian Deegan, Cillian Breathnach, Peter Brennan, Stephen Rochford, Mark Massey, Mark Donnelly, Derek O'Gorman, Timmy Clifford, Padraig Lacey, Andrew Lowry, Jason Dempsey, Dessie Treacy.

**ROWER/INISTIIGE WIN ROINN "B" FOOTBALL**

After a titanic struggle, the Rower-Inistioge won the Roinn "B" football championship at the expense of a gallant Clara outfit. This was a great game of football, with fortunes swaying towards Clara initially, and then towards the south Kilkenny lads at the finish. The star of the show was Paul Sheehan who scored every one of the Rower-Inistioge scores – a total of 3-4. In addition to Paul, others to play

well for Rower-Inistioge were Tom Cassin, David Murphy, Richard Tierney, Tom Doyle, Mark Cummins and Niall Lyng.

For Clara, none played better than Trevor Murphy, Peter Roche, John Prendergast, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Gordon Byrne, John Bambrick, Mark Shortall and Brian Phelan.

The final score was Rower-Inistioge 3-4, Clara 3-2.

**Rower-Inistioge:** Tom Cassin, Michael Hackett, David Murphy, Donal Brennan, P. J. Wilmott, Richard Tierney, Brian Murphy, Tom Doyle, Mark Cummins, Eamon Lyster, Paul Sheehan, Sean Cassin, Paddy Cleary, Niall Lyng, Joe Mooney.

*Sub:* Paul Knox.

**Clara:** Fintan Treacy, Martin Prendergast, Padraig Langton, Trevor Murphy, Michael Barcoe, John Prendergast, Peter Roche, David Mulrooney, Adrian Fitzpatrick, T. J. Fitzgerald, Brian Phelan, John Bambrick, Martin Kealy, Gordon Byrne, Mark Shortall.



# Nenagh Co-Op Tournament

By: Richard Stone

Kilkenny's challenge for honours in the 1994 Nenagh Co-Op U-16 tournament was short-lived. The Noresiders failed to get past the league stage of the competition. Kilkenny's main problem in this competition is one of timing. It is run off at a time when the local minor and U-16 championships are reaching a climax, thus depriving the selectors of the services of many of the county's best players.

Nevertheless, they got off to a good start to this year's competition with a narrow victory over Wexford in Ballyhale. That game was played in atrocious conditions after heavy overnight rain. In complete contrast, their second round match against Tipperary, in Ballyragget, was played in ideal conditions on a perfect day for hurling. Unfortunately, Kilkenny's form didn't match the weather and the Tipperary boys ran out winners on the score 3-4 to 1-6.

Their final game in the competition against Waterford was played at the Mount Sion grounds and here, again, conditions were ideal. Once again, the Noresiders were unable to field their strongest team. However, the Kilkenny side put up a great fight before going under to a very good Waterford team by six points, 2-9 to 1-6.

The Noreside mentors called up almost forty players for duty during the tournaments, including:

P. Mulally (Kilmacow), L. Cahill (St. Lachtain's), L. Walsh (Mooncoin), P. Walsh (Dicksboro), E. Mackey (Mooncoin), R. Mulally (Glenmore), M. Kavanagh (St. Lachtain's), N. Hickey (St. Lachtain's), J. P. Corcoran (John Locke's), G. Kirwan (Mooncoin), E. Delaney (Tullaroan), D. Delaney (Galmoy), M. Long (Piltown), K. Dunphy (Mooncoin), L. Kelly (Mooncoin), R. Barry (Dicksboro), E. Drea (Young Ireland's), A. Walpole (Bennettsbridge), A. Cummins (Shamrocks), M. Fogarty (James Stephens), P. Whelan (Blacks and Whites), N. O'Gorman (Dicksboro), R. Walsh (Tullogher-Rosbercon), S. Dowling (O'Loughlin's), A. Geoghegan (O'Loughlin's), C. Nolan (John Locke's), B. Holohan (O'Loughlin's); T. Nolan (John Locke's), J. Phelan (St. Patrick's), M. Hoyne (Graigue/Ballycallan), J. Hickey (Dunnamaggin), J. Cullinane (Graigue/-

Ballycallan), S. Millea (Graigue/Ballycallan), B. O'Shea (Dunnamaggin).

Kilkenny had some very impressive performers throughout the tournament. Peter Mulally was a sound goalkeeper, Michael Kavanagh, Richie Mulally, James Cullinane and Eddie Mackey all proved to be very capable defenders. Niall Hickey played consistently well at midfield while in attack Richie Barry, Brian O'Shea, Brian Power, Jimmy Power, Jimmy Coogan were best.

The Kilkenny scorers during the tournament were:

J. Coogan 0-8; R. Barry 2-1, B. Power 1-2, A. Hoyne 1-1, B. O'Shea 0-2, A. Cummins 0-1, S. Millea 0-1, G. Kirwan 0-1.

## Inter-county U-14 Hurling

*Leinster League*

**Kilkenny's Under-14 hurlers cruised through the preliminary rounds of the inaugural Leinster League with victories over Laois, Wexford and Kildare to set up a final meeting with Wexford who had finished runners-up in the group.**

The final proved a much more difficult game for the Noresiders than their earlier meeting. In fact, with just ten minutes remaining in the final, Wexford were leading by three points and looked certain of victory. The Kilkenny mentors made a number of changes at this stage which had immediate and devastating effect. Kilkenny added four points without reply in those tense closing stages to record a one point victory on the score 1-8 to 3-1.

## Tony Forristal Tournament

Exactly one week after their Leinster league success, Kilkenny travelled to Waterford to take part in the Annual Tony Forristal Tournament. The Kilkenny team was backboned by players from the James Stephen's team that had swept all before them

on their way to the National Féile na nGael title. Hopes were high that a twelve year famine would end in 1994. The opening day of the tournament saw Kilkenny dispose of the challenges of Antrim (8-11 to 1-2) and Dublin (6-5 to 1-9) to qualify for the semi-final and a crack at a hotly fancied Limerick side. After an even enough first half, the Noresiders completely dominated the second period and ran out winners on the score 5-13 to 1-2.

Galway provided the opposition in the final on a breezy Sunday morning at the Waterford Crystal Sports Grounds. Kilkenny dominated the opening half but failed to convert their superiority into scores. They led by 0-6 to 0-2 at the break having played with a strong breeze. A Galway goal early in the new half brought them right back into the game and from there on in, they dominated the game as the Kilkenny challenge collapsed. Final score: Galway 3-7 to Kilkenny 0-8.

Kilkenny had some fine performers over the weekend. None did better than Noel Hickey, Hugh Gannon, John Morgan and Ian Morrissey in defence. John Cullen did well at midfield while up front Paul Sheehan, Shane Egan, Shane O'Grady and Joey Murray all did well. Kilkenny Scorers: Shane Egan 8-6, Joey Murray 5-5, Paul Sheehan 2-11, John Cullen 0-7, Paddy O'Brien 1-4, Shane O'Grady 3-0, Pat Morrissey (0-4).

**Kilkenny panel:** J. Power (Carrickshock), D. Delaney (James Stephen's), J. Morrissey (James Stephen's), M. Hickey (Dunnamaggin), C. Heritty (Dunnamaggin), J. Morgan (James Stephen's), H. Gannon (James Stephen's), J. Cullen (James Stephen's), P. Morrissey (St. Lachtain's), P. Sheehan (Rower-Inistioge), B. O'Dwyer (James Stephen's), P. O'Brien (James Stephen's), J. Murray (James Stephen's), S. O'Grady (James Stephen's), S. Egan (James Stephen's), E. O'Neill (James Stephen's), J. Coogan (Tullaroan), J. Murphy (James Stephen's), B. Minogue (St. Lachtain's), G. Cleere (Graigue/Ballycallan), B. Phelan (Clara).

*The following players were also on the panel for the Leinster League:*

P. J. Aylward (Mullinavat), E. Heneberry (Mooncoin), K. Breathnach (Dicksboro), J. Doyle (Rower-Inistioge), D. Dowling (Lisdowney), K. Moore (Dunnamaggin), K. Conroy (James Stephen's).



# SUMMER CAMPS

By JOE DUNPHY

ALMOST 750 boys and girls from all over the county attended the hurling coaching courses this year. The four venues were as last year – Ballyhale and Lisdowney on the first week and O'Loughlin's and Piltown on week two. The facilities and co-operation at all four venues were outstanding. This year, in addition to hurling, handball coaching was introduced with Tommy O'Brien and Liam Mahon providing the expertise.

No amount of praise is too high for the great interest shown by the County Senior hurlers. It is wonderful to realize the interest they have in the school children. They give freely and willingly of their time – time they can probably ill afford – to offer tips, answer questions, sign hundred of autographs and make so many children so very happy. From the children, their parents and the coaches, a sincere thank you to D.J. Carey, Joe Walsh, Pat Dwyer, John Power, Liam Keoghan, Michael Walsh and Adrian Ronan.

Another enjoyable aspect of this year's camps was the fact that Barrie Henriques from Radio Kilkenny managed to get to some of the venues and interviewed the children in his own inimitable way. Our thanks to you, too, Barrie. All the signs are that hurling and handball are alive and well in Co. Kilkenny.

The enthusiasm shown by the children and the coaches was fantastic. Every skill to be practised and every game to be played was approached with the fervour of an All-Ireland Final. The Northern and City venues were co-ordinated by John Knox while Joe Dunphy took charge of the two Southern venues.

The coaches, who were very dedicated, were Brendan O'Sullivan, James Cahill, Martin Hanrick, Kathleen Quigley, Sinéad Millea, Richard Mulrooney, Noel Power, John Bolger, Niall Sheehan, Brian Waldron, Dick O'Neill, Tom Duggan and Ann Holland, while full-time coaches, Briain Ryan and Bobby Jackman, were also hard at work.

Rath Dé ar' an obair.



SUMMER CAMP – PILTOWN 1994



SUMMER CAMP – LISDOWNEY 1994



SUMMER CAMP – BALLYHALE 1994



SUMMER CAMP – O'LOUGHLIN'S 1994

Helpful hints . . . Four members of the Burke family, pupils of Kilmanagh N.S. – Adrienne, Michael, Keith and Raymond.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# Mooncoin came up smelling of roses on "Walsh's Day"

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

It was one of those stunning occasions when an individual surpassed the excellence of the majority effort, and without meaning or wanting to, jumped out from the crowd and stole the lion's share of the plaudits. Forevermore, the Kilkenny intermediate hurling final of 1994, featuring winners, Mooncoin and vanquished, Clara will be remembered as "Walsh's Day".

While not taking from what was an efficient, disciplined, and hugely impressive team performance, it would be remiss of one not to put the breath-taking display of Mooncoin full-forward, Michael Walsh just ahead of Mooncoin's second victory in the championship.

If he lives to be 100, Walsh won't have another day on a sportsfield anywhere like Sunday, October 16, 1994. It was the occasion when he lived Andy Warhol's testimony on life that "everyone was entitled to their day in the sun", or sentiments to that effect.

Certainly, the 33-year-old was in blinding form. The final score was 2-14 to 1-9. Walsh put his name on 2-8 (six points frees), which meant that alone, he surpassed the combined efforts of the Clara players. You get days when absolutely everything you try comes off. Michael Walsh hit that occasion, and both himself and Mooncoin were the beneficiaries.



Michael Walsh on his way to receive "Man of the Match" Award.

(Photo: J. O'Neill)

## ABSOLUTE GEMS:

Not alone did Walsh plunder a rich booty, but some of the individual pieces were absolute gems. The match was no more than three minutes old when Tom Murphy put the ball into the danger zone, and with a crisp, precise strike from 21 yards, the full-forward arrowed the ball into the net. A contender for "goal of the season", against all comers.

His second goal before half-time wasn't perhaps of the same high quality, but it wasn't far short. This time that ever-hungry and admirable competitor, Domo Connolly blazed through the Clara - his native parish incidentally - defence and threw a well placed hand-pass forward that fell just right in front of Walsh.

Another spot-on strike. Goalie J. J. Ward hadn't a chance. The net bulged again. Clara suffered a lot of damage at the hands of one man. The losers were 0-5 to 2-6 down at the interval, and probably cursed a man called Walsh.

This final, which wrote a bright closing chapter to an otherwise ordinary championship, was really only warming up during the first half, apart from Michael Walsh's own show, that is.

Clara, beaten just once during the League, and that in the semi-finals, and facing an empty season if put down again, went for the jugular.

## NEW BALL GAME:

Shrewd team switches, after the change around, hyped-up the Clara effort. Lester Ryan, Robert Shortall, Colman and Kevin Ryan gave the lead, and dragged enormous good out of Joe Casey, Liam Byrne, James Langton and Michael Fitzgerald. We had a whole new ball game, folks! For twenty minutes Mooncoin were tossed about with unmerciful force on a hurling



Mooncoin - Back in the Big Time - Mooncoin captain John Mahon receives the Hanrahan Cup from Nickey Brennan, Co. Board Chairman, after Mooncoin won the Intermediate hurling county final. Michael Hayes (Sales Manager Vale Oil) sponsors of the Intermediate Championship looks over Mr. Brennan's right shoulder.

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)



storm largely generated by the opposition.

The likes of Joe Murphy, Domo Connolly, Tom Murphy, Eamon Mackey, Jimmy Dunphy and, of course, Michael Walsh, gritted their teeth, rolled up the sleeves and got stuck in. They needed to, because Clara pumped home 1-2 within five action packed minutes of the change of ends.

Into the last quarter, the title was up for grabs. Clara were very much in the hunt (2-8 to 1-9), and not one of them appeared to understand the meaning of the phrase 'go back'. It was all or nothing for them.

Only to be expected it was that man Michael Walsh who punctured Clara's efforts when fully blown. He slipped over a brace of sweetly taken points to take off the heat. The losers just hadn't it in them to mount another revival. They conceded four more scores to give Mooncoin a margin of victory that was at slight variance with the on-field action.

An amusing aside about this final was that it was watched from the Stand, or rather press-box, by Mooncoin trainer-coach, Johnny Walsh, who had been banished from the sidelines following an exchange of views with a referee weeks earlier. The passionate Mr. Walsh kept in touch with fellow selectors, John Crowley, Noel Doyle and Joe Walsh via a mobile 'phone.

To say he nearly went down the 'phone a few times is an understatement, but you could see his heart and soul was in what he was doing. His passion for the game obviously rubbed off on his charges.

#### MOONCOIN'S BEST:

The display in the final was, without question, Mooncoin's best by a street this season. During the League, they mixed the good with the bad, and three wins over the Rower-Inistioge, Tullogher-Rosbercon and St. Lachtain's (Freshford) were not enough to earn them inclusion in the semi-finals.



Before battle lines were drawn! Clara captain Kevin Ryan (on left) and Mooncoin captain John Mahon, flank Paddy Neary (Referee) prior to the Vale Oil Intermediate Hurling Final. (Photo: J. O'Neill)

The championship performances were patchy enough. In the end, it was easy enough against Bennettsbridge. The quarter-final against Graignamanagh in Ballyhale led to Mr. Walsh's brush with the authorities, after a tie in which the referee was the busiest man on the field.

In the semi-final against Carrickshock, the Suirsiders slipped through by 1-11 to 1-7. The 'Shock just couldn't score, and at least three times during the closing half, they saw bullets whiz just the wrong side of the posts.

There was no question about the quality of Mooncoin's performance in the final. They played well, and looked like racing away with their second title to go with the one won in 1990. Then a hiccup. And when it was really put up to them, they were not found wanting in the gripping battle for the Hanrahan Cup.

Their return to the senior championship next season won't be easy. But in their best form, they should have few worries.

**Mooncoin team in county final:** Mark Tyler, Paddy Crowley, John Mahon (captain), Michael Kinsella, Jimmy Dunphy, Joe Murphy, Pat Doyle, Domo Connolly, Trevor Dunphy, Pat Hogan, Tom Murphy, Ger O'Shea, Michael Purcell, Michael Walsh, Eamon Mackey.

**Subs:** Eddie Crowley, Jack Kearns (used), Andy Phelan, Davy Phelan, Billy Quinn, Eamon Delahunty, Noel Phelan, Michael Comerford.

**Clara:** J. J. Ward, Eamon Whearty, Johnny Ryan, James Langton, Liam Byrne, Kevin Ryan, Michael Fitzgerald, Joe Casey, Brendan Barcoe, Martin Carrigan, Coleman Ryan, Anthony Prendergast, Lester Ryan, Pat Barcoe, Robert Shortall.

**Subs:** John Nolan (used); Michael Nolan, Willie Carrigan, Paschal Connolly, John Shortall, Eamon Phelan, Andy Casey, Maurice Treacy, Michael Langton, Paraic Brennan, Mark Galvin.

**Referee:** Paddy Neary (James Stephen's).



Mooncoin goalie, Mark Tyler avoids Anthony Prendergast (Clara) to escape with the ball.

(Photo: J. O'Neill)



# The Hurling Year - Stephens Barracks 1994

By: John Sheridan  
Battalion Sergeant Major.

THE YEAR just concluded again proved to be a very successful one for the hurlers of James Stephens Barracks. Coming into 1994, the 30 Inf. Bn were the holders of the Inter Unit Championship (Chaplain's Cup), whilst the Curragh Command were the holders of the Inter-Command Hurling Championship.

The question on everyone's lips was – could the double be repeated in 1994? Due to having a large number of our hurlers in Lebanon early in the year, preparation for the defence of the Chaplain's Cup did not run smoothly. Our first game in the year's campaign was against the Army Apprentice School from Naas.

This game was played on a bright Friday afternoon in Nowlan Park, and, despite the Apprentice School's superiority in fitness and youth, the 30 Inf Bn won easily in the end. The 30 Inf Bn now played a formation team from the Curragh Camp in the Command Final of the Chaplain's Cup, and this game was played in the Curragh. In a very mediocre game, played on a very poor pitch, the 30 Inf Bn won by eight points. Having got a bye directly into the Semi-Final, our next opponents were the Air Corps. This game was played in Nowlan Park and this was the Battalion's best display of the year, winning the match comprehensively. This game was noteworthy for the quality of the scoring, and, in particular, the goals scored by Sean Kiely. Our preparation for the Final, in the Curragh on the 13th June, was very thorough and this was reflected in a relatively early victory

against Custume Barracks, Athlone, by a margin of nine points.

Pat O'Leary, the Wexford man, who scored some excellent points, was rightly voted man of the match. Others who played very well on this occasion were S. Creane (Clara), G. Deely (Tipperary), E. Stapleton (Limerick) and K. Murphy (Wexford). With the strength in depth available to the team, there is no reason why our triumph of 1994 cannot be repeated in 1995.

The Inter-Command Hurling Championships were staged, for the first time in many years, in Kilkenny in September. By kind permission of O'Loughlins Hurling Club, both Semi-Finals were staged in O'Loughlins, with the Curragh, (comprising most of the 30 Inf Bn players) beating the Naval Service by a margin of ten points, and the Southern Command beating the Air Corps in a high scoring game. The final being staged in Nowlan Park on 1st September, was an eagerly anticipated affair. The Southern Command, with Frank Holohan (Shamrocks), N. Maher (Graigue-Ballycallan), and Canice Brennan (Conahy Shamrocks), on their team, were firm favourites.

The Curragh Command, due to injuries and the non availability of certain players, were, for the first time in many years, not expected to win. The game went true to form for the first half, with the Curragh failing to take advantage of the wind. Early in the second half, the introduction of Kieran Brennan steadied the



Lt. Col. Denis Parsons,  
Bn Commander 30 Inf Bn.

Curragh team and with Jim Whelan, Adrian O'Sullivan, Mick Conlon and Stephen Grehan now playing outstanding hurling, the Curragh won in the end on a scoreline of 0-15 to 1-10.

This victory was very sweet indeed for the Curragh Command, given the pre-match hype concerning how good the Southern Command was, and also the presence of so many Kilkenny players on the Southern Command team. Over the two days of this competition, the best overall player was Adrian O'Sullivan, of the John Lockes Club, who is a recent addition to the Defence Forces. Adrian, in addition, made a very significant contribution to the Kilkenny U-21 hurling team's success in the All-Ireland Final in Tullamore against Galway, and hopefully now will go on to even greater success in the final.

Overall, a very successful year, which was no more than was deserved, given the commitment by so many people on these teams. It only remains, again, to acknowledge the gratitude of all team members and officials, to O'Loughlins G.A.A. Club for the use of their pitches, Dicksboro G.A.A. Club for the use of St. James's Park and finally Mr. Ted Carroll, County G.A.A. Secretary, for giving us the use of Nowlan Park on the occasions when we needed it.



30 Bn. All-Army Hurling Champions 1994 – Front Row (left to right): Cpl. T. Prendergast, Sgt. R. Hogan, Cpl. O. Cullen, Le. E. Stapleton, Lt. G. Deely, Cpl. Conlon (Team Captain), Pte. Murphy, Pte. Creane, Pte. Whelan, Pte. O'Leary, Cpl. P. Prendergast, Pte. Brennan, CQMS. Barry. Back Row (left to right): Pte. J. Malone (Physio), Lt. Griffin, Pte. Hanrahan, Capt. Kenny, Pte. Waters, Pte. Byrne, Capt. Cowhig, Sgt. Kiely, Lt. Col. McCann, Pte. Dunphy, Cpl. Waters, Cpl. Fitzhenry, Lt. Kelleher, Cpl. Robinson, Pte. Hoban, Capt. Brennan, CIS O'Grady.



# TULLAROAN ON TOUR

By Ned Kennedy

DICK WALSH of the Church in Tullaroan was just old enough to understand, at six years of age, when he saw his native parish beat Dicksboro by 3-4 to 3-3 in the 1925 county senior hurling final.

On October 9th, 1994, Dick was in attendance again, as Tullaroan closed the long gap of 36 years and brought the Tom Walsh Cup back to the parish for the first time since 1958. The spectators who saw the now seventy-six years old Dick dance across the pitch at the final whistle can only imagine what the victory means to all the people of this famed hurling parish. It might also be understood how he could say, the following day:- "We can die happy now!"

While the game was low-scoring, it had memorable moments and throbbed with passion and commitment. Who will ever forget Liam Keoghan's wondrous point from 80 yards, a distance that has since grown to 100 yards or more, depending on who is telling the story?

