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RECALLING BENNETTSBRIDGE'S DOMINATION
OF THE KILKENNY SH CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE 1960'S
ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEAM'S RECEPTION
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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



Twenty two years ago Kilkenny County Board decided to honour teams from the past on county final day which had brought honour and glory to club and county.

This year it is our great pleasure to welcome the surviving members of the Bennettsbridge teams of the 1960's who contested seven Senior Hurling Championship Finals, winning five during this decade. Cuirim fáilte roimhaibh go léir. Hopefully today will revive great memories of the events of almost fifty years ago.

It all began for Bennettsbridge with the winning of the Under 14 schools Championship in 1944, followed by winning the Minor Hurling Championship in 1947. In 1948 they won their first Junior hurling Championship. This was the beginning of a great era in Bennettsbridge hurling. In 1951 they won the Junior Hurling Championship to be followed by their second Senior Hurling Championship in 1952 having won their first in 1890. The win in 1952 was to be followed by wins in 1953, 1955, 1956, and 1959. 1953 was also a significant year in Kilkenny hurling as 'The Parish Rule' was introduced and this changed the hurling landscape in the county completely – a change which I believe has had a major influence on Kilkenny's successes to the present day.

Today as we honour the players who brought great success to Bennettsbridge in the 1960's we marvel at the fact that during this decade they contested seven County Finals winning five. While many of the players won finals in both decades only two, Johnny McGovern and Sam Carroll played on all the winning teams.

These famous Bennettsbridge teams of the 60's contributed handsomely to the county colours as well with: Martin Treacy, Seamus Cleere, Paddy Moran, Johnny McGovern, Tony Kelly, Noel Skehan, Jim Treacy, Timothy Kelly, Jim Bennett and John Kinsella all winning All Ireland medals, while Seamus Cleere in 1963 and Jim Treacy also captained Kilkenny to victory during this period. Noel Skehan went on to create a record by winning nine All Ireland medals and also captained Kilkenny to victory in 1972.

The Bennettsbridge club played a big part in the development of hurling in Kilkenny at that time and were recognised as one of the leading clubs in the country. They were in regular demand for tournaments in all the leading hurling counties and I've no doubt that had there been a Club Championship at that time that Bennettsbridge would have won as well.

The members as well as being our guests at to-day's final, will also be guests of the Springhill Court Hotel at a dinner after the game and will be presented with a memento of the occasion. I hope that this reunion of the former team mates will be a very happy occasion, as many of them may not have met each other since they retired from hurling.

I would also ask that we remember the other members of the team who have gone to their eternal reward.

To the members who are with us here to-day I say congratulations and well done, I hope you enjoy to-day's game and I wish you all many more years of health and happiness.

Finally I'd like to say a special word of thanks to Ned Buggy who annually spends many hours researching the material for these souvenir programmes and also to Gerry O'Neill who handles the production.

Pól Cínsealach
Cathaoirleach.

Appreciation.

The chairman and members of the County Board would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the Springhill Court Hotel for their generous sponsorship of this event.

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In the 1960's, Bennettsbridge were the dominant force in the Kilkenny SH Championship. They contested seven finals, and, as they had done in the previous decade, won five of them.

These titles came in 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966 and 1967.

This Souvenir Booklet recalls that glorious chapter in the history of the 'Bridge club

As a keen follower of all sports and a passionate hurling fan, it is a pleasure again to be representing the Springhill Court Hotel in sponsoring the senior Bennettsbridge past teams of 1960, '62, '64, '66 and '67.



The Springhill Court Hotel has long been working with the Kilkenny GAA and has honoured many famous teams over the past 22 years.

I have a personal interest in Bennettsbridge, as my grandmother was from Bennettsbridge, and my grand uncle Mikey (Miller) Kealy hurled with, and was secretary of Bennettsbridge Hurling Club back in the 1950s.

Congratulations to all the past players who were involved with those great teams of the '60s. I hope they enjoy the day and their reminiscences during dinner later in the hotel.