Barry Teehan's cool stroke to the net after only ten seconds belied his young years, as did Michael Maher's performance. The lion-hearted hurling of lightly-built Philly Doheny and Ned Fennelly was typical of the Tullaroan spirit. The sky-high catches and distribution of Pat Fennelly and Bill Hennessy, the work-rate of all the forwards and Edward Holland's double save, all contributed to an historic victory.

It was a dream come true for veterans Dick and Michael Walsh. Early on the morning of the game, Michael visited his late father Tommy's grave to add his prayer to the litanies being offered in Tullaroan that day. On Monday morning, Michael returned to the grave with his prayer of thanks.

Sure they say, now, that Tullaroan couldn't lose. Didn't Edmund Brennan leave straw in the field to attend the match instead of baling! He may get used to this as young Eamonn will be good.

Team captain Derek Gaffney delivered a heart-felt acceptance speech on receiving the cup, watched, amongst the thousands, by Kilkenny's oldest surviving All-Ireland medal winner, himself a veteran of many a Tullaroan battle.

It was late on Sunday evening before Derek Gaffney and his team-mates passed the bonfire at Liss Cross to be carried shoulder-high to the crossroads in the village. There, another huge bonfire welcomed players, supporters and visitors



Action from the 1994 Senior Hurling Final. From left - John Ayres (Dicksboro), Bill Hennessy (Tullaroan), Shane Prendergast (Dicksboro), Vinnie Norton (Tullaroan). (Photo: Tom Brett)

from all over North Kilkenny who had come to sample the atmosphere. The sampling went on till the small hours. The Tullaroan Victory Ball was in full swing!

Monday morning dawned, as none had for 36 years, with brilliant sunshine to greet this historic occasion.

The entire team turned up mid-morning at the green-and-white bedecked schoolgrounds to show the trophy to the schoolchildren. There was a special mention made of former school principal, Mr. Jim Maher, who had put most of the team through his hands and had won four school championships with them over twenty years.

The supporters and officials, too, turned out, led by the men of former days - Chris Walshe, John and Mick Walton, Jack and Fr. Michael Keoghan, Kieran Tobin and Bill Hennessy Snr. Paddy Malone came over from Kilmanagh. The teams of more recent vintage, who helped put Tullaroan back senior, were represented by Paddy Molloy, John Hall, Bobby Sweeney and Gerry Doheny.

One of the youngest pupils in the school, who later proudly held the cup aloft, is Thomas Hogan, grandson of the late Tom, team captain in 1958.

Dick of the Church arrived to partake in the day's activities. He told us that as he wandered home in the early hours of Monday morning, he stood outside Tullaroan cemetery and lamented: "Lord, but I could pick a great team from the fellows in there!"

Autographs signed, the gathering moved on to Pete's and Pakie's for the

inevitable replaying of every puck of the ball.

A call to arms went out to Eamonn Maher of Kilmanagh to provide a bus for the afternoon. Tullaroan were going on tour!

2.30 came and Dick of the Church waved off hurlers and supporters on this unique and unprecedented trip around North Kilkenny.

Ten minutes later Dick began to feel lonesome for the silverware and took the first available lift to Freshford where a great welcome awaited at Johnny Kavanagh's.

On then to Jim's in Kilkenny. What a pity the late Jim Langton was not around to welcome Tullaroan on this, their greatest day, as he had welcomed teams down the years. However, Mrs. Martha Langton maintains the tradition.

Right half-back, Vinnie Norton regaled the travellers on the bus with a variety of entertainments ranging from Elvis to Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh impressions.

The unprecedented journey up High Street with horns blaring and flags waving was unforgettable. The good wishes waved back by the citizens of Kilkenny signalled the popularity of the win. This was repeated for the return journey to Tullaroan.

In Irishtown, Liam Keoghan and Vinnie Norton disembarked from the bus and marched triumphantly through the streets with the trophy held aloft until they reboarded the bus at St. Canice's Church.

It was recalled that the last time the people of Tullaroan marched through the streets of Irishtown was in 1973 when, as

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## TULLAROAN ON TOUR

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he late Pádraig Puirseál so eloquently described, in the pouring rain, they flanked the hearse bearing the remains of the legendary Lory Meagher back to Tullaroan. Dick of the Church tells us, that, on the day before he died, Lory grasped him by the hand for the last time and said: "Look after the hurling". 1994 was an emphatic answer to Lory's prayer as the bonfires were rekindled five times during the year to signal four hurling victories and one camogie triumph.

The tour proceeded out past Palmerstown, base of the conquered Dicksboro. They reached the home of Jim Hogan, himself a former Tullaroan player but whose house is in the confines of St. Canice's parish and the Dicksboro club. Divided loyalties were not a problem for Jim. He couldn't lose on county final day, but we suspect his heart on this occasion was with his native parish. Hopefully, it

was, because his nephew Paddy stopped the bus and waltzed, as only Paddy can waltz, through Jim's lawn with the trophy. Another memory to be cherished.

The parish boundary was crossed to further cheers. At each flag-bedecked house, the occupants saluted the heroes.

At the end of the village, the travellers dismounted and Derek Gaffney was once more carried shoulder-high to the crossroads.

Radio Kilkenny's "World of Gaelic Games" was broadcast live from Tullaroan at 6.30. The team and supporters joined presenters Barrie Henriques and Pat Treacy for a bit of ceol, caint agus craic. Tom Cleere sang *My Native Tullaroan* as Dick of the Church announced to the listening county that the victory would add another 40 years to his life. That it may, that it may, but his fellow parishioner Chris felt: "if things didn't slow down soon, lives would be shortened, not lengthened".

At 8.00 o'clock, who arrived but the players and officials of the Dicksboro club to demonstrate sportsmanship at its best by joining the revelry. As darkness fell 'Boro corner-forward Sam Morrissey was seen sitting on the footpath in deep conversation with the champions' corner-forward Sean Teehan. They were surrounded by a group of enthralled Tullaroan youngsters intent on picking up tips. In the background, the music and songs were starting afresh.

Dick of the Church set out for home at an earlier hour on this occasion. It had been a long and arduous 48 hours for a man who had been there in 1925. He epitomises the spirit of hurling at parish level, not alone in Tullaroan, but country-wide.

Long may he reign, and long may the spirit of hurling reign in Tullaroan - county senior hurling champions once again.

## Where are all the senior titles?

**Tullaroan:** (20) - 1887, 1889, 1895, 1897, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1904, 1907, 1910, 1911, 1915, 1924, 1925, 1930, 1933, 1934, 1948, 1958, 1994.

**Bennettsbridge:** (12) - 1890, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, 1967, 1971.

**Mooncoin:** (12) - 1888, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1913, 1916, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1932, 1936, 1865.

**Shamrocks:** (9) - 1978, 1979, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1985, 1988, 1989, 1991.

**Carrickshock:** (7) - 1931, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1951.

**James Stephens:** (6) - 1935, 1937, 1969, 1975, 1976, 1981.

**Fenians:** (5) - 1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1977.

**Eire Óg:** (4) - 1939, 1944, 1945, 1947.

**Dicksboro:** (4) - 1923, 1926, 1950, 1993.

**Glenmore:** (3) - 1987, 1990, 1992.

**Confederation:** (3) - 1893, 1894, 1896.

**St. Lachtain's:** (2) - 1961, 1963.

**Erin's Own (City):** (2) - 1905, 1909.

**Threecastles:** (2) - 1898, 1903.

**Graigie:** (1) - 1949.

**John Lockes:** (1) - 1957.

**St. Martin's:** (1) - 1984.

**Thomastown:** (1) - 1946.

**Slieverue:** (1) - 1954.

**Johnstown:** (1) - 1914.

**Clara:** (1) - 1986.

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# Tullaroan - Driven by Love and Desire

By John Knox "Kilkenny People"

There was no intricate or involved master plan, it was simply a reassertion of old values, like hard slogging allied to healthy work practises. A near uncontrollable momentum simply overtook everyone, and that was about it.

Ask anyone in the Tullaroan club what was the secret behind their fabulous first win in 36-years in the Kilkenny senior hurling championship, and they will laugh at you.

Ask them a looser question about how it was done, and you will get a gushing response with terms and words like hard work, commitment, bravery and passion liberally sprinkled throughout the reply.

Some might find the explanation so simple it lacked credibility, or it stretched the imagination. But there you have it. Tullaroan won because they wanted to badly enough, and the players were prepared to all but go through hell to achieve their ambition.

"This win means more to us than when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon", enthused delighted club chairman, Eugene Walsh afterwards. Everything is relative, but the depth of feeling within that comment gives a glimpse of what we are really talking about here . . . the loves of the common people . . . Kilkenny . . . what is part of us all . . . hurling . . . the consuming passion for the game . . . wanting to be the best.

All for one, and . . .

"At the last training session we all stood around in the field together and threw our arms around each other, and vowed we were not going to come home without the cup", revealed inspirational trainer, Declan Connolly. All for one, and one for all . . . where have we heard that winning call before?

The extreme inspiration came from different quarters. Tullaroan lost a final two years earlier against Glenmore. They didn't want to go through the anguish again. A couple on the team saw this as the last big chance. Nothing like fear, or

hunger, to get the adrenalin flowing.

And, when fate intervened, and robbed Tullaroan of the services, through injury of Jimmy Walton and the suspended Joe Norton, the canny mentors turned the losses into a positive thing.

"Do it for the missing lads", was the prod to the players when spirits waned. In a proud, tightly knit community like Tullaroan, no one needs telling that neighbour looks after neighbour.

Tullaroan won't deny that they are not the most complete team ever to win the Tom Walsh Cup. Their 20 victories leave them the biggest winners, however. But they know they had their limitations.

## LAUGHED AT:

If anyone said at the beginning of the season that a score of 1-6 would win the county final, they would have been laughed out of Kilkenny. Such a score did - Tullaroan 1-6, Dicksboro 0-6 was the score in the final - but there was more to it than that.

There was the Liam Keoghan factor, for



Offtech support Tullaroan - Offtech Limited of New Street, Kilkenny, presented a set of jerseys to Tullaroan during the year. Pictured at the presentation were: John Glennon (secretary), Eamonn Sweeney (Director-Offtech), Dick Walsh (Treasurer), Derek Gaffney (Captain), Liam Keoghan, Eugene Walsh (Chairman), Adrian O'Dea.

(Photo: Tom Brent)



ince. The centre-back enjoyed an edible season. The 27-year-old has learned a lot since his elevation to the Kilkenny team. His driving play added a buzz to the team that unknowingly pushed ordinary players beyond their general limits. The strong leadership given by captain, Derek Gaffney, also covered some cracks. Whereas twelve months previously, he was ordinary and unsure, this time his confidence soared after a six-point take, all from play, against Willie O'Connor in the first match. He never looked back, and proceeded to hit heights he never hinted at before.

He had nerve too, and when free-taker, Walton, dropped out, Gaffney filled the breach. The high point of his showing with the additional responsibility was the afternoon he landed ten-points against Fenians (Johnstown) in the semi-final replay. That was some performance!

#### GOT BETTER:

Full-back Michael Walsh would be one of the 'silent men', so to speak, who epitomised the new-found spirit. At 36, you would expect him to be going backwards. This season he played better than ever. It was likewise with the fast learning Seán Teehan and Michael Maher, Vincent Norton and Seamus Dunne, who, if he was being paid for effort would be owed a fortune by the club.

That left another of Tullaroan's big boys and new Kilkenny captain, Bill Hennessy. He knew this wasn't one of his better seasons, but when push came to shove in the do-it-or-die closing stages, he regained

his best form and made his biggest contribution when it mattered most.

The attractive county final pairing lured over 12,000 people to Nowlan Park. Two teams with limitations in attack charged into each other from the off. Tullaroan had a blinding start. Barry Teehan goaled after only ten seconds.

The 'Boro got on top afterwards, and through their flying half-back line of Mark Dowling, Donal Carroll and Tom Henderson they forced the opposition to retreat time and again. While ground was conceded, Tullaroan gave few scores away and at half-time the teams were locked together at 1-1 (T.) to 0-4.

The third quarter was scrappy, but, all the time, the influence of Liam Keoghan was growing greater and greater. After he burst up the field to shoot a glorious and uplifting point in the 46th minute, he all but carried Tullaroan to victory on his back. He was a man mountain, and won the Man of the Match award by a mile.

#### THE ONCE OFF:

The blinding Tullaroan spirit shown in the final was by no means a once-off thing. It was there from the wet, dreary day they opened in the League, by playing an exciting draw with Glenmore in Hugginstown. That was a fine match.

An equally good clash was the next one against St. Martin's in Ballyragget, when the champions won by the skin of their teeth (2-10 to 1-12). The eventual champions then had a reasonable game against Shamrocks before they buried unsure Young Irelands (Gowran) in the fourth round.

Those who dare question Tullaroan's worth would do well to remember that they were only beaten twice during the season. The first time was by Graigue-Ballycallan when they had already claimed a League semi-final place. Incidentally, the loss was avenged later in the Championship.

The second setback was against Dicksboro in the League semis, but only after a replay. Again that reverse was avenged. The season belonged to Tullaroan!

The *Tullaroan* team in the county final was: Edward Holland, Philip Doheny, Michael Walsh, Michael Maher, Vincent Norton, Liam Keoghan, Edward Fennelly, Pat Fennelly, Bill Hennessy, Dick Walsh, Derek Gaffney (captain), Seamus Dunne, Barry Teehan, Pat Doheny, Sean Teehan.

*Subs:* Philip Coogan (used); Thomas Hennessy, Peter Butler, Joe Walsh, Simon Walton, Michael Walsh, David Glennon, Adrian O'Dea, John Breen, Ian Dowling.

*Dicksboro:* Michael Walsh, Martin Hanrick (captain), John Marnell, David Beirne, Mark Dowling, David Carroll, Tom Henderson, Michael Kennedy, Dan O'Neill, John Treacy, Sean Moore, Shane Prendergast, Stephen Kennedy, Tommy Bawle, Sam Morrissey.

*Subs:* John Ayres, Brendan Dalton (used), Niall Sheehan, Joe Philpott, David Carroll, Aidan Begley, Niall Lacey, Eoin Begley, Paddy Henderson, Tom Maher, James Phelan, Brian Fitzpatrick, Ted Carroll, Jim Kerwick.

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# THE NORTHERN SCENE

1994 will be remembered as the year of "The Blacks & Whites" in the northern part of the county. By becoming the first team to win both the League and Championship double, they have ensured themselves a place in the history books.

The Skeough side were many people's fancy for honours this year and they duly obliged. A first round bye left them in the quarter-finals and a meeting with St. Patrick's (Ballyragget). A blistering opening quarter, in which they built up an eleven-point lead, paved the way for success in this game. In their semi-final match, they scored 1-9 without reply, in the final quarter, to kill off a strong challenge from Danesfort, to secure their place in the Northern Final.

In the other half of the draw, Galmoy were quietly "doing the business." An easy first round victory over Clara gave them a place in the quarter-finals and a date with James Stephens. A late point gave Galmoy a second chance after a thrilling game at Ballyragget. The replay produced

another fine contest, with Galmoy just about deserving winners on the score 1-8 to 0-9. This set them up for a semi-final clash with Lisdowney. Another close game ensued. A late goal from towering full-forward, Joe Corcoran, finally killed off the Lisdowney challenge.

In a well-contested final, Galmoy set the early pace. They led 0-10 to 1-2 at the interval. However, Blacks & Whites hit back, and, by the 50th minute, the sides were level. Then disaster struck for Galmoy. A defender, in attempting to clear, deflected the ball into his own net. This handed the initiative to Blacks & Whites. They added another goal in the last minute to run out deserving winners.

A few weeks later, Blacks & Whites confirmed their superiority over the Galmoy side when they narrowly beat them in the League final. So ended another competitive Northern campaign, which was once again sponsored by Barlo Nissan.

Although Blacks & Whites failed narrowly to Dunnamaggin in the County Final, their year was an outstanding success. For Galmoy, who fielded ten Under-21 players in the

Northern Final, success cannot be very far away.

Lisdowney and Danesfort will also be pleased with their progress. Cloneen will consider themselves the "unlucky" side this year, losing to James Stephens in a game they dominated for long periods. Emeralds and St. Patrick's will be disappointed with their year, and, along with Clara, James Stephens, Fenians, O'Loughlin's, Threecastles and Erin's Own, they will be hoping for better fortune in 1995.

In the annual representative game for the Jim Farrell Cup, the Northern Board selection retained the trophy when they scored an eleven-point victory over their Southern counterparts in a high-scoring game played at Kilmacow.

Away from the field of play, the Annual Quiz sponsored by the Northern Board was a huge success. James Stephens emerged winners, holding off a strong challenge from Graigue-Ballycallan. Hopefully, this quiz will now become an annual event. Gerry O'Neill set the questions and Tommy O'Brien was the quiz master.



*Bobby Dillon (Freshford) (capt., North), Pat Dunphy, referee, and Greg Power (Kilmacow), (capt., South), prior to the annual North versus South Tournament for the Jim Farrell Cup.*



# Southern Report 1994

DOWN SOUTH, the year's activities got underway with the Junior Hurling League, and, after an exciting series of games, Dunamaggin and Windgap emerged as finalists. This game, played in Piltown, was one of the best Junior hurling games seen in the south for some time, with Dunamaggin edging clear in the final minutes for victory and thus retaining the J. J. Hennebery Cup.

In the South Junior Championship, Glenmore defeated Mooncoin and Slieverue, whilst Piltown gained some measure of revenge by defeating last year's champions Kilmacow. The semi-final draw pitted Windgap against Piltown, and Dunamaggin against Glenmore. Both these games took place in Hugginstown. In the first game, Windgap built up a big half-time lead, but had to withstand a tremendous second-half rally by Piltown before booking their final slot. In the second semi-final, Dunamaggin, after an unimpressive first-half display, pulled well clear in the second for a convincing win, thus clearing the way for a repeat of the league final clash in the South Final.

The final itself, played in Piltown, set a new gate receipts record and Dunamaggin confirmed their league final superiority by winning their first championship title since 1966. A brilliant goal by Matthew O'Shea following great approach work by team captain Sean Ryan just before the interval proving to be the vital score of this game.

## TEAMS IF AVAILABLE

In the Special Junior "A" Championship, run on a single group league basis, the four semi-finalists to emerge were the Rower Inistioge, Mullinavat, Ballyhale Shamrocks and Graignamanagh, with the first two named qualifying for the final. The final, played



*Presentation to Joe Walsh who retired after 23 years service as Secretary/Treasurer of the Southern Board. Making the presentation is Ned Quinn (Chairman Southern Board). Left to right: Ted Carroll (County Board Secretary), Ned Quinn, Nickey Brennan (Chairman County Board) and Joe Walsh. (Photo: Tom Brett)*

in Thomastown, ended in a draw with the Rower-Inistioge capturing the title by winning the replay.

The Special Junior "B" Championship was also played on a league basis but with two groups. The four semi-finalists in this competition were Glenmore, Tullogher/Rosbercon, Kilmacow and Dunamaggin, with champions, Glenmore, retaining their title, defeating Tullogher/Rosbercon in the final.

The three South Junior Competitions were once again sponsored by Iverk Produce, and the South Board are deeply indebted to the Piltown Company for their continuing support.

In the South Under-21 "A" Championship, Dunamaggin, promoted as last year's "B" winners, achieved another notable success by capturing the "A" title at the first attempt, defeating the holders Mooncoin in the final. As their

minors also retained their South "A" title, this completed a most noteworthy treble for Dunamaggin and certainly augurs well for the future of the club.

The Under-21 "B" Championship proved to be a most exciting competition with surprise packets, Windgap, defeating Ballyhale Shamrocks, Piltown and Thomastown to qualify for a tilt at impressive Tullogher/Rosbercon in the final. Two thrilling games in Ballyhale failed to separate these two 'big hearted' teams, with Windgap just squeezing home in extra time for a first ever victory in this grade.

As the season ended, long serving Board Secretary, Mr. Joe Walsh of Thomastown announced his intention to relinquish his post at the forthcoming convention, thus ending a veritable lifetime of involvement in the G.A.A. affairs of Co. Kilkenny.

Joe, who was educated at Thomastown National School, St. Kieran's College and U.C.D., became secretary of his club in 1955, and subsequently held the following positions:-

Trustee to the Co. Board 1956 - 1980;  
Chairman Under-16 Board 1956;  
Secretary Under-16 Board 1957 - 1969;  
Vice-Chairman Southern Board 1969;  
Secretary Southern Board 1971 - 1994.

In 1992, Joe was presented with the Co. Board "Hall of Fame" award for his work for the G.A.A. in Kilkenny.

To have known and worked with Joe was indeed a privilege and all involved in Gaelic games in South Kilkenny wish him many happy years in his retirement.



*Southern Junior Selection - Back Row (left to right): Sonny Walsh, Ger Frisby, Lenny Doyle, Pat Foley, Sean Caulfield, James Ronan, Brian McGovern, Eamon Kennedy, Pat Gaban, Denis McCarthy, Paul Long, Pat Power. Front Row (left to right): Pat Davis, Tom Hickey, Robbie Dalton, Paul Kearney, Jim Power, M. Lahart, Pat Long, Sean Ryan, Greg Power.*



# Dunnamaggin at last fulfil rich promise

By John Knox, "Kilkenny People"

AFTER a number of false starts in recent years, during which they promised more than they delivered, dashing Dunnamaggin produced the goods in a big way this season.

Contestants in the junior, minor and under-21 hurling county finals, they lost two out of three, but they made one mark that will stay forever on the history books when they at long last claimed their first junior championship success.

This win had been promised for a long time, and a small thing would have helped get Dunnamaggin to the top during any one of the last three years, at least. During that period, they were able to dominate the Junior Open Draw Championship, but when it came to the real thing, their challenge always dissipated.

Sceptics, who were not always thin on the ground, hinted there could be more of the above after Dunnamaggin produced real fireworks when beating Windgap in the Iverk Produce Southern League final.

However, Dunnamaggin kept their good form right to the finish. Without meaning to, or wanting to, be disrespectful, to losing county finalists, Blacks and Whites, the Southerners are capable of better than they showed in the 2-9 (15) to 1-10 (13) win in the decider.

## HANDICAPPED:

That September day at Nowlan Park was very wet, and conditions didn't exactly help the combatants. Most definitely, it handicapped the young and generally light Southerners, who, when one saw them in action on better days, looked a very accomplished lot.

No matter, Dunnamaggin ended up singing in the rain, and come next season they will test their mettle against the might of the intermediate grade. An interesting proposition that, because this is a division that is sneakily tougher than most observers reckon.

It is a very, very hard championship to win. If Dunnamaggin have any lofty ideas about walking through it, they can forget them. Wait until they sample the cut-and-thrust of the fare, and quickly they will find out that there are no easy touches, and no handy title to be won.



ACTION FROM THE COUNTY JUNIOR HURLING FINAL

Ken O'Shea (Dunnamaggin) under pressure from P. J. Murphy (Blacks and Whites). Looking on is J. J. Barcoe (Blacks and Whites)

(Photo: Tom Brett)

What Dunnamaggin proved this year, and in a splendid manner, it must be stated, was the fact they have talent, and a lot of it. How much further that talent can be developed will determine what the future holds for them, and I, for one, will be most interested to see how things go. Without a question of doubt, the Southerners have something, and there is a nice cut about their fast, clever and open hurling.

They have a mobile, versatile attack that can perform in tune and with fair penetration no matter what the permutations. Not many clubs, at any level, can say that.

## ORCHESTRATOR:

Team captain, Sean Ryan can be the orchestrator working off the edge of the square, creating space on a two or three-man line. The zenith of his season had to

be the gripping South final against Windgap, when he ran up a scoring credit of 1-4, while his sometimes flankers, sometimes roving companions, Paul Kearney (0-6) and Michael O'Shea (1-0) also made very good gains.

Ryan (22), one has always reckoned, has the potential to make it big with the county, but the necessary guidance of an appreciative and encouraging mentor has not always been there. Dunnamaggin selector/trainer, Brendan Fennelly made inroads in the right direction this year, with the absolute co-operation and support of fellow mentors, Malachy Hogan and Seamus Martin.

Ken O'Shea is another hot prospect down Dunnamaggin way. His speed and vision, apart altogether from his skill with a stick, should help the club to greater things in the future. Likewise with Paul Kearney, who has a good nerve for the

Continued ▷



## Dunnamaggin fulfil promise – contd

frees, and Richard O'Neill. And we have only mentioned attackers thus far.

In defence, one of the main reasons Dunnamaggin have jumped so far forward in recent years has been the arrival on the scene of Eamon Kennedy. The central defender is big, strong and mobile. When he commands, the team has a different buzz about it. Tom Hickey and Paul Cahill are other backs who are there for the long haul, and who can only get better.

Jim Hickey, Michael O'Neill and the long-serving Johnny Ryan, whose father, Tom, was captain of the Southern championship winning team of 1966, were others who enjoyed an especially good season.

### ON THE ROPES:

It was no easy task becoming the 52nd club to win the junior crown. It took an individual 55th-minute goal from Ken O'Shea to finally break Blacks and Whites, who, at one time, looked on the ropes ready to be knocked out.

That was early in the second half, when a goal by reserve, Michael Moran, set up by Ken O'Shea, opened up a difference of 1-9 to 0-7. After a lot of hard work, the Northerners found themselves going backwards on the scoreboard. Minutes later, a goal made from sheer determination by Ned Kelly blasted the match wide open again, and it wasn't until O'Shea's late goal that Dunnamaggin could breathe easily.

It wasn't a stroll even then, as two late points from John Byrne left a difference that could be bridged with one score, but the odds were stacked in favour of

Dunnamaggin. They duly finished the job. Earlier, in the South, the champions beat Glenmore (5-18 to 2-8) and Windgap by 2-15 to 2-9. The latter earned them their first divisional title since 1966 after a game that attracted a £2,100 gate.

The South match was a real pleasure. Friendships were put on hold for the hour, and the exchanges were full of passion. Trainer, Barry Henriques had Windgap flying.

### NOT ENOUGH:

Pat Walsh, Pat Power, Pat Foley, Eamon Murray and Bobby Jackman belted everything they could at Dunnamaggin. It was not enough to stop the men who would be kings! It was great entertainment watching the hurling conflict being settled. Arms were thrown around each other afterwards. Lovely stuff!

**Dunnamaggin county final team** – Gerry Ryan, John Fitzpatrick, Tom Hickey, Brian Mackey, Paul Cahill, Eamon Kennedy, Johnny Ryan, Denis Lahart, Jim Hickey, Kenneth O'Shea, Richie O'Neill, Michael O'Neill, Paul Kearney, Sean Ryan (capt.), Matthew O'Shea. Subs. – Michael Moran, Jimmy Dunne (used); Pat Moylan, John Carroll, Gerry Carroll, Mick Cleere, Adrian Moran, James Moylan, Anthony McCormack, Andrew Hickey.

**Blacks and Whites** – Pat O'Grady (capt.), Michael Doyle, Martin Farrell, M. J. Doherty, Richard Dowling, J. J. Barcoe, Jamie Carroll, Sean Kealy, John Byrne, P. J. Murphy, Pat Nolan, Ned Kelly, Michael Ryan, Tommy Farrell, Denis Carroll. Subs. – Alan Byrne, Peter Farrell (used); John Aylward, Martin Barcoe, Noel Kealy, John McDonnell, Michael O'Dowd, Andy Barcoe, Liam Aylward, Cathal Moran, Jim Barcoe, Tommy Doyle, Declan Reddy, Paudie Whitty, Donal Murphy.

*Referee* – Eddie Mahon (Cloneen).

## Roll of Honour

Mooncoin (4) – 1920, 1937, 1942, 1961.  
Mullinavat (4) – 1915, 1916, 1939, 1984.  
Glenmore (4) – 1923, 1953, 1980, 1991.  
James Stephens (3) – 1924, 1929, 1955.  
Dicksboro (3) 1910, 1914, 1962.  
Carrickshock (3) – 1928, 1954, 1979.  
Barrow Rangers (3) – 1982, 1988, 1990.  
John Lockes (3) – 1982, 1988, 1990.  
Tullagher-Rosbercon (3) – 1957, 1989, 1992.  
Knocktopher (2) – 1931, 1965.  
North Selection (2) – 1932, 1934.  
Bennettsbridge (2) – 1948, 1951.  
Danesfort (2) – 1925, 1930.  
Galmoy (2) – 1949, 1966.  
Clara (2) – 1969, 1977.  
Graigie-Ballycallan (2) – 1946, 1985.  
Windgap (2) – 1970, 1986.  
St. Lachtain's, Freshford (2) – 1959, 1993.  
One each – 1905: Eoin Roe's (Urlingford); 1906: Erin's Own (city); 1908: Suirside Rovers (Mooncoin); 1913: Mong; 1922: Clonmore; 1926: Knockmoylan; 1933: South Selection; 1935: Bonnettstown; 1936: Éire Óg; 1938: Ballyline; 1940: Threecastles; 1941: Hugginstown; 1943: Stoneyford; 1944: The Rower; 1947: Johnstown/Urlingford; 1950: Slieverue; 1956: St. Senan's (Kilmacow); 1958: Erin's Own (Castlecomer); 1960: Lisdowney; 1963: Rower-Inistioge; 1964: Young Irelands (Gowran); 1967: Coon; 1968: Fenians (Johnstown); 1971: Newpark Sarsfields; 1972: Graignamanagh; 1973: Shamrocks (Ballyhale/Knocktopher); 1974: Muckalee/Ballyfoyle Rangers; 1975 O'Loughlin Gaels; 1976: Conahy Shamrocks; 1978: St. Patrick's (Ballyragget); 1981: Piltown; 1983: Tullaroan; 1984: Mullinavat; 1994: Dunnamaggin.

## Danger is – will scars of defeat damage 'Whites'?

**BLACKS AND WHITES** experienced the acid taste of defeat before! Two seasons ago, Tullagher-Rosbercon thrust the sour apple into their mouths, and made them eat.

Purgatory revisited, and it was no easier to take this time when a bloody good effort came up short again in the junior hurling county final. This time, the inflictors of pain were Dunnamaggin, and it made not a whit of difference that the victors were, indeed, a good, rounded team. Pain is pain, no matter what the degree or the cause.

Trainer, Harry Ryan turned out Blacks and Whites with more than hope in their hearts. Selectors, Seamus Murphy, Mick Byrne and Gerry Murphy didn't care, indeed, they welcomed the fact that Dunnamaggin were hot favourites going into the final, because they felt their men were made of the right stuff.

Stern and all as was the texture of Blacks and Whites challenge, they came off second best, beaten by a mere two points. They chased up to the very last, but it was no good.

The challenge that will face team officials next year might be more psychological than

hurling. Denis Carroll, Ned Kelly, Pat O'Grady, Pat Nolan, John Byrne, J. J. Barcoe, Jamie Carroll and particularly Sean Kealy don't have to prove that they can play hurling.

### BOUNCE BACK:

The big question is, can they take, without going backwards, the mental scar that a second county final defeat must surely leave? To bounce back once was fair enough. To do it a second time will take an even greater effort.

Blacks and Whites must be positive. They are not far short of the required standard. After all, they are the best in the North. The future is in their own hands!

Runners-up in the South were Windgap, who really got their act together in convincing fashion. They enjoyed a few great results. Getting to the divisional final had to be a positive development.

The ageless and stout-hearted Bobby Jackman turned in a tremendous season. How much more can he give the club? As ever, Pat Walsh was the man with the team. Important men, too, were Pat Power, Pat Foley, Jimmy Walsh, Alan Ahearne and Eamon Murray.

Up North, beaten divisional finalists were

Galmoy, who moved on a step further from the dramatic changes that overtook their team the previous year. Brian and Kevin Lonergan, Brian Doherty, Nicky Grace, Cha Duggan and Cathal Doherty were their main men.

### DISAPPOINTED:

They were, naturally, disappointed at losing the final, but, in time, they came to recognise that it was a season when definite progress was made. In the North semi-finals, Danesfort and Lisdowney bade farewell to their championship ambitions.

The 'Fort were really kicking themselves, because, early in the second half, they had six points in hand on Blacks and Whites. However, inexperience and a lack of real condition saw them go into sharp decline afterwards, despite the best efforts of Anthony Dunne, Ger Power, Paddy Fennelly, Jim Nugent and Pat Hayes.

Lisdowney are striving hard to get back among the winners. That they didn't do so this year was not the fault of Brendan and Ollie Blanchfield, Joe Dowling, Gerry Tallis, Tony Moore, Richie Mackey or Joe Nolan.



# GREAT SPORTING CLICHES OF OUR TIME

By: GERRY O'NEILL

**SPORTS** reporters and commentators, no less than other journalists, are extremely prone to use stock expressions and phrases to illustrate their reports, and no sporting code is safe from the cliché.

In golf, all short approach shots are "delicate little chips", drives are generally "unleashed", irons are "rifled" or "drilled", and then there is that strange phenomenon, the "golf shot". Soccer, of course, is riddled with clichés, almost to the point where thought is no longer required. There is a set phrase to describe every situation. Players are no longer fast – they have lots of "pace" – teams "hold their shape" very well, and all sorts of mysterious things happen "at the back". "Champagne", if you please, is "kept on ice", and players "go for an early shower".

As a general rule, any scenic venue, indeed, any hollow in the ground, is a "natural amphitheatre", players, who rise in any degree above the average, automatically become "superstars", and referees, of course, never have "the benefit of hindsight".

Gaelic games, let it be said, are far from being an exception to this rule, and in many a GAA report or commentary, the cliché reigns supreme. So much so, that I am tempted to copy an old idea of Myles na Gopaleen, and publish a Catechism of Hurling Cliches. It might go something like this:-

*Where was the match played?*  
At Headquarters.

*If in Thurles, how must the venue be described?*  
The hallowed sod of Semple Stadium.

*If a Munster Final, what is to be sampled by the patrons?*  
The unique atmosphere of Munster Final day.

*How must all Kilkenny Wexford deciders be approached?*  
As the mouth watering prospect of yet another meeting between these great Leinster rivals.

*What team must be recalled at this stage?*  
The great Wexford team of the fifties.

*What must first be got out of the way?*  
The preliminaries.

*With what was one team favoured?*  
With first use of the elements.

*Who is about to throw in the ball?*  
The man in the middle.

*In what state are the four midfielders at this moment?*  
They are anxious to get on with it.

*How was the opening quarter played?*  
At a blistering pace.

*What were marked by a fierce determination?*  
The early exchanges.

*How might some of the tackles be described?*  
As bordering on the reckless.

*Under what circumstances might the referee lose control of this game?*  
Should he fail to take stern action soon.

*How are we to describe a dangerous corner back?*  
As a great-hearted player.

*If extremely dirty, how should the player be described?*  
As a whole-hearted competitor.

*Should one player prove to be a psychopath, what shall he be called?*  
One of the great characters of the game.

*When did the game settle down to a more sedate pattern?*  
When the players, naturally, failed to maintain the hectic pace of the opening minutes.

*What was blowing towards the canal goal?*  
A stiffish breeze.

*What can be said of the conditions?*  
That they were not conducive to fast opening hurling.

*With what result?*  
With the result that defences were on top.

*How might the game be described in the first half?*  
As one of swaying fortunes.

*What fortuitous event changed the course of the game at this point?*  
A goal of the somewhat soft variety.

*What did this event prove to be?*  
It proved to be the shot in the arm which the game needed.

*What type of game was it from then until the interval?*  
A game of nip and tuck.

*With what was it now punctuated?*  
With periods of classic hurling.

*What anatomical position did both sets of supporters now assume?*  
They were on their feet.

*To what did they cheer their heroes?*  
To a man.

*How were both sets of supporters left at half-time?*  
They were left savouring the prospect of an enthralling second half.

*What were spoken by the trainer at half-time?*  
Harsh words.

*To whom?*  
To his charges.

*With what result?*  
That they emerged, on the resumption, a changed team.

*How did they now play?*  
Like men possessed.

*But for what, might they have won the match earlier?*  
But for a tendency to go for goals, when . . .

*When what?*  
When a point was there for the taking.

*By what was the game marred?*  
By an ugly incident in front of the Nally stand.

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*When?*

Early in the second moiety.

*How was this incident resolved?*

It was nipped in the bud.

*How?*

By the prompt action of the referee.

*What did one player receive at this point?*

His marching orders.

*How might one or two other offenders consider themselves?*

They might consider themselves fortunate to have escaped with no more than a booking.

*How was the referee's decision greeted?*

With howls of derision and unseemly booing.

*By whom?*

By a small section of the crowd.

*What should such behaviour have?*

No place in our national games.

*Of what is such unsavoury behaviour more typical?*

Of another code, which shall remain nameless.

*What effect did the dismissal of their player have on the opposition?*

It galvanised them.

*With what were they now instilled?*

With a new sense of urgency.

*With what result?*

With the result that they came storming back into the game.

*What did they now do to the Railway goal?*

They laid siege to it.

*To what was this goal now subjected?*

A constant barrage.

*Why did this period of sustained attack not bear fruit?*

Because of the stubborn resistance of the defenders.

*What did these defenders repeatedly do?*

They repelled attack after attack.

*What can be said of the goalie?*

That he was safe and cool under pressure.

*And of some of his saves?*

That they were right out of the top drawer.

*But for what, what might he have done?*

But for one uncharacteristic lapse in the first half, he might have kept a clean sheet.

*Who gave an inspirational performance?*

The centre back and captain.

*How did he lead?*

He led by example.

*What did the defenders eventually succeed in doing?*

They managed to lift the siege.

*How?*

With a long relieving clearance, of course!

*What acrobatic feat did the young corner forward now perform?*

He pounced on a loose clearance.

*How may this young player be described?*

As a thorn in the side of the defence . . .

*When will this player be heard of?*

He will be heard of again.

*What quality did this young man exhibit?*

A maturity beyond his years.

*What did he not make?*

He made no mistake, and . . .

*And what?*

Drilled an unstoppable shot . . .

*Where?*

Past the despairing goalkeeper.

*What effect did this have on the issue?*

This put the issue beyond doubt.

*As what, was the game now over?*

As a contest.

*Of what was it then only a matter?*

It was only a matter of how great the winning margin would be.

*From whom might we now borrow a phrase?*

From our colleagues in the boxing fraternity.

*What form might this phrase take?*

A wish that the referee might stop the contest.

*With what were the losers rewarded?*

With a consolation goal.

*When?*

Almost on the call of time.

*Of what was this goal a case?*

It was a case of too little, too late.

*What did the referee finally blow?*

The long whistle.

*What effect did this action have?*

It brought proceedings to a close.

*On what familiar measure of time did the better team win?*

On the day.

*What was the game not?*

It was not a classic.

*With what could it not be compared?*

With the stirring encounters of the past.

*What did it nevertheless have?*

Moments of high drama and tension.

*Of what was the game typical?*

Of all that is best in our Gaelic games.

*What was the real winner?*

Hurling was the real winner.

*What was the only pity?*

That there had to be loser.

*For what did the winning captain thank the opposition?*

For a fine sporting game.

*To what did he attribute the victory?*

To their having got the breaks.

*When?*

At vital times.

*Of what did he feel sure?*

He felt sure that the losers would be back next year.

*Cé aige a bheidh la eile?*

Ag an bPaorach.

*Cé hé an Paorach?*

Níl fhios agam.



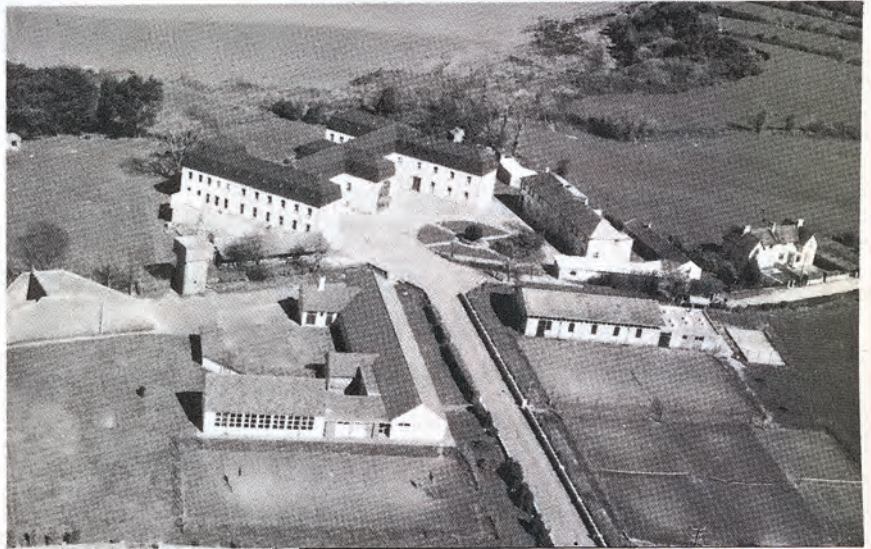
# SCOLÁIREACHTAÍ DE BHALDRAITHE

*Seosamb Ó Donnchadha*

LEAN Coiste C.L.G. Cille Chainnigh orthu ag bronnadh Scoláireachtaí de Bhaldráithe i mbliana. Bíonn na scoláireachtaí seo ar fáil do dhaltáí bunscoile Rang a Sé. Bíonn éileamh an-mhór orthu.

Chuir beagnach 300 páistí isteach orthu agus ag cruinniú de'n Choiste, bhuaigh an seisear seo leanas na scoláireachtaí i gcrannchur: Bríd Breathnach, Bearnna na Gaoithe; Seán Mac an'Rí, Cill Mochua; Niamh De Róiste, Inis Tíog; Ristéard De Paor, Liosmothigh; Alfreda Pembroke, Áth na n-Urlainn, agus Pádraig Ó Nualláin ó Cill Macearr.

Bhronn Nioclás Ó Braonáin, Cathaoirleach an Choiste, agus Liam Suipéil, Bainisteoir, Coláiste na Rinne, na duaiseanna in Ostán Langtons. Bhí Proinsias Ó Donnchada ó Raidió Cille Chainnigh i láthair agus labhair sé leis na buaiteoirí, le Liam Suipéil agus le Brian De Bhaldráithe, mac Thomáis, do'n chláir raidió "Éistigí Tamall".



*Coláiste na Rinne*

Chaith na leanaí trí sheachtain ag freastail ar Chúrsa Samhraidh i gColáiste na Rinne, Dúngarbhán. De réir mar a chuala mé agus ó'n méid a chonaic mé, bhain siad taitneamh agus tairbhe as. Bhí litir álainn agam, as Gaeilge, ó Bhríd Breathnach ó Bhearna na Gaoithe agus d'inis sí dom cé chomh mór is a thaitin na céilithe,

na ranganna, na cluichí agus cuile rud léi, agus na buntáistí di a bhain leis an gCúrsa.

Míle buíochas do'n Choiste, do na Boird eagsúla agus do gach éinne a chuidigh leis an iarracht. Táimid ag súil go mbeidh na scoláireachtaí ar fáil arís i 1995.

## WALDRON SCHOLARSHIPS

**THE Kilkenny G.A.A. Board continued to award six Waldron Scholarships this year. These scholarships are available to all Primary school pupils in 6th Class.**

Almost 300 applications were received this year, and, at a County Board meeting, six lucky young people – three boys and three girls – won their scholarships in a draw.

The winners were Bríd Walsh, Windgap; John King, Kilmacow;

Niamh Roche, Inistioge; Richard Power, Lismatigue; Alfreda Pembroke, Urlingford, and Padraig Nolan, Kilmacat.

They were presented with their awards at a pleasant function in Langtons, John Street. The presentations were made by Nicky Brennan, Chairman, Co. Board, and Liam Suipéil, Bainisteoir, Coláiste na Rinne.

Radio Kilkenny in the person of Prionsias Ó Donnchadha, was on hand to interview the winners and also Mr. Suipéil, and Brian De

Bhaldráithe, who represented the Waldron family.

The six children spent a pleasant and beneficial three weeks on the Cúrsa C in Coláiste na Rinne, Dúngarvan. I had a lovely letter from Bríd Walsh from Windgap telling me how much she enjoyed the entire scene in Ring and the extent to which her Irish benefited.

Hopefully, the scholarships will continue to be awarded in 1994. Well done to the County Board, Northern Board, Southern Board, Bórd na nÓg



# Our Heroes, past, passing and to come

by ENDA McEVOY

By the time many of you get around to giving this Yearbook a serious read as opposed to a passing glance, the left-over turkey will have been demolished, the Christmas decorations will be coming down – and two calendar years will have elapsed since Kilkenny's last McCarthy Cup victory.