I would also like to wish the four clubs represented in the minor and senior finals today the very best of luck.

I wish their supporters and our many customers in attendance here at today's games the very best, and I will look forward to seeing two fantastic games of hurling.

Seamus O'Carroll
General Manager
Springhill Court Conference, Leisure & Spa Hotel

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KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1960

Thirteen teams took part in the 1960 Kilkenny senior hurling championship.

The following are the results of each of the rounds and the list of clubs
and panels of players that took part.

1st Round

James Stephens	2-4	St.Senan's	0-9
Slieverue	4-4	Erin's Own	2-5
Bennettsbridge	4-12	St.Lachtain's	1-6
Glenmore	5-12	St John's	1-4
Eire Og	4-8	Tullogher	3-3
Tullaroan	2-14	Graigue	1-3
John Lockes		Bye	

2nd Round

Glenmore	5-8	Eire Og	3-5
Slieverue	4-5	John Lockes	3-3
Bennettsbridge	4-14	James Stephens	1-3
Tullaroan		Bye	

Semi-finals

Bennettsbridge	5-8	Tullaroan	2-10
Glenmore	4-8	Slieverue	4-5

Final

Bennettsbridge	4-5	Glenmore	3-4
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Participating Panels

James Stephens: S. Kirwan, J. Walsh, N. Morrissey, P. Tyrrell, M. Leahy, L. McCarthy, T. Lacey, J. McCarthy, R. Brennan, P. Brennan, S. Leahy, M. Dunne, S. Delaney, W. Tyrrell, J. Ayers, M. Dalton, N. Larkin, W. Tyrrell, P. Larkin.

St. Senan's: N. Knox, P. Lawlor, S. Phelan, W. Kinsella, E. Fleming, E. O' Neill, P. Hoban, H. Matthews, T. Dowling, P. Forristal, M. Fleming, C. Knox, P. Hearne, J. Phelan, C. Forristal.

Slieverue: R. Rockett, J. Walsh, T. Phelan, E. Dwyer, G. Donavan, T. Walsh, J. Hartly, P. Buggy, P. Irish, E. Horgan, E. Power, G. Buggy, K. O'Connor, P. Grant, W. Irish, S. Griffin, M. Power, M. Walsh, P. Fitzgerald, N. Power,

Erin's Own: M. Rowe, L. O'Keeffe, M. Baylon, M. Bowe, T. Delaney, E. Holland, T. Shallow, M. Meally, M. Coogan, K. Meally, S. Dunne, T. Brennan, P. Flaherty, M. Dormer, S. Coogan, D. Rowe.

John Lockes: T. Rochford, J. Tobin, J. Lynch, D. Carey, N. Tierney, P. Lennon, S. Woodgate, D. O' Sullivan, T. Barry, R. Lynch, M. Gardiner, M. Carey, P. Fitzgerald, M. Lynch, J. Walsh

St. Lachtain's: J. Cahill, D. Maher, P. Dillon, N. Maher, S. O'Shea, A. Hickey, J. Delaney, P. Lacey, F. Cullinane, J. Maher, S. Flynn, S. Rafferty, W. Cody, S. Cahill.

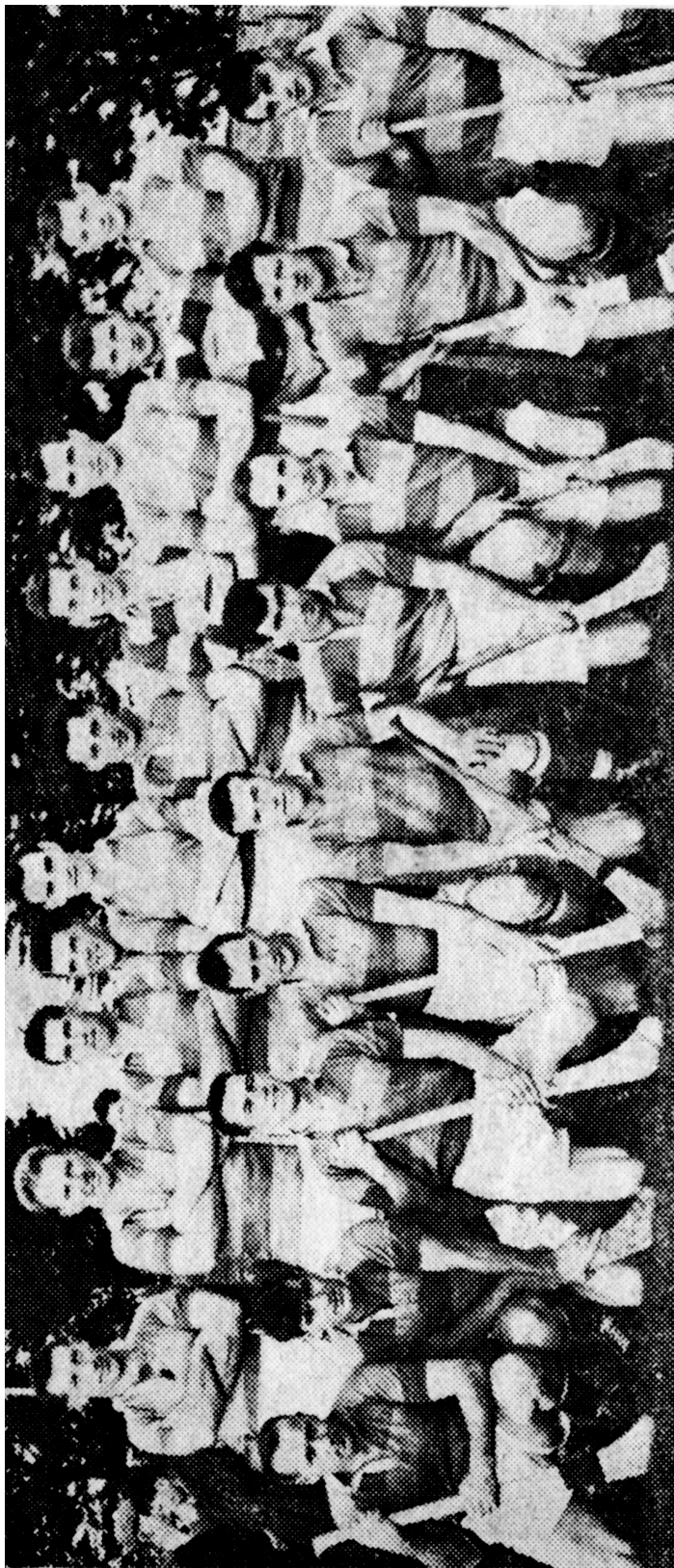
St. John's: J. Malone, T. Dooley, M. Bergin, J. Malone, M. Cantwell, W. Nolan, L. Mulrooney, M. Kealy, J. Lynch, J. Greene, T. Gregg, M. Leahy, P. Malone, S. Cantwell, M. Byrne, T. Jordan, E. Byrne.

Eire Og: N. Kinsella, F. Larkin, S. McGuinness, L. Stapleton, S. O'Brien, P. J. Garvan, P. Walton, M. Buckley, P. Johnston, P. Maher, T. Bennett, J. Kervick, S. Fitzpatrick P. Lennon, T. O' Connell, G. Carey, J. Langton J. McCullagh, N. O'Sullivan, T. Lawlor.

Tullogher: J. Hamilton, J. Cummins, L. Murphy, S. Kennedy, M. Greene, M. Murphy, J. Murphy, W. Murphy, P. Curran, P. Walsh, P. Murphy, T. Doolan, J. Murphy, J. Murphy, J. Gorey, M. Leahy.