So, straight to the point. Both barrels, no messing. Heck, I'll even put the question in capitals as an indication of the importance it holds for many – or most – readers.

HOW LONG WILL ALL-IRELAND NUMBER 26 BE IN COMING?

It's a serious question. It deserves a serious answer. And, please, no comments about how much more relevant and important it would be to direct attention elsewhere. To enquire, for instance, how long more it will take Wexford to bring All-Ireland number six to Slaneyside or Waterford All-Ireland number three to Suirside. From a general point of view, questions like those would indeed be much more relevant and important. But this is a Kilkenny publication, and it's the health of hurling in Kilkenny we're discussing.

Accepted, it's more or less only the other day since the Black and Amber topped the senior pile. Naturally, they couldn't keep on winning. It's heartening they have worthy successors in Offaly. Given the county's achievements at under-age level in the past six years, there's little doubt that the Cats ought to be lapping the cream again before too long.

But will they?

Were the same question asked this time ten years ago, with Kilkenny's reign as Double Double champions not long over and the annexation of five All-Ireland minor crowns in the previous twelve seasons providing ample hope for the future, the answer would have been prompt, upbeat, optimistic, – and badly off the beam. Because nine years that dragged on like 99 were to divide title number 23, that of 1983, and title number 24.

Who would have believed it? Who would have believed that Cork, with good but not outstanding teams, would garner three titles between 1984 and 1990, while their old rivals, with hardly a lesser degree of talent at their disposal, would in the same period manage a single measly (and wretched, as it turned

out) first Sunday of September appearance?

Your humble correspondent has said before, and has no qualms about saying again, that most of the blame for that state of affairs lay at the door of the County Board. More precisely, it lay at the door of the County Board *and its structures*. The County Board was too democratic, too happy to leave decisions about the fate and identity of the manager, and what he could and couldn't do with this selectors (three? five? to be settled on by the manager? by the Board? by the county champions?), to the whim of every club on Noreside.

As they proved with a capital P, the clubs weren't up to the task. The most far-reaching and obviously successful achievement of the officers of the County Board in recent years has been to take the choice – or, more like, the right to say no to whomsoever they desired – away from

the clubs and keep it for their own sub-committee; not so much a case of war being far too important to be left to the generals as being far too important to be left to the great mass of arguing footsoldiers.

That the destiny of the county team won't, one hopes, be mucked around at aimless, endless meetings of the Board in future is one obvious change between the outlook entering 1985 and the outlook entering 1995. Another is the age profile of the team itself. Whereas back then, Skehan and Cummins were calling it a day, Ger Henderson and Billy Fitz were pushing on, and many of the other leading lights were a decade out of minor and had a good deal of mileage up on the clock, generally speaking the current lot aren't as old. That's heartening.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

But now take a look at the flipside. A



Any ideas? Ollie and Nicky pondering the situation.



darker flipside. Michael Walsh has slipped somewhat from his eminence of 1991-93 – it may be a temporary blip, it may not. The future in the black and amber jersey of both Eddie O'Connor and Pat Dwyer must be open to question. Pat O'Neill faces the task of proving he wasn't a one-season-and-a-bit wonder. Read the three previous sentences again; that's more than half of the back seven one is putting question marks against.

In the middle of the field, Michael Phelan and Bill Hennessy each described a downward curve in 1994; resuming a normal flight path may not be easy. As for up front, does Eamon Morrissey's brilliance, when on his game, compensate for his distinct non-brilliance when off it? Did Adrian Ronan reach and expend his inter-county best too young? Can Liam McCarthy, a 1981 minor, have much petrol left in the tank? And John Power, all gingery fire and pumping arms, isn't going to be blowing holes down the centre of opposition defences forever and a day.

"Ah, but sure we're just after winning the under-21, and plenty of those lads will make the senior team sooner or later". Really? "We" were just after winning the under-21 ten years ago, too. Eddie O'Connor, Liam Walsh and Liam McCarthy went on to greater glory, but what in the long haul ever became of (deep breath) David Burke, Eddie Wall, Brian Young, David Hoyne, Larry Cleere,

Tommy Phelan, Denis Carroll, Pat Walsh, John McDonald, Richard McCarthy and Seamus Delahunty?

If you can't hurry love, you can't hurry success either. Ask Brendan O'Sullivan how many of his under-21s he reckons will eventually make the grade at adult level and he'll say that he doesn't know, that they're terribly young yet, that right now the county should instead be trying to resuscitate the careers of some of the under-21s of three or four years ago who've since gone missing in action. And, of course, he's dead right.

Anyone who honestly believes that Ollie O'Connor and Damien Cleere, to name the two most obvious minor starlets of recent vintage, ought to be allowed within a mile of the Kilkenny senior outfit between now and 1998 is inviting the attention of psychiatric services.

Of the 1993 McCarthy Cup winners, half of the side had come into the inter-county game straight from minor or under-21 (Carey, Ronan, Power, O'Neill, Phelan, Hennessy, Willie O'Connor). But the other half hadn't. Michael Walsh, Pat Dwyer and Liam Simpson were well in their mid-20s, or older, when they progressed from the successful juniors. Liam McCarthy had been hanging around for ages before finally making the grade.

And Eddie O'Connor, Liam Keoghan and Eamon Morrissey were established performers on the Kilkenny club scene

before receiving, and accepting, their bite at the big cherry.

Operating on the same basis, then, 50% of the new faces likely to make their way onto the county panel in the coming years will fit the 23-26 age bracket and belong not necessarily to senior clubs. This is where the selectors must cast their net. Except that fitting names to faces will be a horribly difficult job.

Eddie O'Dwyer, Dermot Maher and company have time, and bags of it, on their side. Like the poor, the Black and Amber's ballplayers will always be with us. But who is to do the fetching and carrying for them? How many players are out there around the county, old enough and physically mature enough to come in and stand a chance of holding their own against the Offalys and Corks and Tipperarys, as Pat Dwyer did at the back end of 1988?

Derek Gaffney was the obvious choice – the only obvious choice, in point of fact – even before Tullaroan won the county championship. Billy O'Keeffe, in limbo since the 1988 All-Ireland minor decider, was an imaginative addition to the panel during the Autumn and did little wrong. The simultaneously-introduced Canice Brennan has coped soundly thus far.

Are there more Dwyers and Keoghans and Morrisseys lurking, overlooked, out there? Furnishing an affirmative answer may be Kilkenny's biggest challenge in the years ahead.

# Le Gach Dea-Mhéin ó Chomhairle Laighean C.L.G.



Micheál Ó Dubhshláine  
Rúnaí.



# James Stephens, St. Lachtain's and Dunnamaggin – Under-16 "Kings"



**JAMES STEPHENS – UNDER-16 ROINN "A" HURLING CHAMPIONS, 1994**

Front row (left to right) – David Tyrrell, Pat Devlin, Shane Egan, Patrick Holden, Diarmuid Herlihy, Eoin Larkin, Cathal O'Dowd, Brian Power. Back row (left to right) – Seamus Kennedy (selector), Thomas Tyrrell, Alan Dooley, John Morgan, Mark Power, Tomás O'Dowd (capt.), Joe Pyke (Cathaoirleach, Bórd na nÓg), Geoffrey Brennan, Stephen Thompson, Michael Fogarty, Timmy Grogan (coach).

(Photos: Tom Brett)

**IN A very competitive Supermac's Under-16 Championship, James Stephens were hard-pressed to beat surprise packet, Rower-Inistioge, in a thrilling final.**

It took two offerings to win this one. It was 2-9 to 3-6 in the drawn game, but, in the replay, the city side won by 3-6 to 1-7. The "Village" had a few narrow escapes before collecting the title. They barely "got home" against Graigue-Ballycallan in the Northern Final (3-8 to 2-5).

The Rower-Inistioge reversed a 10-point beating in the league to beat the same opposition in the championship final (South) by a similar winning margin (2-8 to 0-4).

The Championship final in Ballyhale, at the first attempt, was a cracker. The "Village" led at the break by 1-7 to 1-3. The second half saw the Rower-Inistioge gallop away from the city lads, only to be caught on the line for a well-earned draw by the city lads. For the record, the James Stephens scorers were: Pat Savage (1-0), Mark Power (1-1), Shane Egan (0-3), Tomás O'Dowd, Stephen Murphy and Michael Fogarty (0-1 each).

For the Rower-Inistioge, Liam Galavan (2-0), Richard Tierney (1-0), Michael Doyle (0-4) and Paul Sheehan (0-2) scored.

In the replay, the storming finish mounted by the "Stephens" was responsible for their laying claim to the winners

cup. A late goal by Stephen Murphy and a brace of points ensured that the James Stephens collected their ninth title. The half-time score was: 2-3 to 1-4 in favour of the "Village".

James Stephens scorers were: Shane Egan (2-1), Stephen Murphy (1-0), Johnny Murphy (0-3), Pat Savage and Tomás O'Dowd (0-1 each).

For Rower-Inistioge, Paul Sheehan (1-4), Michael Doyle (0-3) scored.

**James Stephens** – Patrick Holden, Eoin Larkin, John Morgan, Dermot Herlihy, Hugh Gannon, David Mülcahy, Michael Fogarty, John Cullen, Tomás O'Dowd, Shane Egan, Mark Power, Johnny Murphy, Alan Dooley, Pat Savage, Stephen Murphy. *Sub.* – Brian O'Dwyer.



**BÓRD NA nÓG, 1994**

Front row (left to right) – Kevin Ryan, John Comerford, Damien O'Connell, Tom Delahunty, Joe Pyke, Richie Stone, Tommy Kelly, Tony Cotterel. Second row (left to right) – Larry Brennan, Paddy Phelan, Paddy Bergin, Tom Keane, John Dowling, Gerry Drennan, John Glennon, Martin Morrissey, Tom Walsh. Ned Haberlin. Third row – Thomas Mullally, Martin Meally, Jimmy Purcell, Jimmy Staunton, Michael O'Neill, Sean Raggett, John Manogue, Martin Kavanagh, John Joe Kenny, Mattie Mackey.

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## UNDER-16 – Contd.

**Rower-Inistioge** – Pat Brennan, William Kennedy, Niall Walsh, Tom Morrissey, Niall Kenny, Tom Digby, Richard Barron, Bill Cottrell, Paul Sheehan, James Tierney, Michael Doyle, Tom Doyle, Richard Tierney, Liam Galavan, Mark Cummins. *Sub.* – Michael Byrne.

### ROINN “B”:

St. Lachtain's of Freshford won the Roinn “B” championship, but only just! What a fright they got from the Shamrocks of Ballyhale! Played as a curtain-raiser to the Junior county final, this was an intriguing battle. Fortunes swayed in both directions before a lucky break – and it was going to come down to a lucky break – let in the Freshford lads for the winning score.

St. Lachtain's scorers were: Noel Hickey (1-3), Pat Morrissey (1-2), Brian Duignan (1-1) and Brian Manogue (0-1).

For Shamrocks, David Kennedy (2-2), Joe Walsh (1-0) and Henry Shefflin (0-2) scored.

**St. Lachtain's** – John Joe Burke, Brian Butler, Niall Phelan, Ray Kavanagh, John Flynn, Liam Cahill, Paul Costelloe, Pat Morrissey, Michael Kavanagh, Colm McGree, Brian Duignan, Ger Dalton, Richard Teehan, Noel Hickey, Brian Minogue. *Sub.* – Andrew Martin.

**Shamrocks** – Brendan Costelloe, John Healy, Ger Connolly, Joey O'Brien, Paul Shefflin, Thomas Coogan, Sean O'Keeffe, Aidan Cummins, Paul Holohan, Henry Shefflin, David Kennedy, Joseph Walsh, David Harrington, David Walsh, Liam Grant. *Subs.* – Sean O'Keeffe, Seamus Walsh.

### ROINN “C”:

Bennettsbridge hurled with a fierce commitment to easily take the Roinn “C” title against Kilmacow. This was “the double” for them, as they had already won the eleven-a-side league title. At half-time, they led by 2-5 to 0-1. The final score was:

Bennettsbridge 3-8, Kilmacow 1-6.

Bennettsbridge scorers were: Adrian Walpole (0-3), Noel Sugrue (0-3), Donal Cahalane (0-2), Alan Dobbyn (1-0), Joe Gubbins (1-0), Vincent Croke (1-0).

Kilmacow scorers were: John Barron (1-3), Peter Mullally, Stephen O'Keeffe and Richard Walsh (0-1 each).

**Bennettsbridge** – Bobby Griffiths, Peter Dooley, Michael Denieffe, Martin Grace, Paul Cullen, Vincent Freyne, Eoin Hanrahan, Adrian Walpole, Tim Dooley, Noel Sugrue, Donal Cahalane, Alan Dobbyn, Joe Gubbins, Niall Coady, James Conway. *Subs.* – Vincent Croke and Jack Denieffe.

**Kilmacow** – Davy Walsh, William Kelly, Lenny Egan, Brendan Maher, Conor Walsh, Peter Mullally, Stephen O'Keeffe, Francis Walsh, Lory O'Hanrahan, John Barron, Pat Gaule, Brian Fleming, Gerry O'Shea, Richard Walsh, John Walsh.

## League titles for Dunnamaggin, John Lockes and Bennettsbridge

Dunnamaggin retained their Supermac's under-16 League title with a hard-fought 3-14 to 2-7 victory over Rower-Inistioge at Nowlan Park. At half-time, they led by 2-5 to 0-4.

While the Rower-Inistioge lads reversed this result in the championship later, this was Dunnamaggin's day. Their scorers were Ramie Cahill (1-8), Leonard O'Shea (2-0), Brian O'Shea (0-3), Kenneth Moore, Niall Brett, John Hickey (0-1 each).

For Rower-Inistioge, Michael Doyle scored 1-4, Paul Sheehan scored 1-2, and James Tierney scored 0-1.

**Dunnamaggin** – Niall McCormack, Noel Hickey, Brendan Moore, Andrew O'Neill, Colm Herity, Willie Kearney, J. P. O'Neill, Brian O'Shea, Kenneth Moore, Ramie Cahill, John Hickey, Niall Hickey, Niall Brett, Leonard O'Shea, James

McCormack, Canice Hickey.

**Rower-Inistioge** – Liam Galavan, Willie Kennedy, Niall Walsh, Richard Tierney, Richard Barron, Tom Digby, Niall Kennedy, Paul Sheehan, Bill Cottrell, Mark Cummins, Michael Doyle, Tom Doyle, Dermot Brennan, James Tierney, Tom Morrissey.

### ROINN “B”

John Lockes from Callan retained their League title when they had a two-point win over St. Lachtain's of Freshford. At 2-3 each at the break, it was all to play for. In a helter-skelter second half, the Callan lads just “got up on the line” to win by 2-6 to 2-4.

**John Lockes** – John O'Neill, Michael Roche, Denis Nolan, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Damien Burke, Conleth Nolan, Ramie Power, John Paul Corcoran, Michael Dunne, Christopher Vaughan, Joey Gormley, Ger Tobin, Declan Burke, John Norris, Keith Doheny.

**St. Lachtain's** – John Joe Burke, Brian Butler, Liam Cahill, Ray Kavanagh, John Flynn, Michael Kavanagh, Niall Phelan, Noel Hickey, Ger Dalton, Colm McGree, Brian Duignan, Pat Morrissey, Paul Costelloe, Brian Minogue, Richard Teehan. *Sub.* – Andrew Martin.

Bennettsbridge were the only team to complete the double, when they won the Roinn “C” league title. They beat Lisdowney by 3-5 to 1-2. This league was an eleven-a-side affair.

The Bennettsbridge scorers were Joe Gubbins (1-0), Noel Sugrue (0-2), James Conway (2-0), Adrian Walpole (0-2), Tom Dooley (0-1). Lisdowney scorers were Tommy Bergin (1-0), Michael Bergin (0-1).

**Bennettsbridge** – Bobby Griffiths, Eoin Hanrahan, Michael Denieffe, Vincent Freyne, Paul Cullen, Tim Dooley, Adrian Walpole, Donal Cahalane (capt.), Noel Sugrue, Joe Gubbins, James Conway.



ST. LACHTAIN'S – UNDER-16 ROINN B CHAMPIONS, 1994

Back row – Brian Duignan, Michael Kavanagh, Brian Butler, Roy Kavanagh, Colin McGree, Pat Morrissey, John Joe Burke, Richard Teehan, Paul Costelloe, Martin Ryan, Liam Cahill, Michael Hickey. Front row – Andrew Martin, Darren Kavanagh, Cormac Ryan, J. J. Grace, John Flynn, Gerard Dalton, Noel Hickey (capt.), Niall Phelan, Roy Condon, Brian Minogue.

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**JOHN LOCKES – UNDER-16 ROINN B CHAMPIONS**

Front (left to right) – Paddy Fitzpatrick, William Doheny, Michael Dunne, John O'Neill, Raymond Power, Conleth Nolan (capt.), Declan Burke, Keith Doheny, Ross Holden, Alan Morrissey. Back (left to right) – John Norris, Damien Burke, William Barry, John Paul Corcoran, Michael Roche, Shane Whelan, Joey Gormley, Ger Tobin, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Denis Nolan, Christopher Vaughan, Andy Power, Derek Holden.



**ROWER-INISTIOIGE – UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP AND LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP**

Front row (left to right) Bill Cottrell, Tom Morrissey, Liam Galavan (capt.), Mark Cummins, P.J. Wilmott, James Tierney, Tom Doyle, Tom Cashin, John Kelly, Niall Lyng, Brian Murphy, Patrick Corcoran, Michael Byrne. Back row (left to right) – Michael Doyle, Martin Cashin, Richard Tierney, Dermot Brennan, Thomas Digby, Pat Brennan, William Kennedy, Paul Sheehan, Richard Barron, Nicholas Kenny, Niall Walsh, William Galavan, Matt Bolger, Declan Byrne.

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**KILMACOW – RUNNERS-UP UNDER-16 "C" CHAMPIONSHIP**

Back row (left to right) – Gary O'Shea, Williem Kelly, Leonard Egan, Rory O'Hanlon, Francis Walsh, Stephen O'Keeffe, John Carroll, Pat Gaule, Brendan Maher, Brendan Kennedy, Peter Mullally. Front row (left to right) – Liam Drennan, Richard Walsh, Conor Walsh, Brian Fleming, Ray Hennessy, John Walsh, David Walsh, Ian Walsh, John Barron, Darren McDonald, Gary O'Sullivan. Mascot: Richard McNamara.

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**DUNNAMAGGIN – UNDER-16 LEAGUE WINNERS**

Back row (left to right) – D. O'Shea (selector), J. P. O'Neill, N. Brett, J. McCormack, B. O'Shea, R. Cahill, J. Hickey, B. Delahunty, A. O'Neill, C. Herity, B. Moore, R. Cahill (trainer). Front row (left to right) – R. Cahill, O. Herity, C. Hickey, N. McCormack, N. McCormack, W. Kearney, L. Heffernan, D. O'Shea, L. O'Shea, K. Moore, N. Hickey, J. Cahill (mascot).

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## UNDER-16 – *Contd.*

**Lisdowney** – Raymond Tallis, Brian Kelly, Damien Sheehy, John White, T.J. Mackey, Michael Bergin, Tommy Bergin, Stephen Tallis, Pat Kennedy, Pa Mooney Eugene Tallis. *Subs.* – John Paul Blanchfield, Mark Mullally, David Dowling.

### Football titles for Dicksboro, Railyard and Shamrocks

Dicksboro won the Roinn “A” football championship title with a good win over Piltown – winning 2-13 to 1-4. It took a two-goal blast in the last few minutes to win this one for the city lads. Michael Gordon was a severe loss to the southerners. He was out through injury.

The Dicksboro scorers were Timmy Clifford (1-3), Alan Barry (0-4), Cillin Breathnach (1-0), Alan Dowling (0-2), Brian Power (0-2), David Kerwick and Richard Barry (0-1 each).

Piltown scorers were Philip Wash (1-2), John Minehan and John Walsh (0-1 each).

**Dicksboro** – Stephen Guidera, Oisín Breathnach, Mark Gaffney, Oisín Dawson, Kieran O’Sullivan, Kieran Philpott, Cathal McDonald, Niall O’Gorman, Richard Barry, Timmy Clifford, Brian Power, David Kerwick, Alan Barry, Richard Teehan, Alan Dowling. *Subs.* – Cillian Breathnach, Pakie Walsh.

**Piltown** – Andrew Norris, Pat O’Donoghue, Mark Long, Joe Walsh, Paul Walsh, Aubrey Storey, Brendan Dineen, Tom Falconer, Evan Grace, Philip Walsh, Brian O’Donoghue, Liam Knox, John Walsh, John Minehan, James Norris. *Subs.* – Vincent Long, Peter Falconer.

Railyard retained their Roinn “B” title when they beat Mullinavat by just two points. The Railyard lads had beaten Graigue-Ballycallan (1-7 to 2-3) and Young Irelands (2-10 to 3-4), on the way to the final. Mullinavat had victories over Kilmoganny (3-3 to 2-5) and the Rower-Inistioge (2-8 to 2-4).

Railyard scorers were Sean Brennan, Seamus Hennessy and Thomas Coogan (1-1 each), J. P. O’Neill and Jim Kealy (0-1 each).

For Mullinavat, Kieran Laherty (0-3), Alan Wall (1-2), Tony Duggan (1-0) and Richard John Carroll (0-1) scored.

**Railyard** – Owen Boran, Colin Coogan, Michael Kealy, Paul Maguire, Thomas Mooney, Daniel Lawlor, Michael O’Shea, Thomas Coogan, Thomas Treacy, Sean Brennan, Jimmy Kealy, John Paul O’Neill, Eddie Byrne, Seamus Hennessy, Pádraig O’Dowd.

**Mullinavat** – Oliver Dalton, Keith Madigan, David Madigan, David Coughlan, Paul Aylward, Eamon Sutton, Kenneth Butler, Jonathan Duggan, Kieran Laharty, Richard Butler, Richard John Carroll, Seamus Holden, Michael Murphy, Seamus Laherty, Alan Wall, Tony Duggan.

A new football championship came on line this year when Shamrocks beat Muckalee in the Roinn “C” championship by 3-6 to 2-4. This was a terrific game of

football, with the result in doubt right to the finish.

**Shamrocks** – John Kennedy, Ger Connolly, Joey O’Brien, John Healy, Paul Shefflin, Bobby Aylward, Sean O’Keeffe, Aidan Cummins, Paul Holohan, Joseph Walsh, David Cummins, David Kennedy, Thomas Coogan, David Harrington, Henry Shefflin, Liam Grant. *Sub.* – David Walsh.

**Muckalee** – Lorcan Maher, Michael Rice, Anthony O’Flynn, Michael Somers, Liam Murphy, Donal Brennan, Adrian Costigan, Philip Shore, Larry Brennan, John O’Mahony, Alan Murphy, Michael Murphy, Michael Callanan, Michael Keane, Paul Maher. *Subs.* – David Cashin, Martin Dowling.

Dicksboro had a clean sweep in football when they beat John Lockes in their league final in Palmerstown on a score of 4-11 to 0-7. At half-time, it was 2-7 for the ‘Boro, with the Callan lads having a meagre two points on the scoreboard.

**Dicksboro** – Graham Doyle, Pakie Walsh, Mark Gaffney, Cathal McDonald, Kieran O’Sullivan, Kieran Philpott, David Kerwick, Richie Barry, Niall O’Gorman, Stephen Guidera, Brian Power, Timmy Clifford, Alan Barry, Richard Teehan, Alan Dowling. *Subs.* – Oisín Breathnach, Liam McCormack, Denis Brennan.

**John Lockes** – Derek Doheny, Ross Holden, Michael Roche, Conleth Nolan, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Denis Nolan, Stephen Byrne, Michael Dunne, John Paul Corcoran, Joey Gormley, John Norris, Christopher Vaughan, Shane Whelan, Ger Tobin, Andy Power. *Subs.* – Michael Hennessy.

At the time of going to press, Graigue-Ballycallan and Young Irelands have qualified for the Roinn “B” football league final.



**BENNETTSBRIDGE – UNDER-16 HURLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, 1994**

*Front row (left to right) – Martin Grace, Peadar Dooley, Alan Dobbyn, Eoin Hanrahan, Donal Cahalan, Vincent Croke, Adrian Walpole, Noel Sugrue. Back row (left to right) – Niall Cody, John Conway, Jack Denieffé, Michael Denieffé, Paul Cullen, Vincent Frayne, Joe Gubbins, Tim Dooley, Bobby Griffiths, James Conway.*

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# Graigie/Ballycallan

## – Minor Champions Supreme

For the second year in succession, the Minor Hurling Roinn “A” championship final was contested by two country teams, with Graigie/Ballycallan regaining a title they last held in 1949, when they beat the reigning county champions, Dunnamaggin. As opposed to many previous years, this year’s Roinn “A” championship was an open affair, with all competing teams in with a reasonable chance of winning.

Dunnamaggin opened their campaign with a three-point win over Mooncoin. A good start proved half the battle for the holders, but Mooncoin staged a great second-half rally and levelled the scores near the end of the match. However, Dunnamaggin snatched victory with a late goal. The final score read, Dunnamaggin 3-9 Mooncoin 3-6. Dunnamaggin’s next victims were Piltown. The under-16 champions of two years ago were expected to mount a severe test for the Dunnamaggin lads, but alas, such was not the case, as Dunnamaggin ran out easy winners on a score of 3-14 to 3-6. The only one-sided game of the series saw Glenmore, the championship favourites, outscore the Rower/Inistioge by 6-21 to 2-3. The South final was a real titanic battle, with fortunes swaying in either direction throughout the hour. Glenmore looked like winners for a long period, but two goals in the final eight minutes saw Dunnamaggin retain their title.

Graigie/Ballycallan opened their campaign with a rather facile victory over last year’s finalists, St. Lachtain’s from Freshford. Scoring 1-14, the “Graig” lads had an easier passage into the second round than they had anticipated. Pundits

had the city giants, Dicksboro and James Stephen’s pencilled in as likely county champions. One of them was due to meet their Waterloo, as they were drawn against one another in their first round game. The maroon and white clad ‘Boro lads had a runaway victory, scoring four goals, put ten points with them, and the rest is history. The “Village” scored nine points in return. So, it was on to John Locke Park in Callan for the Northern Final between the ‘Boro and Graigie/Ballycallan. With a magnificent, heart-stopping display of controlled hurling Graigie/Ballycallan emerged victorious on a score of 4-7 to the ‘Boro’s 3-6.

The county final set the scenario for a great day’s entertainment in Nowlan Park, October 9th was the date, and Nowlan Park was a splendid sight of verdant green as the boys of Graigie/Ballycallan, and Dunnamaggin faced one another in what was to prove an intriguing battle for the “Mick Joyce Cup”. Dunnamaggin, the reigning champions, were the hottest favourites for years. They justified that favouritism in the early stages of the game, as they swarmed all over the “Graig” lads. But the northern champs weathered the early Dunnamaggin onslaught, and slowly but surely established a composure that was to pay dividends, particularly before the break. Dunnamaggin were guilty of atrocious shooting, and as the game careered towards the half hour, they became more and more frustrated. On the other hand, practically every time the Graigie/Ballycallan men attacked, they exacted the maximum retribution. In many people’s opinion, the most important score of the game came Ballycallan’s way just before the referee

blew the half-time “feadóig”. Damien Cleere collected a Dunnamaggin puck-out and drove it back from whence it had come. It was knocked out to the side of the goal by Dunnamaggin goalkeeper, Alan McCormack, but the alert Tommy Manogue rifled it past the hapless McCormack, which saw the “Graig” lads go in leading by 1-4 to 0-3. This had an apparent uplifting effect on the Northerners, whilst Dunnamaggin went in somewhat shell-shocked.

Graigie/Ballycallan returned to the fray like tigers. Within four minutes of the re-start, Paul Dermody hammered another nail into the favourites’ coffin with a splendid goal. It was going to be an uphill battle for Dunnamaggin now. Worse was to follow, as they were reduced to fourteen men shortly afterwards. Tommy Manogue belted in two more goals to collect his hat-trick, and the so-effective Seán Millea clipped in a “beauty” to see Graigie/Ballycallan run out the easiest of winners by 5-6 to 1-6. Scenes of unbridled passion and celebration were evident everywhere as Damien Cleere collected the Cup.

To complete the day for the winning club, the Iarnród Éireann sponsored “Man of the Match” award was won by James Cullinane – what a game he had. Other stars for “Graigie” were Seán Dermody, Paul Hoyne, Paddy Dwyer, Michael Hoyne, John Hoyne, Seán Millea, Tommy Manogue and Damien Cleere. Best for Dunnamaggin were Paul Moore, Andrew Hickey, Noel Lahart, Willie Kearney, Michael O’Neill, Philip O’Shea and Ken O’Shea.

Scorers for Graigie/Ballycallan were Tommy Manogue 3-0, Damien Cleere 0-4, Seán Millea 1-1, Paul Dermody 1-0 and John Hoyne 0-1.



*Ballyhale Shamrocks Roinn B Minor Hurling Finalists 1994 – Back row: Bob Aylward, Aidan Cummins, Andrew Connolly, John Drennan, Thomas Kelly, Brendan Cummins, Dermot Ryan, Edmond Holohan, Liam Fitzpatrick., Leonard Farrell, David Kennedy, Gerry Connors. Front row: Richard McMahon, Paschal Farrell, Gerard Cotterell, John Phelan, Michael Kennedy, Henry Shefflin, Michael O’Sullivan, Joey O’Brien, Teddy O’Neill, Paul Fennelly.*



For *Dunnamaggin* Ken O'Shea scored 1-3 and Ramie Cahill, Michael O'Neill and Philip O'Shea scored one point each.

*Graigue/Ballycallan*: John Comerford, Alan Trayer, Seán Dermody, Niall Egan, Paul Hoyne, Paddy Dwyer, Pat Marnell, Alan Hoyne, James Cullinane, Paul Dermody, Michael Hoyne, John Hoyne, Seán Millea, Damien Cleere, Tommy Manogue.

*Subs*: James O'Connor, Paddy Nugent, Philip Butler.

*Dunnamaggin*: Anthony McCormack, Brendan Moore, Paul Moore, Tom McCormack, Willie Kearney, Andrew Hickey, Noel Lahart, Michael O'Neill, J. P. O'Neill, John Hickey, Ken O'Shea, Ramie Cahill, Noel Hickey, Philip O'Shea, Brian O'Shea.

O'Loughlin Gaels were favourites to collect the Roinn "B" championship, having won the League title in 1993. Most of that league-winning team were still available in 1994. They nearly came a cropper in their very first round match against the Fenians from Johnstown. It took a late point by Alan Geoghegan to "save their bacon". However, there was no doubting their superiority in the replay, as they ran out convincing winners by 4-12 to 1-10. Young Ireland's took care of Lisdowney (2-14 to 2-8), the Emeralds beat St. Martin's (2-9 to 1-5), whilst Erin's Own had a bye. In the South, Thomastown beat John Lockes, Shamrocks beat Kilmacow, Carrickshock beat John Lockes, Shamrocks beat Kilmacow, Carrickshock beat Tullogher-Rosbercon (4-8 to 3-7), and Mullinavat beat Graignamanagh (5-12 to 2-1).

The Northern semi-finals were contrasting affairs. O'Loughlin's easily accounted for Erin's Own (2-22 to 1-5), but the other "semi" saw Young Ireland's barely get there against the Emeralds by just three points (4-7 to 1-13).

In the Northern Final, Young Ireland's suffered a severe setback to their



*Bennettsbridge Minor League hurling champions Roinn C 1994 – Front row (l. to r.) Niall Cody, Wayne Dowling, Willie Murphy, Tom Hanrahan (captain), Pdraig Lawlor, Tony McGuinness, James Treacy, James Conway, Paul Cullen. Back row (l. to r.) Donal Cahalane, Adrian Walpole, Ger Treacy, Noel Sugrue, Ciarán Mulhall, John Drea, Dean Denieffe, Liam McEvoy, Bobby Griffiths, Brendan Cleere, Tim Dooley.*



*Young Ireland's Roinn "B" Minor league runners-up. Front (l. to r.) Eoin Drea, Thomas Drennan, Aidan Drennan, Dick Carroll, David Carter, Alan Roche, Robert Simpson, Martin Carter, John Paul Carroll. Back (l. to r.) James Comerford, Ciarán Carroll, Billy Doheny, Shane Power, Richard Kennedy, Darragh Hunt, Barry O'Donnell, Peter Carroll, Alan O'Neill, Brian Walsh (Photo: Kay Morrissey)*

ambitions. They had to line out without Dick Carroll, who had shipped an injury in the Kilmacud Crokes 7-a-side tournament. Consequently they went down to their city rivals by 4-7 to 0-4.

In the South, Shamrocks beat Thomastown, while Mullinavat had an easy win over Carrickshock. The South Final produced a "humdinger" between near-neighbours, Shamrocks and Mullinavat. Shamrocks eventually won on a score of 2-10 to 1-7.

The County Final was a blistering affair from "the gun to the line". The city lads opened up an early lead of six points (1-7 to 0-4), which they held up to the break. They added a further three points just after half-time, which would have indicated that the city outfit were going

to cruise home. They didn't reckon with the traditional Shamrocks will to win. They exerted awesome pressure on the O'Loughlin backs, and with twelve minutes remaining, they had the arrears narrowed to just three points. However, with county minor star, Brian Kelly hurling like a man inspired and Jimmy Comerford and Nigel Owens coming good late on, the city lads eventually weathered the Shamrocks hurricane to run out winners by 1-16 to 1-10. Incidentally, Jimmy Comerford won the Iarnród "Man of the Match" award. In addition to those mentioned, others to play well for O'Loughlin's were Adrian Kealy, Keith Kinsella, Derek Ralph and Alan Geoghegan. The Shamrocks players who caught the eye were Henry Shefflin



*Tullaroan, Roinn C Minor hurling champions, 1994 – Back row (l. to r.) Chris Maher, selector; Adrian Ó Dea, Eamon O'Neill, Lory Holland, David Glennon, Niall Keogh, Michael Maher, Jimmy Coogan, Michael Kennedy, Brian Maher, David Millea, John Delaney, John Coogan, Patrick Campion, John Glennon, Tom Fitzgerald, Jimmy Maher, trainer. Front row: John Breen, Matthew Butler, Eamonn Delaney, Barry Teehan (captain), Owen Hall, Mark Holmes, Chris Maher, Jimmy Cleere, Milo Cleere, Ogie Kennedy, Richard Holland.*





Piltown Minor Football Roinn "B" champions - Front row (l. to r.) Leo Commins, Mark Long, Richie Connolly, Brian Walsh, Liam Kearns (captain), Niall O'Shea, Robert Walsh, Michael Gordon, John Falconer. Back row (l. to r.) John Tully, Daniel McSweeney, Eamon Costelloe, Brian Farrell, Michael Dwyer, James Connolly, James Farrell, Tadhg Kenny, Denis Lawlor, Michael Brennan.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

(a great goalkeeper), John Drennan, Andrew Connolly, Brendan Cummins, Dermot Ryan and Tomás Kelly.

O'Loughlin's scorers were Alan Geoghegan 0-6, Jimmy Comerford 0-4, Brian Kelly 0-4, Derek Ralph, Martin Comerford and Lee Phelan one point each.

Shamrock's scorers were Dermot Ryan 0-7, Tomás Kelly 1-2, Michael Kennedy 0-1.

O'Loughlin-Gaels: Andrew Kealy, Martin Corcoran, Keith Kinsella, Brian Holohan, Noric Guilfoyle, Nigel Owens, Seán Dowling, Jimmy Comerford, Derek Ralph, Alan Geoghegan, Brian Kelly, Martin Comerford, Stephen Trant, Alan O'Dwyer, Lee Phelan.

Shamrocks: Henry Shefflin, John Phelan, John Drennan, Teddy O'Neill, Liam Fitzpatrick, Andrew Connolly, Brendan Cummins, Leonard Farrell, Paschal Farrell, Aidan Cummins, Dermot Ryan, Edmond Holohan, Tomás Kelly, Gerry Connors, Michael Kennedy.

Subs: Richard McMahon and Michael O'Sullivan.

Most of the minor teams competed in Roinn "C" of the championship, which was eventually won by Tullaroan. They were held to a draw in their first round match against Galmoy (1-10 each), but they made no mistakes second time round, and they ran out convincing winners (3-13 to 1-7). The rest of the first round matches in the North went as

anticipated, with wins for Clara over Conahy (3-5 to 0-8), St. Patrick's (Ballyragget) over Barrow Rangers (3-5 to 2-7), and James Stephens II over Danesfort (5-13 to 2-7).

In the South, Windgap beat Slieverue (3-14 to 2-8), and then went on to account for the Mooncoin second team rather easily in the South Final.

In the second round in the North, Bennettsbridge beat Clara (4-9 to 4-3), Cloneen beat St. Patrick's (Ballyragget) (1-9 to 0-5), Tullaroan beat Blacks and Whites (3-18 to 0-3) and James Stephen's II beat Dicksboro II. In the "semis", Bennettsbridge beat Cloneen (3-17 to 2-3), and Tullaroan beat James Stephens II (4-17 to 1-6). In the Northern Final, Tullaroan hurled a brilliant first half to set up a good victory over Bennettsbridge on a score of 3-10 to 2-3.

The county final was played in Callan, on October 15th, and it resulted in a rather easy victory for the Tullaroan men. Mind you they had two players (Michael Maher and Barry Teehan) on duty in Callan who had collected senior championship medals the previous week against Dicksboro. That must stand as some kind of record. After 18 minutes, Tullaroan led by 1-6 to 0-0 and they were ahead at the interval by 2-6 to 1-1. It looked "curtains" for the Windgap

lads, and so it proved. They tried very hard to wrest the ascendancy from their far more experienced northern rivals, but it was not to be. Tullaroan eventually ran out winners by 5-10 to 4-2, the winning margin not in the least bit flattering to the Tullaroan lads. The "Iarnród Éireann Man of the Match" award was won by John Breen. In addition to Maher and Teehan, other Tullaroan players to catch the eye were, David Glennon at midfield, Adrian O'Dea, Eamon Delaney and Tommy Coogan. For Windgap, Alan Hearne, Enda Hawe, Niall Kenny and Matthew Enright were best.

Tullaroan scorers were: Eamon Delaney 2-1, Adrian O'Dea 1-2, Barry Teehan 1-2, Brian Maher 1-0, Jimmy Coogan 0-3, Eamonn O'Neill and David Glennon one point each.

The Windgap scorers were Matthew Enright 2-0, Laurence Doyle and Ray Broaders 1-0 each, Alan Hearne 0-2.

Tullaroan: Eoin Hall, David Millea, Michael Kennedy, Niall Keogh, M. Holmes, Michael Maher, John Breen, David Glennon, Lory Holland, Barry Teehan, Eamon Delaney, Eamon O'Neill, Brian Maher, Adrian O'Dea, Jimmy Coogan.

Windgap: Alan Hawe, George Watters, Noel Power, Sean Power, Noel Enright, Alan Hearne, Enda Hawe, Niall Kenny, Ray Broaders, Keith Doran, James Murray, Paul McKenna, Matthew Enright, P. J. Barron, Joe Murray.

Sub: Laurence Doyle.



O'Loughlin Gaels Roinn B Minor county hurling 1994 - Back row: Mick Nolan (trainer), Ger Galvin, Matthew Loughmane, Martin Comerford, Paul Roche, Peter Dowling (selector), Sean Dowling, Nigel Owens, Seanie Tyrrell (selector), Grahame Malone, Michael Butler, Derek Ralph, David Comerford, Paul Delaney, Brendan Mulbearn, Mark Power, Noric Guilfoyle, Damien O'Connell (selector), Tyrone Cuddihy. Front row: Colman Loughnane (selector), Jimmy Comerford, Martin Corcoran, Stephen Trant, Brian Kelly (captain), Alan O'Dwyer, Alan Geoghegan, Lee Phelan, Adrian Kealy, Brian Holohan, David McCormack, Liam Trant.

(Photo: Tom Brett)



# League title for John Lockes and Bennettsbridge

Surprisingly, none of the protagonists in the Roinn "B" and Roinn "C" league finals had reached their respective championship finals. In the Roinn "B" final, Callan's John Lockes faced Young Irelands from Gowran in Bennettsbridge. The "Lockes" made a very unsteady start to their campaign. They were nearly "gone", but for a victory over Kilmacow, which gave them a position in a three-way play-off mini-league with Tullogher-Rosbercon and Kilmacow. The Callan lads steamed out of the play-offs, and then took care of the championship finalists, Shamrocks, in the quarter-final in Piltown. They caused a considerable shock by beating O'Loughlin Gaels in the semi-final, the same O'Loughlin's who had careered away with the championship. The Callan lads easily accounted for the city lads by a clear six points.

In the other half of the league, Young Ireland's reached the semi-final, where they met and beat Mullinavat by 3-10 to 2-10. The final was a nerve-stopping experience for all concerned. Callan led at the interval by 0-7 to 1-2, the Gowran goal being scored by Gowran's full-forward, Peter Carroll. The second half was an exciting affair, and for a time it looked as if the Callan lads would win. But then, Gowran earned a '65 mid-way through the half. Barry O'Donnell's effort went all the way to the net. When it looked as if a draw was going to be the result, John Lockes' Conleth Nolan drove home the winning goal from thirty metres out. The foundation of the Lockes victory was laid at half-back. Here Eamon Kennedy, John Power and John Paul Corcoran were nigh on unbeatable. Corcoran, who is still under-16, scored seven points for the lads from Callan. It was a great year for the Callan lads. With players of the calibre of the above-mentioned, plus Andy Power, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Michael Denny, John O'Neill, Denis and Conleth Nolan, P. J. Coady and David Henriques it augers well for the state of the game in Callan. Young Ireland's too had a very rewarding year. With players of the calibre of David Carter - still under-14 - Darragh Hunt, Alan O'Neill, Barry O'Donnell, Dick

Carroll, Shane Power and Peter Carroll, their prospects too look very rosey indeed.

John Lockes scorers were John Paul Corcoran 0-7, Andy Power 0-3, Conleth Nolan 1-0 and Paul Morrissey 0-1. For Young Irelands Barry O'Donnell scored 1-1, Peter Carroll scored 1-0, Alan O'Neill scored 0-2, and Shane Power and Brian Walsh scored one point each.

**John Lockes:** John O'Neill, Michael Denny, Denis Nolan, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Eamon Kennedy, John Power, Shane O'Keeffe, P. J. Coady, Conleth Nolan, John Paul Corcoran, Paul Morrissey, John Norris, Brian Kennedy, David Henriques, Andy Power.

**Young Ireland's:** David Carter, Robert Simpson, Billy Doheny, Ciarán Carroll, Richard Kennedy, Darragh Hunt, Martin Carter, Alan O'Neill, Barry O'Donnell, Thomas Drennan, Shane Power, Dick Carroll, Eoin Drea, Peter Carroll, Aidan Drennan.

*Sub:* Brian Walsh.

In the Roinn "C" League, Cloneen earned the right to compete in the Final by virtue of a narrow, last-minute victory over Windgap in the semi-final. They had

previously beaten championship winners, Tullaroan. Bennettsbridge had beaten Blacks and Whites to qualify from the other side of the table. The Final was played in Jenkinstown. The climatic conditions were deplorable, and scores were at a premium. The 'Bridge won by three clear points (0-9 to 0-6). Noel Sugrue scored four points for the winners, to be their star. Others to shine for the 'Bridge were Bobby Griffiths, Ciarán Mulhall, Ger Treacy, Adrian Walpole, Pádraig Lalor and Donal Cahalane.

Cloneen's best players were John Dowd, Seamus Hennessy, Daniel Love, Thomas Coogan, Shane Coogan, Seamie Brennan, Cyril Steadman, and Alan Hosey.

Bennettsbridge scorers were Noel Sugrue 0-4, Pádraig Lalor 0-3, and John Drea 0-2.

For Cloneen, their scorers were Shane Coogan 0-5 and John Drea 0-2.

**Bennettsbridge:** Bobby Griffiths, James Treacy, Tom Hanrahan, Dean Denieffe, Liam McEvoy, Ciarán Mulhall, Willie Murphy, Adrian Walpole, Ger Treacy, John Drea, Donal Cahalane, Noel Sugrue, Pádraig Lalor, Tony McGuinness, Wayne Dowling.