Tullaroan: E. Doheny, J. Hogan, M. Moore, P. Hennessy, W. Hennessy, T. Hogan, W. Gaffney, J. Hennessy, P. Dowling, W. Fitzgerald, S. Clohosey, J. Clohosey, E. Holland, P. Clohosey, D. Hogan, T. Hennessy, J. Hennessy.

Graigue: T. Ryall, P. Bourke, J. Purcell, R. Cleere, J. Marnell, J. Cleere, D. Maher, N. Teehan, W. Daly, J. Maher, S. Cleere, C. Kelly, F. McCluskey, M. Darcy, W. Ronan.



Bennettsbridge – Kilkenny Senior Hurling Champions 1960

Back: M. Kelly, Jim Dobblyn, Mick McCarthy, T. Skehan, S. Cleere, R. Power, L. Cleere, L. Cleere, R. Muldowney, T. Kelly.

Front: J. Dowling, F. Ryan, S. Treacy, R. Carroll, P. Moran, J. Galway, S. Carroll, J. McGovern, M. Treacy.

65th Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship Final

Played 9th October 1960

The following is the report from the files of the Kilkenny People

County Final Was A Tame Affair

Champions Home Again By Four Points Glenmore Made Good Fight

Bennettsbridge 4-5 Glenmore 3-4

Bennettsbridge made heavy work of defeating Glenmore by four points in the county senior hurling final in Nowlan Park on Sunday, and just about came best in a very tame game. Glenmore made a plucky fight, and if they had been able to show the same degree of craft and team work as the holders the issue would have been closer.

The champions however did all that was required and though they were safely ahead at the end, their display was not a typically scintillating effort.

Bennettsbridge were probably unprepared for anything like a serious challenge from Glenmore whose run in friendly games down south gave a very false impression of their real worth.

The southerners were a fit side but they were lacking in experience an error which was apparent in their attack. This was a vital difference between the sides for Bennettsbridge excelled in team work.

The game was entertaining enough but it lacked bite. The weather was excellent but heavy rain on Saturday made the pitch sodden and ground hurling consequently was at a premium.

This was the seventh title for Bennettsbridge in less than a decade and quite a number of those players who played on Sunday have won all seven.

After a year in which Bennettsbridge distinguished themselves in championship and tournament games this was probably the least impressive of their games and many of their star performers failed to measure up to their earlier form. The bad conditions were probably against them. In spite of this they won comfortably enough and never looked in danger of defeat.

Heavier Side

Glenmore, the heavier side made a very gallant fight and a couple more forwards of the calibre of John Sutton, would have added considerable strength to their side and the champions' task would have been a lot more difficult.

One of the chief factors in the champions' triumph was their full back line of Martin Treacy, Jack Galway, and Jim Dobbyn and the good work of Seamus Cleere at centre back. The Bennettsbridge defence, not their attack, proved the sheer anchor on this occasion as their final tally of four goals and five points against a side playing in their first senior hurling championship final was less than might normally be expected.

Glenmore relied mainly on John Sutton for their scores and the veteran ex-county star got two goals in the first half. He lined out at centre forward but later moved into the full line where he did not get sufficient service and their star left-corner man, Mickey Barron, got little change from Martin Treacy, though he used his speed well to make openings.

After a tame opening which was an indication of the shape of things to come, Glenmore were first to score when John Sutton sent in a rasper that was just under the cross bar and completely deceived Liam Cleere. This helped to inspire Glenmore and they had the better of the exchanges for a while until the ever-watchful Sam Carroll took advantage of a Glenmore defence blunder to shoot past Cody.

From then to the end of the first half, except for periods when Glenmore made occasional raids, Bennettsbridge were clearly on top but they failed to turn their opportunities to account and were only two points ahead at half time.

Bennettsbridge Switches

Bennettsbridge brought Tim Kelly from centre forward to right half back after half time and switched Paddy Moran, who gave a brilliant display in the first half, from right half back to right half forward. Tim Kelly showed up better in defence but Paddy Moran did not reproduce his great first half hurling.