*Sub:* Brendan Cleere.

**Cloneen:** John Dowd, Ian O'Keeffe, Seamus Hennessy, Liam Phillips, Daniel Love, David Clancy, Ger Campion, Shane Coogan, Thomas Coogan, Tommy Treacy, Alan Hosey, Seamus Brennan, Cyril Steadman, Eamon Mooney, Brian Hendry.

*Subs:* James Phelan, Daniel Lalor.

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# James Stephen's and Piltown win football titles

The delayed 1993 Roinn "A" and Roinn "B" football championships were decided during the year. James Stephen's and Glenmore had fought their way to the Roinn "A" final. It took two offerings to decide the destiny of this title. The first match was played in Ballyhale, and while it looked for a long time that Glenmore would win, four unanswered points by Martin Phelan (2), Liam Smith and Pdraig Hehir in the last few minutes levelled the game. This game provided personal triumphs for both goalkeepers. Donal Brennan in the Village goal and Thomas Barry in the Glenmore goal were absolutely superb. At half time, the Glenmore lads led by a solitary point (0-7 to 1-3). A Paddy Mullally goal in the second half looked like settling the issue for Glenmore, but then came that late James Stephen's rally to take the game to a replay.

The James Stephen's scorers were Martin Phelan 0-4, Paddy Crotty 1-0, Liam Smith 0-2, Pdraig Hehir, Niall Kelly, Wayne Kelly and Robert Kearney one point each.

For Glenmore Paddy Mullally scored 2-1, John Phelan scored 0-2, while Paul Fitzgerald, Mark Mullally, Ken Cottrell and Raymond Culleton scored a point each.

*James Stephen's:* Donal Brennan, Martin Ryan, Shane Doyle, Kevin Grogan, Vinny O'Brien, Martin Phelan, Jackie Mulcahy, Pdraig Hehir, Robert Kearney, Wayne Kelly, Liam Smith, David Harkins, Gavin Knaggs, Niall Kenny, Paddy Crotty.

*Subs:* Dermot Grogan, Liam O'Brien.

*Glenmore:* Thomas Barry, Tommy Griffin, Ciarán Lynch, Fergal Freyne, Brian O'Shea, Paddy Mullally, Richard Mullally, Paul Fitzgerald, Fintan Walsh, Donie Dowling, John Phelan, Mark Mullally, Raymond Culleton, Ken Cottrell, Willie Fitzgerald.

The replay took place in Carrigeen, who made their field available at the last moment, when it was found that Ballyhale was unplayable. Aided by the breeze in the first half, Glenmore built up a useful lead by half time. They led by 1-3 to 1-0. However, the Village exacted full value for their second half dominance to run out easy winners by 2-7 to 1-4. The goal scored by Robert Kearney in the second half for the city lads was the all-important score that saw the Village through. James

Stephen's had great performers in Kevin Grogan, Dermot Grogan, Shane Doyle, Jackie Mulcahy, Martin Phelan, Robert Kearney, Liam O'Brien and Liam Smith. For Glenmore, nobody tried harder than Ciarán Lynch, Tommy Griffin, Paddy Mullally, Fintan Walsh, John Phelan, Mark Mullally and Ray Culleton. The "Stephens" scorers were Robert Kearney 2-0, Liam Smyth 0-2, Paddy Crotty 0-2, Wayne Kelly, Niall Kelly and Liam O'Brien 0-1 each.

The Glenmore scorers were John Phelan 1-2, Ciaran Lynch 0-1, Ray Culleton 0-1.

Glenmore showed one change from the team that played in the drawn match. Declan Cody replaced Richard Mullally. On the other hand, James Stephen's had two alternatives. David Grogan and Liam O'Brien replaced Gavin Knaggs and David Harkin.

It also took two games to decide the Roinn "B" championship. Unlike the Roinn "A" championship, the replay was not as a result of a drawn game, rather an unfinished game. In the first game between Piltown and Muckalee in Danesfort, Piltown were leading by 2-5 to 0-4, when, with seventeen minutes left, the referee was left with no option but to abandon the game. At half time, Piltown led by 2-4 to 0-4. Their goals were scored by Michael O'Dwyer and Niall O'Shea, while Eoin Maher had the distinction of scoring all the Muckalee scores. Best for Piltown were James Connolly, Michael Gordon, Tadhg Kenny, Liam Kearns, Michael Brennan and Niall O'Shea. In addition to Eoin Maher, Muckalee had good performers in Ger Doyle, Richard Maloney, Richard Nolan, Philip Shore, Larry Brennan and Paul Brennan.

The Piltown scorers were Michael O'Dwyer and Niall O'Shea 1-1 each, Michael Gordon 0-2 and Brian Walsh 0-1.

For Muckalee, Eoin Maher scored their four points.

*Piltown:* Eamon Costelloe, Denis Lawlor, Brian Farrell, John Tully, James Farrell, Liam Kearns, James Connolly, Brian Kenealy, Michael Brennan, Paudie O'Gorman, Tadhg Kenny, Brian Walsh, Niall O'Shea, Michael O'Dwyer, Michael Gordon.

*Muckalee:* Jimmy Cantwell, John Doyle, Ger Doyle, Donal Brennan, Richard Nolan, Niall Maloney, Martin Somers, Eoin Maher, Brendan Ryan, Laurence Brennan, Paul Brennan, Philip Shore, Alan Murphy, Benji Burke, John Maher. *Sub:* Martin Dooley.

The re-fixture was played in Callan. Dominating the midfield exchanges, Piltown led at half time by 1-6 to 1-2. After the interval, Piltown introduced Daniel McSweeney. This further bolstered their effort and they eventually ran out easy winners by five points (2-10 to 2-5).

Piltown collected their scores from the boots of Michael Brennan (1-2), Michael Gordon (0-5), Michael O'Dwyer (1-1), John Falconer and James Farrell one point each.

For *Muckalee* Richard Nolan (1-0), Martin Dooley (1-0), Eoin Maher (0-3), and Paul Brennan (0-2) got their scores. While Muckalee played an unchanged team in the replay, Piltown showed two changes. Robert Walsh and Richard Connolly replaced Paudie O'Gorman and Brian Kenealy.

## Graigue/Ballycallan do the double

Graigue-Ballycallan achieved a marvellous double when they added the Roinn "A" minor league title to their championship belt.

This time, they accounted for Glenmore in a fashion far easier than anticipated. They led at the break by 1-6 to 0-6, thanks mainly to an opportunist goal from Damien Cleere. However, Glenmore fought back to level matters early in the second half, but two goals from that goal-poaching expert, Tommy Manogue, saw the "Graigue" lads home on a score of 3-10 to Glenmore's 2-8.

Graigue/Ballycallan had stars in Seán Dermody, Paddy Dwyer, Paul Hoyne, James Cullinane, Alan Hoyne, Tommy Manogue and Damien Cleere.

For Glenmore, Fergal Freyne, Paddy Mullally, Richie Mullally, Paul Fitzgerald, John Phelan and Willie Fitzgerald were best.

*Graigue/Ballycallan:* John Comerford, Alan Trayer, Seán Dermody, Niall Egan, Paul Hoyne, Paddy Dwyer, Pat Marnell, Alan Hoyne, James Cullinane, Paul Dermody, Michael Hoyne, John Hoyne, Seán Millea, Damien Cleere, Tommy Manogue.

*Glenmore:* Niall Mackey, Fergal Freyne, Ciarán Lynch, Declan Coady, Dermot Mernagh, Paddy Mullally, Richie Mullally, Paul Fitzgerald, Tommy Griffin, Donal Dowling, John Phelan, Mark Mullally, Noel Doherty, Michael Kelleher, Willie Fitzgerald. *Sub:* Fintan Walsh.



# UNDER-21 HURLING ROUND-UP

## James Stephens retain title

With most of their championship winning side available again this year, city side, James Stephens, were firmly installed as favourites to retain the Under 21 hurling title. In the end the team justified that favouritism tag but rarely during the course of the entire campaign did they display the type of form which so many expected from the reigning champions.

The decision to commence the Under 21 hurling championship earlier in the year met with general approval from most clubs, and, with both the Roinn A and Roinn B finals being played by the end of October, that decision was well justified.

James Stephens had to overcome the challenge of both their city neighbours, O'Loughlin Gaels and Dick'sboro, before clinching a place in the Northern Final where St. Lachtain's from Freshford provided the opposition. Mindful of the fact that the same opposition caused a big surprise in the previous year's minor hurling championship, the city side was taking no chances on this occasion.

St. Lachtain's reached the Northern Final by virtue of victories over Castlecomer and the Fenians. The exchanges in the early stages of that Northern Final were evenly divided but on a dreary Saturday afternoon in



Fergal Cantwell, Captain of the James Stephens' Under-21 hurling team, receives the Bishop Birch Trophy from County Board Chairman, Nickey Brennan.

Photo: T. O'Neill

Jenkinstown, the reigning champions took over completely in the second half to run out impressive and convincing winners.

Down South, last year's Roinn B champions, Dunamaggin, were strong favourites to reach a second successive Under 21 final. Fielding many of last year's successful minor side, the Dunamaggin/Kilmoganny/Kells combination blazed an impressive trail as they disposed of the challenge of Graignamanagh in the first round, Glenmore in the Southern semi-final and Mooncoin in the Southern final.

Despite their impressive run through the South, Dunamaggin were not given much of a chance against James Stephens in the County Final. How wrong the experts were on this occasion. Maybe the city side were

suffering from a little bit of over confidence, but, as the Dunamaggin players thundered into the game with rare abandon, they were in with every chance of victory as the contest reached the closing stages. Perhaps the disappointment of losing the minor hurling final the previous week, and, more importantly, the manner of that defeat, instilled a renewed sense of pride in the Dunamaggin players.

Few James Stephens' players impressed on the day and were it not for the superb defending of Tobias White at centre half-back and the performance of team captain, Fergal Cantwell, at corner forward, one must doubt if the 'Stephens' would have retained their title. The winners' selectors can take some credit for the victory, also, as the placing of county



Under-21 Roinn A County Final Action . . . Barry Smyth (James Stephens) races away from Ramie Cabill (Dunamaggin) and Barry Matthew O'Shea (D). Watching their colleague are James Stephens' players Martin Phelan (left) and Tobias White (right).

Photo: Tommy O'Neill





**WINDGAP – ROINN B UNDER 21 COUNTY CHAMPIONS**

*Back Row (l-r): Bobby Jackman (Trainer), Niall Kenny, P.J. Barron, Keith Doran, Edmond Meehan, Noel Power, Pat Power, Vincent Murray, Noel Enright, Vincent Meehan, Anthony Meehan, John McKenna (Trainer). Front Row (l-r): John Kennington, Sean Power, Richie McKenna, Alan Hearne, William Walsh, George Waters, Robert Jackman (capt.), Alan Hawe, John Enright, Gerry Meehan, Ray Brauders.*

minor, Martin Phelan, at right half-back was instrumental in steadying a shaky defence.

A decided lack of discipline by Dunamaggin, particularly in the second half, when a number of frees were needlessly conceded, was to prove fatal to the Southern champions. It could be said also that they showed far too much respect for the reputation of their opponents. A little more self-belief by the Dunamaggin players could certainly have caused a major upset.

In the end the better balanced city side withstood all that Dunamaggin could throw at them. No one could doubt that James Stephens were worthy champions, but, even in victory, the team's mentors acclaimed this latest title with a sense of relief.

Given the strength of both club's underage talents over the past few years, we are likely to see a lot more competitive action between these sides over the next few years. What are the chances of another Under 21 final meeting between the sides next year? Very good, I think.

**HISTORIC FIRST UNDER 21 TITLE FOR WINDGAP**

The big difference between the Roinn A and Roinn B championship is the possibility of some club which has seen little reward for its efforts over the years grabbing that elusive title. The novel pairing of Windgap and Galmoy brought a special glamour to this year's championship finale. For drama and excitement, no other game in Kilkenny this year could compare to the titanic struggle between the Southern and Northern champions.

The agony and the ecstasy of championship hurling was surely brought home to all lucky enough to witness the final in Nowlan Park. Galmoy looked dead and buried as the game

entered the final moments, but powerful hurling from Philip Brennan saw th North Kilkenny side grab an unexpected lead.

Poor Windgap were shell-shocked. A game they dominated for long spells looked to be slipping from their grasp, but, in a late rally converted defender P.J. Barron grabbed the crucial goal. The unrestrained joy and supreme relief of the Windgap players, officials and supporters, told the whole story of a fantastic occasion.

The drama began early in the year when Galmoy overcame many difficult obstacles in the Northern campaign. St. Martin's were the first team dismissed and while Conahy Shamrocks entered the championship with possible title ambitions, they never performed against a solid Galmoy side.

In the Northern semi-final, Galmoy proved too strong for Clara, while the side was equally impressive in seeing off the challenge of Lisdowney in the Northern final. Galmoy entered the County final as favourites but their

chances were dealt a severe blow one week before the final when county minor, Kevin Lonergan, was dismissed in a minor hurling game. Lonergan's loss was a bitter blow to the Northern champions. In retrospect, it probably cost them the title.

Windgap signalled their intentions from an early stage when they scored an impressive, if surprising, win over the Ballyhale Shamrocks. While the former kingpins of Kilkenny senior club hurling may not have been too strong at Under 21 level this year, nevertheless, victory by Windgap over such illustrious opponents did wonders for the morale of the team and officials.

Piltown provided the next hurdle and again the Windgap side rose to the occasion. The Southern semi-final saw Windgap take on Thomastown. With a solid underage structure in place for many years, the 'Town looked a tough obstacle, but with two good wins under their belt already, there was now no stopping the lads



*James Stephens' captain, Fergal Cantwell, about to gain possession ahead of his Dunamaggin marker, Andrew Hickey, in the 1994 Roinn A Under-21 County Final.*

Photo: Tommy O'Neill





"Love-15". Dunamaggin supporters at "Wimbledon". from Windgap.

It took two games to decide the outcome of the Southern Final as Windgap and Tullogher/Rosbercon vied for a title that would be cherished in either parish. Both games proved exciting and spellbinding. The real winners were the supporters lucky enough to have been in Ballyhale. Windgap's unbelievable resilience and spirit was to eventually carry the day and, with it, a rare county final appearance. The hard work of the past few years with underage players was at last paying off.

The meeting of Galmoy and Windgap in an Under 21 Hurling Final was not unique. A couple of years ago, the same sides met in a special Under 21 final. This competition was established for teams unable to field 15 a-side teams and so an 11 a-side competition was established. Galmoy were first winners of that inaugural competition.

Despite the loss of Kevin Lonergan, Galmoy appeared a good bet for the title. Their Junior side had an impressive campaign through the Northern championship, and, with most of their Under 21 players also part of the Junior side, experience did not seem a problem. Windgap, too, had an impressive Southern Junior championship run, and, with the club's minor team also doing well, hopes were high for a first Under 21 title.

The final had more drama than one could witness at the Watergate Theatre in an entire month. Windgap dominated the early exchanges, only for Galmoy to haul themselves back into the game. The same pattern emerged in the second half, and, when Galmoy took that late lead, the shock on the faces of the Windgap contingent in Nowlan Park told its own story. -One minute later, that

despair had turned to ecstasy.

Full marks to both clubs for serving up an hour of thrilling hurling. It goes to prove, once again, that the so-

called weaker grades can serve up as much excitement and drama as any of the higher grades. Well done to Windgap and Galmoy.



DUNAMAGGIN - UNDER 21 HURLING FINALISTS 1994

Back (l-r): Jim Hickey, Denis Lahart, Andrew Hickey, Paul Cahill, Kenneth O'Shea, Pat Fleming, Gerry Carroll. Front (l-r): Paul Kearney, Tom Hickey, Paul Whelan, Adrian Moran, Anthony McCormack, Matthew O'Shea, Michael O'Neill, Ramie Cahill.

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THE SUCCESS of the foundation coaching course in the clubs around the county to date has been excellent with a few exceptions. We have 105 new coaches out at grassroot level, both male and female, and approximately twenty more who have to complete either the indoor or outdoor three hour session to qualify for the certificate. The four venues to date were Community School, Castlecomer; Mooncoin Vocational School; C.B.S., Callan and O'Loughlin Gaels in Kilkenny City.

After Christmas, we will be in Thomastown and Freshford to finish off the rest of the clubs, and to pick up any people who might have missed out for one reason or other. It is our intention to have one central venue for teachers at that time also. If we can get enough people from the clubs interested in football, we would hope to cover that area also, but the help of the Football Board would be vital as they know the football people in the clubs.

Our coaches for the indoor and outdoor sessions were excellent and we benefited greatly from the experience of Brendan O'Sullivan and Paul Kinsella. Bobby Jackman and Brian Ryan were very well received and are 'up with the best' in the country at present. Richie Mulrooney was very willing when he was called upon and he had a hard act to follow, but his contribution was first class.

I would like to thank the club secretaries, who made the whole exercise possible, by making sure that the participants attended. Clubs who didn't make the effort should consider their position. Otherwise, they will be no better off than before, with the same few people in the club doing everything. This is an ideal opportunity to invite new people to take part in the foundation course, with a view to getting some help with the coaching of

# Impacting at Grass Root Level



**BARRY HICKEY**  
Development Officer

teams in the future. I believe that the people who took part enjoyed the course very much and can't wait to try out the new ideas. The day of getting players to run up and down the field is gone, the coaches must now be innovative. The ideas contained in this course could be of benefit to the top coaches in the county and this fact can be borne out by some of the top people who actually took part.

We look forward with hope to seeing

the fruits of our endeavours in the New year.

The 'Poc Fada' returned to centre stage in Nowlan park at the semi-final games and was well received. Twenty one clubs, in all, took part, with the final taking place at half-time in the minor county final. Francis Kirwan from Glenmore club was the winner and we wish him the best of luck in the Leinster long puck next May, and, who knows, he might bring back an All Ireland title to Kilkenny and Glenmore.

The juvenile committee in Lisdowney are to be congratulated with the success of their Coca-Cola Sevens.

It is now in its thirteenth year and is more enjoyable than ever. All games were run off well on schedule in spite of the bad weather at that time. Well done. The Summer Camps are going so well that one could take them for granted, but this is due to the excellent organisation by John Knox and his very efficient band of leaders.

With the new coaches in the clubs, there is now no reason why clubs can't have their own one-day summer camp in addition to the County Board camp. I would like to see the venues for the camps moving around to the different locations, as I think that the host club in each case would benefit from this in the future.

The turnout for the 'International Year of the Family' day was poor, at fifty children approx. However, those who did attend enjoyed themselves very much as there were plenty of free giveaways. They also enjoyed pucking the ball to the 'stars' who turned up. My thanks again to Sinead Millea, Treacy Millea, Bill Hennessy, Adrian Ronan, Michael Walsh and Liam Simpson. Possibly a good idea for a nice summer's day.

Thanks to all the sponsors who made the occasion possible and to the families who turned up in spite of the poor weather conditions.



Foundation Coaches in Mooncoin (l.-r.): Brian Ryan, Barry Hickey, Bobby Jackman and Richie Mulrooney.



The Hinale Family of Marble Crest who were the winners of the White Bear Family at the G.A.A. day recently run to honour 'The International Year of the Family'. The sponsors of the Bears were Coca-Cola. Front row (l.-r.): Paul Hindle, Mary Hindle, Cliona Hindle. Back: Nickey Brennan, Jerome White (Coca-Cola), Barry Hickey, Ted Carroll, Pat Dunphy.



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# SPORTS PERSONALITY AWARDS



July Winner . . . For winning his 10th successive All-Ireland singles title and his 25th All-Ireland title (a record), "Ducksie" Walsh receives his award from Richard Butler (manager). Looking on is Tommy O'Brien.  
 Fiona Milbourne



Mary Griffin (Director, Hotel Kilkenney) presents Brendan O'Sullivan, Trainer/Coach Kilkenney Under-21 All-Ireland champions, with the September award.  
 Pic. Michael Brophy



Richard Butler, Manager, Hotel Kilkenney, presents October '93 award to Kilfane Handball Club, winners of the All-Ireland Inter-County Team of 4 championsp. Left to right: Billy O'Keeffe, Tom O'Keeffe, Richard Butler, Willie Holden, Noel Holden.  
 Pic. Michael Brophy

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 November 1993 . . . . . **Eamon Morrissey**  
 July 1994 . . . . . **Michael "Ducksie" Walsh**  
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FOUNDATION COACHING COURSE IN CALLAN.

(Photo: Tom Brett)

Early on this year, we carried out assessment of a number of referees in the county with a view to helping them with their performance. I believe that the idea was a good one and that the different referees will benefit from it over a period of time. However, the people who were appointed to fill out forms ceased to do same after a number of weeks. Hopefully, next year, we can start again and continue this worthwhile exercise. We need another 3/4 new referees again in 1995 and I ask clubs to consider this before the convention or when they are having their general meeting. We will give the necessary coaching at the end of February before the games start.

Finally I would like to pay a tribute to our excellent Chairman, Nicky Brennan, who has given his full support to all the development projects during the year. I believe that he could make an excellent chairman of the Leinster Council and President of the G.A.A. in the future if he is interested. His new ideas, his energy and enthusiasm, together with his professional approach to any task which he takes on, are always first class. I wish him the best of luck in whatever he chooses and I say that Kilkenny G.A.A. has benefited substantially from his terms as Chairman.

#### NEW CLUB COACHES/ FOUNDATION COURSE

Anthony Maher (St. Martins); Dermot Lawlor (St. Martins); Tom Walsh (St. Martins); Liam Dowling (St. Martins); Eamon Breen (Muckalee - 'F'); Richard

Nolan (Muckalee - 'F'); Patsy Murphy (Muckalee); Michael Shortall (Barrow Rangers); Michael Dowd (Railyard - 'F'); Patrick Dowd (Railyard - 'F'); Seamus Brennan (Erins Own); David Buggy (Erins Own); John Buggy (Erins Own); Sean Smith (Erins Own); Ned Lawlor (Erins Own); Nicholas Breathnach (Erins Own); Sheila Lawlor (Erins Own - 'C'); Danny Lawlor (Erins Own - 'C'); Martin Fogarty (Erins Own); Patrick Phelan (Erins Own); Seamus O'Connor (Castlecomer C.S.); Fr. Richard Marnell (Castlecomer C.S. - 'F'); Orla Brennan (Conahy Shamrocks); Eimear Connery (Conahy Shamrocks).

Mary Holden (Young Irelands - 'C'); Sabrina Whelan (Young Irelands - 'C'); Johnny Comerford (Gowran); Margaret Prendergast (Palmerstown); Gerry Meally (Cloneen); Larry Brennan (Cloneen); Barney O'Neill (Dicksboro); Aidan Begley (Dicksboro); Kevin Ryan (Dicksboro); Alan Trait (Dicksboro); Elaine Kavanagh (Dicksboro).

Deirdre Dowling (Clara); Phil Dowling (Clara); Conor Shortall (Clara); Shane Knox (Clara); David McDonald (Clara); Bobby Sweeney (Tullaroan); Eamon Campion (Tullaroan); John Glennon (Tullaroan); Colman Loughnane (O'Loughlin-Gaels); Liam Lanigan (O'Loughlin-Gaels); Helen Doyle (Mooncoin); Noreen Walsh (Mooncoin); Ned Phelan (Mooncoin); Pilot Conway (Mooncoin); George O'Neill (Mooncoin); Michael O'Shea (Kilmacow); Nicky Walsh (Kilmacow); Dermot Haberlin (Kilmacow); Frank Haberlin (Kilmacow); James Walsh (Kilmacow); George Walters

(Windgap); Alan Hearne (Windgap); P. J. Barron (Windgap); Lynda Jackman (Windgap); Walter O'Keeffe (Slieverue); Robbie Roche (Slieverue); Pat Kinsella (Mooncoin); Joe Quinn (Kilmacow); Frances Mackey (Windgap); Eddie Blackmore (Piltown); Shem Power (Windgap); Eamon Mackey (Mooncoin); John Crowley (Mooncoin); Dan Kenny (Piltown); Martin Gordon (Piltown); Paddy Crowley (Mooncoin); Eamon Delahunty (Mooncoin); Paddy Ryan (Mooncoin).

Michael Jordan (Piltown); Christy Whelan (Dunamaggin); Willie Kearney (Dunamaggin); Brian Mackey (Dunamaggin); Tadhg Kenny (Piltown); Tom Walsh (John Lockes); Tom Fitzpatrick (John Lockes); Paul Morrissey (John Lockes); Ger Woodcock (Danesfort); Tom Ryan (John Lockes); John Grace (James Stephens); Tom Keane (James Stephens); Michael Fennelly (Shamrocks); Sean Brennan (James Stephens); Nicky Murphy (Carrickshock); Michael Walsh (Carrickshock); Noel Maher (Carrickshock); Richie Power (Carrickshock); John Kenneally (Shamrocks); Paddy Forristal (Danesfort); Mary Molloy (Windgap); Barry Hickey (John Lockes); Paul Kinsella (St. Martins); Sean Tyrrell (O'Loughlin-Gaels); Brian Murphy (O'Loughlin-Gaels); Marie Fitzgerald (O'Loughlin-Gaels); Damien Cleere (Graigue/Ballycallan); James Cahill (Graigue/Ballycallan); Kathleen Quigley (Graigue/Ballycallan); Philomena Byrne (Graigue/Ballycallan); Martin O'Halloran (Graigue/Ballycallan); Dermot Ronan (Graigue/Ballycallan).



Coaches galore! Another group of club personnel who took part in the County Board's Foundation Course for G.A.A. Coaches in Castlecomer.

(Photo: Tommy O'Neill)



# KILKENNY'S ALL-STARS 1963-1994



1. NOEL SKEHAN



2. FAN LARKIN



3. BRIAN CODY



4. JIM TREACY



5. SEAMUS CLEERE



6. PAT HENDERSON



7. MARTIN COOGAN



8. FRANK CUMMINS



9. LIAM O'BRIEN



10. MICK CROTTY



11. PAT DELANEY



12. D. J. CAREY



13. BILLY FITZPATRICK



14. LIAM FENNELLY



15. EDDIE KEHER



# Arm-in-arm the heroes wallowed in glory

THE DOOR was locked against the outside world, and in the crowded room that measured about 20 by 15, the people stood arm-in-arm and sang their heads off. Time stood still. The atmosphere was saturated with pride. This was a private parish thing, wholly personal, and beyond the comprehension of outsiders.

"The atmosphere was something I had never experienced before," observed Joe Murphy, not a man given to idle sentimentality. Even he was carried away on a gigantic wave of emotion that rebounded off walls, ceiling and floor in that dressing-room.

"We sang *The Rose of Mooncoin*," Joe continued, the glow of a life's memory shining through his eyes. "I could have stayed in that dressing-room. There was no need to go anywhere." What it all meant was captured by the warmth and togetherness in that tight, packed space.

"This was all personal for Mooncoin, the song, the hurling victory, senior status. Medals nor anything else mattered. The atmosphere was just wonderful," he added.

That was the Mooncoin dressing-room in Nowlan Park after their gob-smacking intermediate hurling final victory over Clara.

## CUP OF CHEER:

The champagne flowed, compliments of vanquished Clara, who fully expected to be sipping from the cup of cheer themselves.

"No one moved to get to the showers or put their clothes on," Joe revealed further. "We had our arms around each other, I thought our singing would knock down the Stand."

Joe Murphy, tigerish centre-back and vital cog in the Mooncoin wheel, was also there in 1990. But this year was much, much better.

And you know, the surprising thing was that the season was kick-started

on the back of a good old-fashioned G.A.A. flare-up. This was in the last League game of the season against then junior champions, St. Lachtain's. Ironically, the outcome mattered not a whit to either side, because the boat into the semi-finals had left without them.

About 15 minutes from the end, Mooncoin were finding life difficult, and were fighting to scrub arrears of one point. Then a bout of fisticuffs erupted, with up to 20 players involved. Mooncoin came out the stronger at the other side, and a late goal earned them victory by a single point that day, but much, much more afterwards.

"That got our whole season moving," the brother of former county panelist, Tom Murphy, reckoned. "We never looked back afterwards."

## HAD LUCK:

They sure didn't. Championship wins over Bennettsbridge, Gaignamanagh and Carrickshock on the way to the final. It was admitted that the men of the 'Roses' had luck on their side in the latter instance.

"The county final was our best performance of the year," the 26-year-old felt. "I was confident going into it. I couldn't see us being beaten. The mental attitude was right. It wasn't so much the way we were playing, but every day, a different forward, or a young lad like Michael Purcell or Eamon Mackey, was doing the business. When the young lads are going well, you are not too badly off."

But getting back to the senior championship, which was won 12 times by the proud South Kilkenny outfit, was all important.

"We in Mooncoin do not see ourselves as anything less than Glenmore, Shamrocks, Tullaroan, Dicksboro or anyone else in the top flight," Joe assured. "It is a state of mind in the parish. Being intermediate was new to Mooncoin, and was never viewed as anything more than a temporary



Joe Murphy (Photo: Tom Brett)

thing."

In fact, it never really caught on, and inadvertently people in the area would refer to "the senior team." It was a Mooncoin state of mind.

## SPECIAL PARISH

"Playing hurling for Mooncoin, you are carrying the hopes of a special parish, with a special place in the game, both locally and nationally," Joe made one aware.

There were always pressures. He got away from them by playing other games, and busying himself with the 30 to 35 greyhounds – their stud dog is Murlens Post – he looks after with his father, Paddy, and mother, Marie (nee Lennon from Threecastles).

Joe Murphy has played at minor and under-21 level with Kilkenny,

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## **Arm-in-arm the heroes wallowed in glory**

*(Continued)*

starts with the county juniors, he sampled success in 1990 under the stewardship of manager, Ollie Walsh. He wants more, at club and inter-county level.

The Mooncoin team, he reckoned, was geared for the long haul – Michael Walsh, Paddy Crowley, Jimmy Dunphy and Domó Connolly who would be classed as the ‘old-timers’, not by Joe of course – would strive for security in the senior championship next term.

“If we can avoid relegation, we have time on our side,” the solidly-built defender assured. “I think we will put in a big effort during the League, and try to avoid a first round match, and the danger of getting tied-up in the relegation issue. After that, who knows?”

## **THE JOE MURPHY FILE**

**Name:** Joseph Anthony Murphy

**Age:** 26

**Birth date:** February 2, 1968

**Club:** Mooncoin

**Occupation:** Farmer

**Height:** 5'10"

**Weight:** 13 st.

**Status:** Single

**Schools attended:** Carrigeen N.S. and Mooncoin V.S.

**First hurling medal won:** Under-16 county championship

**Last hurling medal won:** County intermediate hurling championship

**Favourite position:** Centre-back

**Position played in:** Goalie on senior team, and all defensive positions

**Highest honour won:** All-Ireland junior hurling medal 1990

**Biggest influence on career:** Paddy Murphy (father)

**Sportsperson most admire:** Paul McGrath (Aston Villa)

**Sporting ambition:** To win senior hurling championship with Mooncoin

**Most difficult opponent:** Richard Power

**Most memorable game:** Intermediate hurling championship final, 1994

**Hobbies/interests:** Hurling, greyhounds and following sport in general

**Car drive:** Ford Sierra.

# **An Poitín Stíl**

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NOW that Tullaroan are again Kilkenny Co. Champions after a lapse of 36 years, it is only fitting that the editor would ask me to write a piece about one of the Club's outstanding hurlers of the past, Sean Clohosey.

Born in a parish steeped in the traditions of hurling, in the middle of the 1931 series of games between Cork and Kilkenny, it is inevitable that Sean Clohosey would play hurling for Tullaroan and Kilkenny. When one considers his family tree, the odds of such an eventuality become money on in betting terms. Sean's grandfather, James, who died in 1917, was involved in the administrative side of the G.A.A. in Tullaroan, and Sean's father, Pat, played with the club for 20 years, winning seven Co. Championship medals, and two All-Ireland medals as a sub in 1904 and 1911. When Sean won his only Co. Championship with Tullaroan in 1958, his eldest brother, Jimmy, R.I.P., was the star of the side, giving a display of hurling that is remembered to this day. Sean played minor hurling with Kilkenny in 1949, scoring the winning goal against Wexford and then being dropped, likely because of the difficulty with travel arrangements. Sean was then based as a bank official in Killorglin, Co. Kerry.

One of seven brothers, at the height of his career, Sean was a fine figure of a man weighing 12 stone 7 lbs, and standing 5'11" tall. Sean never resorted to strong arm tactics, he never believed in robust or physical play, but concentrated on the skill and artistry of the game. He could be considered a utility player, he played in all six forward positions during his career; but it was at centrefield that he excelled and displayed all his undoubted skill and wristwork. Sean was a born stickman, with almost uncanny ball control, and, whilst playing at centrefield, he had the space to display his many talents. Here, also, he was a great reader of a game, and could pick out Kilkenny's strong points in

# Sean Clohosey

By: PADDY BUGGY



Sean Clohosey who gave a superlative midfield display when helping Kilkenny to defeat Galway in the Oireachtas senior hurling final at Croke Park on Sunday

attack, and concentrate on the weak points of the opposing defence, and his long and accurate pucking, could maximise his team's scoring power. His superb style made him one of the most talked of players of his time. He starred not only for Kilkenny, but for Leinster, and in representative games, being captain of the rest of Ireland team in 1960.

He will forever be remembered for his last minute goal against Dublin in the 1959 Leinster final, when he fastened onto a Johnny McGovern sideline cut, and before the Dublin defence realised that Sean was in possession, the ball was in the back of the net. His greatest game was probably the 1963 final against Waterford, when, as a veteran, he gave a classic display of midfield play, laying on scores for Eddie Keher and the other Kilkenny forwards. Sean was Sportstar of the Week on at least two occasions, once against Westmeath in the Leinster championship, and again, against Galway in an Oireachtas final.

In his career as a bank official, Sean was based in many counties, and played with many clubs, the most prominent of these being Young Irelands and Tullaroan. He captained Kilkenny in the 1959 championship, being unlucky not to achieve his life's ambition of captaining Kilkenny to an All Ireland success.

Waterford forced a draw with Kilkenny when a deflected shot from Seamus Power went all the way to the Kilkenny net and Waterford comfortably beat Kilkenny in the replay. Sean won two All Ireland medals, a National League title in 1962, one Railway Cup Medal, five Leinster Championships, two Oireachtas medals and one Co. Championship title. Since he retired from the hurling scene after the 1963 final, Sean is a most useful low handicap golfer, and now resident with his family in Middleton, Co. Cork, Sean has plenty of time to concentrate on the skills of chasing this little white ball about the fairways.



Kilkenny hurlers, who brought the second National League title to their county. Kneeling (from left): Dick Carroll, Sean Clohosey, Denis Heaslip, Tom Walsh, Willie Murphy, Nicky Power, Billy Dwyer, Mickey Walsh. Standing (from left): Seamus Cleere, Jim Walsh, Eddie Keher, Martin Coogan, Andy Comerford, Alfie Hickey (captain), Ollie Walsh.



# KILKENNY G.A.A. RESULTS

<b>Credit Union Senior Hurling C'ship Final:</b>		<b>Under-21 Hurling (11 a-side) Final:</b>		<b>Supermac's Under-14 Hurling Roinn 'C' Championship Final:</b>	
Tullaroan . . . . .	1-6	No competition.		Clara . . . . .	8-11
Dicksboro . . . . .	0-6	<b>Senior Football Championship Final:</b>		Danesfort . . . . .	2-3
<b>Credit Union Senior Hurling League Final:</b>		Dicksboro' . . . . .	0-9	<b>Under-14 Hurling Féile na nGal Final (Paddy Grace Memorial Tournament):</b>	
Dicksboro . . . . .	1-8	Shamrocks . . . . .	0-6	James Stephens . . . . .	11-10
James Stephens . . . . .	0-6	<b>Intermediate Football Championship Final:</b>		Tullaroan . . . . .	1-1
<b>Vale Oil Inter. Hurling Championship Final:</b>		Tullgoher-Rosbercon . . . . .	1-9	<b>Supermac's Under-14 Hurling Roinn 'C' League Final (11 a-side):</b>	
Mooncoin . . . . .	2-14	Piltown . . . . .	1-8	Clara . . . . .	4-16
Clara . . . . .	1-9	<b>Junior Football Championship Final:</b>		Bennettsbridge . . . . .	0-7
<b>Vale Oil Inter. Hurling League Final:</b>		Kilmoganny . . . . .	1-7	<b>Under-13 Hurling Roinn 'A' County Final:</b>	
Thomastown . . . . .	3-15	Black & Whites . . . . .	1-7	St. Patrick's . . . . .	1-5
Conahy Shamrocks . . . . .	2-17	<i>Replay:</i>		Kilmanagh . . . . .	2-2
<b>Junior Hurling Championship Final:</b>		Kilmoganny . . . . .	0-8	<i>Replay:</i>	
Dunnamaggin . . . . .	2-9	Black & Whites . . . . .	0-7	St. Patrick's . . . . .	2-6
Black & Whites . . . . .	1-10	<b>Special Junior Football Championship Final:</b>		Kilmanagh . . . . .	0-4
<b>Barlo Nissan Northern Junior Hurling Championship Final:</b>		Dicksboro' . . . . .	2-6	<b>Under-13 Hurling Roinn 'B' County Final:</b>	
Black & Whites . . . . .	3-10	James Stephens . . . . .	1-8	Tullaroan . . . . .	5-6
Galmoy . . . . .	0-12	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor Hurling Roinn 'A' Championship Final:</b>		St. Patrick's II . . . . .	0-3
<b>Iverk Produce Southern Junior Hurling Championship Final:</b>		Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . .	5-6	<b>Under-13 Hurling Roinn 'C' County Final:</b>	
Dunnamaggin . . . . .	2-15	Dunnamaggin . . . . .	1-6	Tullgoher-Rosbercon . . . . .	4-6
Windgap . . . . .	2-9	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor Hurling Roinn 'B' Championship Final:</b>		St. Martin's . . . . .	4-5
<b>Special Junior 'A' Co. Championship Final:</b>		O'Loughlin/Gaels . . . . .	1-16	<b>Under-13 Hurling Roinn 'D' League Final:</b>	
Dicksboro . . . . .	1-14	Shamrocks . . . . .	1-10	Lisdowney . . . . .	4-5
Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	0-5	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor Hurling Roinn 'C' Championship Final:</b>		Clogh/Moncenroe . . . . .	1-2
<b>Special Junior 'B' Co. Championship Final:</b>		Tullaroan . . . . .	5-10	<b>Under-13 Hurling Roinn 'E' County Final (11 a-side):</b>	
Glenmore . . . . .	0-14	Windgap . . . . .	4-2	Newmarket . . . . .	3-8
O'Loughlin/Gaels . . . . .	2-3	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor Hurling Roinn 'A' League Final:</b>		Stoneyford . . . . .	2-2
<b>Barlo Nissan Northern Special Junior 'A' Championship Final:</b>		Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . .	3-10	<b>Under-13 Hurling Country Cup Final:</b>	
Dicksboro . . . . .	0-12	Glenmore . . . . .	2-8	Kilmanagh . . . . .	4-10
Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . .	2-5	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor Hurling Roinn 'B' League Final:</b>		Ballyhale . . . . .	2-3
<b>Barlo Nissan Northern Special Junior 'B' Championship Final:</b>		John Lockes . . . . .	1-11	<b>Minor Football Championship Roinn 'A' Final:</b>	
O'Loughlin/Gaels . . . . .	4-10	Young Irelands . . . . .	2-5	<b>Minor Football Championship Roinn 'B' Final:</b>	
Conahy Shamrocks . . . . .	2-8	<b>South Under-21 Hurling 'A' Final</b>		<b>Under-21 Football Championship Roinn 'A' Final:</b>	
<b>Iverk Produce Southern Special Junior 'A' Championship Final:</b>		Dunnamaggin . . . . .	2-8	<b>Under-21 Football Championship Roinn 'B' Final:</b>	
Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	3-9	Mooncoin . . . . .	1-4		
Mullinavat . . . . .	3-9	<b>South Under-21 Hurling 'B' Final:</b>			
<i>Replay:</i>		Windgap . . . . .	2-10		
Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	3-9	Tullgoher-Rosbercon . . . . .	1-13		
Mullinavat . . . . .	2-8	<i>Replay:</i>			
<b>Iverk Produce Southern Special Junior 'B' Championship Final:</b>		Windgap . . . . .	2-9		
Glenmore . . . . .	5-15	Tullgoher-Rosbercon . . . . .	0-13 (a.e.t.)		
Tullgoher-Rosbercon . . . . .	1-5	<b>Iarnród Éireann Minor H. Roinn 'C' League Final</b>			
<b>Nissan Northern Junior Hurling League - Div. I Final:</b>		Bennettsbridge . . . . .	0-9		
Black & Whites . . . . .	1-9	Cloneen . . . . .	0-6		
Galmoy . . . . .	0-11	<b>Supermac's Under-16 Roinn 'A' C'ship Final:</b>			
<b>Nissan Northern Junior Hurling League - Division II Final:</b>		James Stephens . . . . .	2-9		
Erin's Own . . . . .	4-10	Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	3-6		
Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . .	2-4	<i>Replay:</i>			
<b>Nissan Northern Junior H. League - Div. III Final</b>		James Stephens . . . . .	3-6		
Black & Whites . . . . .	0-16	Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	1-7		
Fenians . . . . .	1-11	<b>Supermac's Under-16 H. Roinn 'B' C'ship Final:</b>			
<b>North Under-21 Hurling 'A' Final:</b>		St. Lachtain's . . . . .	3-7		
James Stephens . . . . .	1-14	Shamrocks . . . . .	3-4		
St. Lachtain's . . . . .	0-5	<b>Supermac's Under-16 Hurling Roinn 'C' Championship Final:</b>			
<b>North Under-21 Hurling 'B' Final:</b>		Bennettsbridge . . . . .	3-8		
Galmoy . . . . .	1-10	Kilmacow . . . . .	1-6		
Lisdowney . . . . .	0-4	<b>Supermac's Under-16 H. Roinn 'A' League Final:</b>			
<b>Iverk Produce Southern Junior H. League Final:</b>		Dunnamaggin . . . . .	3-14		
Dunnamaggin . . . . .	3-16	Rower-Inistioge . . . . .	2-7		
Windgap . . . . .	1-14	<b>Supermac's Under-16 H. Roinn 'B' League Final:</b>			
<b>Byrne Cup Open Draw Final:</b>		John Lockes . . . . .	2-6		
Mooncoin . . . . .	3-11	St. Lachtain's . . . . .	2-4		
Carrickshock . . . . .	0-4	<b>Supermac's Under-16 H. Roinn 'C' League Final (11 a-side):</b>			
<b>Junior Hurling Open Draw Final:</b>		Bennettsbridge . . . . .	3-5		
Dunnamaggin . . . . .	0-16	Lisdowney . . . . .	1-2		
Black & Whites . . . . .	0-8	<b>Supermac's Under-14 Hurling Roinn 'A' Championship Final:</b>			
<b>Under-21 Hurling Roinn 'A' Final:</b>		James Stephens . . . . .	6-13		
James Stephens . . . . .	0-13	Dicksboro' . . . . .	2-4		
Dunnamaggin . . . . .	2-5	<b>Supermac's Under-14 Hurling Roinn 'B' Championship Final:</b>			
<b>Under-21 Hurling Roinn 'B' Final"</b>		Tullaroan . . . . .	1-13		
Windgap . . . . .	2-11	Mullinavat . . . . .	2-4		
Galmoy . . . . .	1-12				



THE FOLLOWING RESULTS WERE  
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Nissan Northern Junior H. League - Div II Final:  
Dicksboro .....2-13  
Erin's Own .....1-6

Paddy Cahill Junior Hurling Final:  
Galmoy .....4-11  
Lisdowney .....1-5

Under-21 Hurling Roinn 'A' Final:  
James Stephens .....1-10  
Mooncoin .....1-1

Under-21 Hurling Roinn 'B' Final:  
Dunnamaggin .....6-19  
St. Martin's .....2-6

Under-21 Hurling (11 a-side) Final:  
No competition.