The second half went largely in the champions' favour but they still found it hard to get scores and they never more than eight points in front. Glenmore had their moments in the second half and Paul Fitzgerald's

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shooting from 70's was all that could be desired. His good work went for nought however because the Bennettsbridge defence was always on top and Dick Mullally's goal which reduced the lead to four points came too near the end to make any material difference.

A Great Fight

Glenmore deserve every credit for making such a great fight in their first county final appearance against such formidable opposition. They took the champions all the way and gave them the hardest battle they have had in a championship contest for quite some time.

Lack of experience was a big handicap to them, their only real test in the campaign coming from their neighbours Slieverue whom they beat by three points.

After scoring heavily over St. Lachtain's Bennettsbridge went on to beat James Stephens by twenty points and their old rivals Tullaroan by eight points

Liam Cleere gave his customary sound display in the Bennettsbridge goal and had no chance with one of Sutton's goals and Mullally's goal which came from close in. He was well covered by a brilliant full back line in which Martin Treacy, Jack Galway, and Jim Dobbyn added considerably to their prestige. John McGovern was sound and covered up splendidly though he has had better days while Paddy Moran baulked many Glenmore raids in his grand first half display.

Jimmy Dowling only came into the picture late in the game, while Dick Carroll also had a quiet enough time, he was not as nearly as prominent as he has been in other games. Sam Carroll, Frankie Ryan, and Mickey Kelly were best of the forwards.

Good Goalie

Martin Cody in goal proved himself one of the pillars of the Glenmore defence and his two saves in rapid succession in the first half were very spectacular efforts. John McDonald, Pat Connor, and Dick Doherty were sound in the full-back line. Paul Fitzgerald rendered sterling service at centre back where Kilkenny minor star of last year, Nicky Hanrahan, also figured prominently, particularly in the second half. Jimmy Doherty and Billy Fitzgerald had the better of the centre-field exchanges for the first half and rarely gave Bennettsbridge complete mastery in this section.

Glenmore's main weakness was in attack. Apart from John Sutton, Mick Barron and John O'Shea, their forwards were pretty well subdued. Dick Mullally got a good goal on the one occasion that he broke loose from Jack Galway but Pat Power and Johnny Boyle were allowed little scope.

The game was played in a fine sporting spirit and the referee Paddy Johnston had an easy task.

How the Scores Came

Mickey Kelly was wide in a Bennettsbridge attack immediately after the throw in and John Sutton opened the scoring when he sent a sizzling shot to the net from a free. Liam Cleere saved well in the 'Bridge goal when Paul Fitzgerald centred a Glenmore '70. Sam Carroll put the sides level when he goaled after a melee in the Glenmore goalmouth.

Bennettsbridge pressure brought them two frees and three 70's and the third was centred by Paddy Moran for Seamus Cleere to shoot a point. The same player then pointed a free and a point by Dick Carroll put the champions three points ahead.

Frankie Ryan finished a centre by Mickey Kelly from a cut in for a goal. Mickey Barron reduced the arrears with a point. Billy Fitzgerald put Glenmore on the move and his centre was doubled on by John Sutton whose shot gave Liam Cleere no chance, leaving the half time score:

Bennettsbridge 2-3 Glenmore 2-1

Bennettsbridge had a good second half start when Mickey Kelly sent to the net from a free. Dick Carroll was wide but made amends when he sent a neat shot over the bar to stretch the holders' lead to six points.

John Sutton tried for a goal from a close-in free but his shot was saved but the ball came back to him however and he sent over the bar.

Bennettsbridge were well ahead when Sean Treacy finished an attack for a goal. When Fitzgerald centred a 70' a close-in free was awarded but Mickey Barron's effort for a goal was foiled. Glenmore's only reward for persistent effort was a point by Dick Dowling after 14 minutes. Bennettsbridge then took over and they were wide twice before Glenmore came back but Barron's shot for a goal from a free was cleared. Mickey Kelly pointed a free and Sutton replied with a similar score for Glenmore.