Minor Football Championship Roinn 'A' Final:  
James Stephens .....1-10  
Glenmore .....2-7

Replay:  
James Stephens .....2-7  
Glenmore .....1-4

Minor Football Championship Roinn 'B' Final:  
Piltown .....2-5  
Muckalee .....0-5 Unfinished)

Replay:  
Piltown .....2-10  
Muckalee .....2-5

Under-21 Football Championship Roinn 'A' Final:  
James Stephens .....2-8  
Piltown .....1-5

Under-21 Football Championship Roinn 'B' Final:  
Kilmacow .....1-10  
Black & Whites .....1-4

Under-13 Football Country Cup Final:  
Kilmoganny .....1-6  
Thomastown .....0-5

Northern Minor Hurling Roinn 'A' Final:  
Graigue/Ballycallan .....4-7  
Dicksboro' .....3-6

Southern Minor Hurling Final Roinn B:  
Dunnamaggin .....2-10  
Glenmore .....0-15

Northern Minor Hurling Roinn 'B' Final:  
O'Loughlin/Gaels .....4-7  
Young Irelands .....0-4

Southern Minor Hurling Roinn 'B' Final:  
Shamrocks .....2-10  
Mullinavat .....1-7

Northern Minor Hurling Roinn 'C' Final:  
Tullaroan .....3-10  
Bennettsbridge .....2-3

Southern Minor Hurling Roinn 'C' Final:  
Windgap .....10-12  
Mooncoin (II) .....1-1

Under-14 Football Roinn 'A' Special Final:  
Emeralds .....2-1  
O'Loughlin/Gaels .....0-3



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Eddie O'Dwyer on one of his many sallies from defence in the 1994 Under-21 All-Ireland Final v. Galway. (Photo: Tom Brett)

# PROMISING EDDIE HAPPY TO WAIT HIS TURN

By  
JOHN KNOX  
*"Kilkenny People"*

**PROMISING** youngster Eddie O'Dwyer knows what it is to wait! A cruel twist of fate taught him the value of patience, and right now he is happy to bide his time.

There are those who would want to rush. But not Eddie, who at the tender age of 20 has people speaking about him in glowing terms. "Keep an eye on that lad, you will be hearing more of him," is not an uncommon commentary.

An horrific knee injury in 1992 all but destroyed his career. There was no sport at all last year. But, this season, his storming comeback has left him the toast of the hurling nation.

Eddie helped Kilkenny to victory in the All-Ireland under-21 hurling final. Better than that, he won the 'man of the match' award in the decider by the proverbial mile.

And he went further. Immediately following the under-21 campaign he was drafted into the senior squad. Now, following strong showings against Clare,



Laois, Tipperary and Cork in the National League, there are those who think he has it made.

#### CONTENT:

"No way," insisted the mild-mannered Graigue-Ballycallan defender who is content to take things easy. "Next year, the under-21 grade will be my main priority. That will be another season of learning and developing." Beyond that he has hopes regarding the senior team. But right now they are in the distant future.

"This time next year, my sights will be higher," the level-headed 20-year-old insisted. "This season's involvement is a sort of apprenticeship. I am happy with the way things are coming along, and I am not going to rush anything."

Back in August of 1992, O'Dwyer stared into a bleak future. He was centre-back on the Kilkenny hurling team involved in an All-Ireland semi-final replay against Galway. After an accidental clash with a Galway player he was left with a smashed left knee-cap.

Three weeks in hospital were followed by nearly three months on crutches. His career seemed finished.

"There were times after that when I told myself I would never play again," the former Callan C.B.S. star revealed. "That was then. Now things have changed totally."

#### SLOW AND TORTUOUS:

The way back was slow and tortuous. Endless hours of exercising to build up wasted muscle. In jogging, cycling and even playing soccer to get back condition. The whole of 1993 was wiped out.

"The first game I played in two years was at the start of the season against O'Loughlin Gaels," Eddie recalled. "I thought I did well, but when the hurling became more serious later, I struggled a bit."

It was something the same when he was called into the under-21 team. He started at corner-back, but as the season and his condition progressed, he won back the shirt he really wanted—the one with No. 6 on it. The rest is history, as they say.

"It was good in that first game, the old hunger was there," Eddie said. "I didn't mind the lack of condition. Being back was terrific."

#### PHYSICAL STRENGTH:

The most difficult obstacle he has found with the senior inter-county game is the sheer physical strength of opponents. The pace, he found easy enough to take, because he was in good physical condition after the under-21 inter-county campaign.

"Everyone is stronger, and they are all bigger men, in the senior game," Eddie pointed out. "With another year behind me at under-21 level, I should be better

## THE EDDIE O'DWYER FILE

**Name:** Eddie Anthony O'Dwyer

**Age:** 20

**Birth date:** January 18, 1974

**Club:** Graigue-Ballycallan

**Occupation:** Carpenter with Dominic Delaney Builders

**Height:** 6 ft.

**Weight:** 12.5 st.

**Status:** Single

**Schools attended:** Kilmanagh N.S. and Callan C.B.S.

**First hurling medal won:** Under-12 Roinn "A" H.C. in 1984

**Last medal won:** Under-21 Hurling All-Ireland 1994

**Favourite position:** Centre-back

**Positions played:** All except in goal

**Highest honour won:** Under-21 Hurling All-Ireland

**Biggest influence on career:** Jim Neary (teacher)

**Sporting ambition:** To win S.H.C. with his club and an All-Ireland senior medal with Kilkenny

**Most memorable game:** Winning Colleges S.H. Roinn B final with Callan C.B.S. in 1991

**Hobbies/interests:** Sport in general, hurling and soccer, reading and watching television

**Car drive:** Peugeot 309

prepared to make the step-up."

Meanwhile, the tall carpenter is happy to slowly build his career. Involvement with the senior panel during next year's

championship would be "great." Exclusion would not be the end of the world. Eddie knows the story — time is on his side!

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# RESULTS UPDATE

(A CONTINUATION OF COUNTY RESULTS FROM 1984, COMPILED BY TOM RYALL)

## UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

1984	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-5	Jame Stephens . . . . . 0-9
1985	Castlecomer . . . . . 3-9	Thomastown . . . . . 3-9
	Castlecomer . . . . . 1-11	Thomastown . . . . . 1-8
1986	James Stephens . . . . . 2-7	Thomastown . . . . . 1-5
1987	Young Irelands . . . . . 3-7	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-7
1988	Fenians . . . . . 4-14	Graignamanagh . . . . . 3-5
1989	James Stephens . . . . . 1-9	Mooncoin . . . . . 0-6
1990	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 2-5	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-3
1991	James Stephens . . . . . 3-11	Mooncoin . . . . . 0-6
1992	Piltown . . . . . 1-13	James Stephens . . . . . 4-3
1993	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 4-6	James Stephens . . . . . 4-5
1994	James Stephens . . . . . 2-9	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 3-6
	James Stephens . . . . . 3-6	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 1-7

## UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984	Castlecomer . . . . . 5-6	Graignamanagh . . . . . 4-7
1985	Piltown . . . . . 0-8	Ballyragget . . . . . 0-6
1986	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 3-8	Graignamanagh . . . . . 1-11
1987	Graignamanagh . . . . . 1-14	St. Martin's . . . . . 2-4
1988	St. Martin's . . . . . 3-7	Carrickshock . . . . . 2-7
1989	Clara . . . . . 4-4	St. Senan's . . . . . 1-4
1990	St. Lachtain's . . . . . 1-9	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 1-6
1991	Piltown . . . . . 3-5	Erin's Own . . . . . 0-6
1992	Glenmore . . . . . 5-15	Young Irelands . . . . . 1-6
1993	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 1-10	Fenians . . . . . 0-8
1994	St. Lachtain's . . . . . 3-7	Shamrock . . . . . 3-4

## UNDER-16 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN C

1984	Clara . . . . . 6-9	Tullagher-Rosbercon . . . . . 3-4
1985	Johnstown . . . . . 2-17	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 4-0
1986	St. Martin's . . . . . 4-6	Glenmore . . . . . 0-5
1987	Carrickshock . . . . . 7-16	Clara . . . . . 2-3
1988	Clara . . . . . 3-7	Tullagher-Rosbercon . . . . . 4-3
1989	Danesfort . . . . . 2-8	Mullinavat . . . . . 3-5
	Danesfort . . . . . 2-5	Mullinavat . . . . . 0-4
1990	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 5-6	Glenmore . . . . . 1-4
1991	Mullinavat . . . . . 3-6	Emeralds . . . . . 2-5
1992	Carrickshock . . . . . 0-8	Bennettsbridge . . . . . 0-3
1993	Mullinavat . . . . . 3-7	Bennettsbridge . . . . . 0-6
1994	Bennettsbridge . . . . . 3-8	Kilmacow . . . . . 1-6

## UNDER-16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

1984	James Stephens . . . . . 2-8	Dicksboro . . . . . 0-4
1985	James Stephens . . . . . 2-1	Dicksboro . . . . . 0-4
1986	James Stephens . . . . . 2-15	Piltown . . . . . 1-3
1987	James Stephens . . . . . 3-9	Mooncoin . . . . . 0-1
1988	Dicksboro . . . . . 3-8	Thomastown . . . . . 2-6
1989	Dicksboro . . . . . 1-7	Kilmoganny . . . . . 0-1
1990	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 2-3	Dicksboro . . . . . 1-5
1991	James Stephens . . . . . 3-4	Piltown . . . . . 0-2
1992	Piltown . . . . . 2-11	James Stephens . . . . . 2-6
1993	James Stephens . . . . . 4-10	Piltown . . . . . 0-7
1994	Dicksboro . . . . . 2-13	Piltown . . . . . 1-4

## UNDER-16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-6	Clara . . . . . 0-6
1985	Piltown . . . . . 3-4	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 2-2
1986	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 4-3	Tullagher-Rosbercon . . . . . 0-0
1987	Young Irelands . . . . . 3-14	Tullagher-Rosbercon . . . . . 1-1
1988	Kilmoganny . . . . . 0-11	St. Patrick's . . . . . 2-2
1989	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 3-4	St. Patrick's . . . . . 1-3
1990	St. Patrick's . . . . . 4-5	Graignamanagh . . . . . 2-4
1991	Graignamanagh . . . . . 0-11	Young Irelands . . . . . 2-4
1992	Glenmore . . . . .	Railyard . . . . .
1993	Railyard . . . . . 0-11	Kilmoganny . . . . . 1-7
1994	Railyard . . . . . 3-5	Mullinavat . . . . . 2-6

## UNDER-14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

(Please note: Under-14 competitions transferred from Schools' Board to Bórd na nÓg in 1987)

1984	Thomastown . . . . . 3-5	Graignamanagh . . . . . 0-1
1985	Gowran . . . . . 3-6	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-7
1986	Graignamanagh . . . . . 2-3	Johnstown . . . . . 1-6
	Graignamanagh . . . . . 4-2	Johnstown . . . . . 2-8
	Graignamanagh . . . . . 4-15	Johnstown . . . . . 6-4
1987	James Stephens . . . . . 3-8	Dicksboro . . . . . 1-3

1988	James Stephens . . . . . 6-7	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-9
1989	James Stephens . . . . . 4-8	Dicksboro . . . . . 0-1
1990	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-7	Dicksboro . . . . . 0-5
1991	Dicksboro . . . . . 0-5	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-2
	Dicksboro . . . . . 3-3	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-7
1992	Mooncoin . . . . . 4-6	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 0-3
1993	James Stephens . . . . . 4-7	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 2-6
1994	James Stephens . . . . . 6-13	Dicksboro . . . . . 2-4

## UNDER-14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984	Slieverue . . . . . 0-6	Piltown . . . . . 0-3
1985	Goresbridge/Paulstown . . . . . 3-6	Johnstown . . . . . 0-6
1986	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 2-5	Callan . . . . . 2-5
	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 2-8	Callan . . . . . 1-2
1987	John Lockes . . . . . 3-3	St. Lachtain's . . . . . 2-3
1988	St. Patrick's . . . . . 6-7	St. Senan's . . . . . 1-2
1989	St. Lachtain's . . . . . 3-2	Piltown . . . . . 2-3
1990	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 2-8	St. Martin's . . . . . 2-10
1991	Thomastown . . . . . 7-4	Fenians . . . . . 4-7
1992	Young Irelands . . . . . 1-6	St. Lachtain's . . . . . 1-3
1993	Thomastown . . . . . 2-2	Shamrocks . . . . . 0-6
1994	Tullaroan . . . . . 1-13	Mullinavat . . . . . 2-4

## UNDER-14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN C

1984	Tullaroan . . . . . 3-3	Goresbridge-Paulstown . . . . . 3-2
1985	Coon-Muckalee . . . . . 7-10	Urlingford . . . . . 1-3
1986	Kilmacow . . . . . 6-14	Clara . . . . . 0-1
1987	Clara . . . . . 3-8	Carrickshock . . . . . 2-1
1988	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 4-1	Tullaroan . . . . . 1-7
1989	Mullinavat . . . . . 3-8	Danesfort . . . . . 2-6
1990	Glenmore . . . . . 4-15	Bennettsbridge . . . . . 0-1
1991	Tullaroan . . . . . 3-5	Cloneen . . . . . 0-3
1992	Tullagher-Rosbercon . . . . . 7-8	Bennettsbridge . . . . . 2-5
1993	St. Patrick's (B'ragget) . . . . . 1-9	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 1-5
1994	Clara . . . . . 8-11	Danesfort . . . . . 2-3

## UNDER-14 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN D

1984	Kilmacow . . . . . 2-5	Mullinavat . . . . . 1-7
1985	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 2-3	Kilmacow . . . . . 0-3
1986 – 1994	No championship.	

## UNDER-14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

1984	No championship.	
1985	St. Patrick's . . . . . 4-6	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 2-1
1986	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 2-7	Piltown . . . . . 1-2
1987	Dicksboro . . . . . 3-5	O'Loughlin Gaels . . . . . 3-5
	Dicksboro . . . . . 1-6	O'Loughlin Gaels . . . . . 0-2
1988	James Stephens . . . . . 10-10	Thomastown . . . . . 1-2
1989	James Stephens . . . . . 2-8	Piltown . . . . . 1-3
1990	James Stephens . . . . . 3-6	Dicksboro . . . . . 2-2
1991	James Stephens . . . . . 3-6	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-6
1992	Dicksboro . . . . . 4-3	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-4
1993	Dicksboro . . . . . 5-4	James Stephens . . . . . 3-3
1994	James Stephens . . . . . 4-12	Dicksboro . . . . . 1-3

## UNDER-14 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984	No championship.	
1985	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-8	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 0-1
1986	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 2-10	Ballyhale . . . . . 1-3
1987	St. Pat's (Kilmacow) . . . . . 3-1	St. Pat's (Ballyragget) . . . . . 2-3
1988	St. Pat's (Ballyragget) . . . . . 7-6	Kilmoganny . . . . . 1-5
1989	Graignamanagh . . . . . 1-6	Young Irelands . . . . . 1-2
1990	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-5	Muckalee . . . . . 0-7
1991	Piltown . . . . . 5-6	Railyard . . . . . 0-1
1992	John Lockes . . . . . 3-4	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-4
1993	Thomastown . . . . . 0-3	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 0-3
	Thomastown . . . . . 3-4	Graigue-Ballycallan . . . . . 1-7
1994	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 3-4	Clara . . . . . 3-2

## UNDER-13 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

1984	St. Patrick's . . . . . 1-3	Kilmanagh . . . . . 0-4
1985	St. Patrick's . . . . . 3-1	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 1-1
1986	Kilmanagh . . . . . 1-2	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 0-3
1987	Piltown . . . . . 2-3	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 1-1
1988	Piltown . . . . . 0-2	St. Patrick's . . . . . 0-0
1989	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 3-2	St. Patrick's . . . . . 0-4

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## RESULTS UPDATE – Continued

1990 Thomastown . . . . . 4-4	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 0-3
1991 St. Patrick's . . . . . 3-6	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 0-0
1992 St. Canice's . . . . . 1-8	St. Patrick's . . . . . 2-3
1993 Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 3-5	St. Patrick's . . . . . 1-2
1994 St. Patrick's . . . . . 2-4	St. Canice's . . . . . 1-1

1990 Ballyhale . . . . . 3-3	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 1-4
1991 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 5-4	Callan CBS . . . . . 1-2
1992 Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 2-7	Ballyhale . . . . . 1-3
1993 St. Pat's (Ballyragget) 0-10	Mullinavat . . . . . 2-2
1994 Tullaroan . . . . . 5-6	St. Patrick's (II) . . . . . 0-3

### UNDER-13 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984 Kilmacow . . . . . 4-1	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 0-6
1985 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-1	Mooncoin . . . . . 0-1
1986 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-5	Mooncoin . . . . . 2-0
1987 Moneenroe . . . . . 0-6	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-1
1988 St. Canice's . . . . . 1-2	Castlecomer . . . . . 0-0
1989 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 4-7	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-1
1990 Callan CBS . . . . . 2-7	Castlecomer . . . . . 1-0
1991 Bennettsbridge . . . . . 2-2	Castlecomer . . . . . 2-2
Bennettsbridge . . . . . 1-4	Castlecomer . . . . . 0-4
1992 Clara . . . . . 0-5	Mooncoin . . . . . 1-1
1993 Urlingford . . . . . 2-5	Moneenroe . . . . . 0-2
1994 Carrickshock . . . . . 4-12	Mullinavat . . . . . 1-1

### COUNTRY CUP UNDER-13 FOOTBALL FINALS

1993 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-6	Thomastown . . . . . 0-5
1994 Thomastown . . . . . 5-4	Kilmanagh . . . . . 0-5

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN A

1984 Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 5-3	Kilmanagh . . . . . 3-3
1985 St. Patrick's . . . . . 3-5	Kilmanagh . . . . . 3-3
1986 Kilmanagh . . . . . 5-8	Graignamanagh . . . . . 2-7
1987 Kilmanagh . . . . . 4-8	Graignamanagh . . . . . 2-3
1988 Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 1-3	Kilmanagh . . . . . 1-2
1989 St. Patrick's . . . . . 3-5	Kilmanagh . . . . . 1-2
1990 Kilmanagh . . . . . 3-7	Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 1-0
1991 Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 4-2	Kilmanagh . . . . . 1-8
1992 Kilmanagh . . . . . 2-7	St. Patrick's . . . . . 4-0
1993 Kilkenny CBS . . . . . 3-4	Kilmanagh . . . . . 1-5
1994 St. Patrick's . . . . . 1-5	Kilmanagh . . . . . 2-2
St. Patrick's . . . . . 2-6	Kilmanagh . . . . . 0-4

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN B

1984 Johnstown . . . . . 3-7	Piltown . . . . . 1-1
1985 St. John's . . . . . 2-8	Galmoy . . . . . 4-0
1986 Johnstown . . . . . 1-6	Galmoy . . . . . 1-4
1987 Callan C.B.S. . . . . 3-6	Castlecomer . . . . . 2-2
1988 Piltown . . . . . 4-6	Mooncoin . . . . . 3-1
1989 Mooncoin . . . . . 4-7	Urlingford . . . . . 2-5

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN C

1984 Galmoy . . . . . 3-2	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-4
1985 Ballyragget . . . . . 0-4	Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 0-2
1986 Kilmacow . . . . . 5-7	Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 2-2
1987 Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 3-5	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-2
1988 Urlingford . . . . . 3-7	Ballyhale . . . . . 1-0
1989 Ballyhale . . . . . 3-4	Dunnamaggin . . . . . 1-2
1990 Dunnamaggin . . . . . 2-3	Mullinavat . . . . . 1-0
1991 Mullinavat . . . . . 5-0	St. Canice's . . . . . 1-7
1992 St. Canice's . . . . . 3-5	Tullaroan . . . . . 1-4
1993 Tullaroan . . . . . 2-9	Clara . . . . . 0-1
1994 Tullogher/Rosbercon . . . . . 4-6	St. Martin's . . . . . 4-5

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN D

1984 Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 1-3	Kilmacow . . . . . 0-3
1985 Kilmacow . . . . . 3-5	Mullinavat . . . . . 2-1
1986 Clara . . . . . 4-3	Tullaroan . . . . . 1-3
1987 Tullaroan . . . . . 2-6	Mullinavat . . . . . 3-1
1988 Mullinavat . . . . . 5-0	Glenmore . . . . . 1-2
1989 St. Canice's . . . . . 2-6	Moneenroe . . . . . 1-4
1990 Conahy Shamrocks . . . . . 3-3	Lisdowney . . . . . 1-0
1991 Tullogher/Rosbercon . . . . . 5-8	Lisdowney . . . . . 1-3
1992 Clara . . . . . 5-2	Slieverue . . . . . 0-1
1993 Slieverue . . . . . 2-8	Carrickshock . . . . . 2-1
1994 Lisdowney . . . . . 4-5	Clogh/Moneenroe . . . . . 1-2

### PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP – ROINN E

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1991 Newmarket . . . . . 0-5	Windgap . . . . . 1-2
Newmarket . . . . . 2-4	Windgap . . . . . 2-1
1992 Newmarket . . . . . 2-6	Glenmore . . . . . 0-2
1993 Windgap . . . . . 2-6	Stoneyford . . . . . 1-3
1994 Newmarket . . . . . 3-8	Stoneyford . . . . . 2-2

### COUNTRY CUP PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING FINALS

1992 Ballyhale . . . . . 1-7	Thomastown . . . . . 2-2
1993 Rower-Inistioge . . . . . 3-5	Gowran . . . . . 2-2
1994 Kilmanagh . . . . . 4-10	Ballyhale . . . . . 2-3

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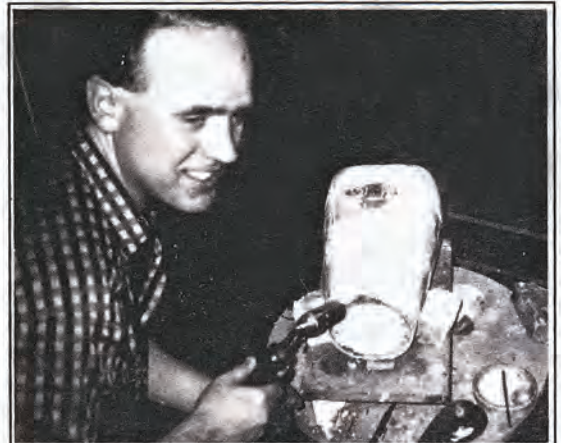
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