Dick Mullally shot to the net in a Glenmore attack to reduce the deficit to four points before referee Paddy Johnston blew the full time whistle.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, J. Galway, J. Dobbyn, P. Moran, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, R. Carroll, J. Dowling, M. Kelly, T. Kelly, S. Carroll, F. Ryan, M. McCarthy, S. Treacy.

Glenmore: M. Cody, J. McDonald, P. Connor, R. Dowling, R. Doherty, P. Fitzgerald, J. O'Shea, J. Doherty, W. Fitzgerald, J. O'Shea, J. Sutton, J. Boyle, P. Power, R. Mullally, M. Barron.

Referee: Paddy Johnston (Éire Óg)

KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1962

Thirteen teams took part in the 1962 Kilkenny senior hurling championship.

The following are the results of each of the rounds and the list of clubs
and panels of players that took part.

1st Round

St. Lachtains	5-5	Tullaroan	2-4
Kilmacow	beat	Éire Óg	
Erin's Own	3-13	Tullagher	3-3
Glenmore	5-10	James Stephens	4-5
Slieverue	5-8	John Lockes	2-10
Lisdowney	5-8	Mooncoin	3-10
Bennettsbridge		Bye	

2nd Round

Bennettsbridge	7-6	St. Lachtains	3-3
Erin's Own	5-9	Kilmacow	1-4
Glenmore	6-8	Slieverue	5-6
Lisdowney	Bye		

Semi-finals

Lisdowney	4-11	Glenmore	1-4
Bennettsbridge	w/o	Erin's Own	scr

Final

Bennettsbridge	5-7	Lisdowney	2-8
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Participating Panels

St. Lachtains: J.Cahill, D. Maher, P. Dillon, K. Dalton, J. O'Shea, A. Hickey, J. Delaney, J. Manogue, J. Teehan, M. Dalton, S.Rafferty, D. Butler, J.Ryan, W. Cody, J. Cullinane, T. Butler, S. Kelly, D. Lennon.

Tullaroan: E. Doheny, J. Hogan, M. Moore, J. O'Neill, P. O'Neill, T. Hogan, W. Fitzgerald, J.Hennessy, W. Hennessy, M. Walton, D. Hogan, R. Holland, J. Hennessy, P. Clohosey, T. Hennessy.

Kilmacow: B. McDonald, P. Lalor, S. Phelan, J. Phelan, C. Forristal, P. Hoban, P. Flynn, H. Matthews, C. Knox, F. Walsh, M. Fleming, S. Cooke, M. Foley, P. Forristal, E. O'Neill.

Erin's Own: M. Rowe, S. Loughlin, E. Holland, P. Dowd, J. Byrne, L.O'Keeffe, T. Shalloe, M. Meally, M. Coogan, M. Byrne, B. Cooney, K. Meally, M. Sherwood, S. Farrell, S. Coogan, T. Coogan, M. Meally.

Tullagher: M. Rellis, S. Kennedy, T. Murphy, P. Murphy, J. Hamilton, J. Cummins, T. Dowling, W. Murphy, P. Walsh, P. Murphy, B. O' Neill, J. Murphy, M. Murphy, M. Phelan.

Glenmore: P. Fitzgerald, J. McDonald, N. Forristal, R. Doherty, J. O'Shea, J. Vereker, R. Doherty, W. Fitzgerald, J. Doherty, S. Fitzgerald, R. Dowling, N. Hanrahan, J. Sutton, P. O' Connor, M. Barron, M. Cass, P. Power, M. Cody, J. Phelan, R. Mullally, W. Barron.

James Stephens: S. Kirwan, P. Larkin, N. Morrissey, P. Tyrrell, E. Fry, K. McEvoy, J. O'Connor, F. McCarthy, R. Brennan, P. Brennan, S. Delaney, M. Dunne, P. Maher, S. Leahy, J. Walsh.

Slieverue: S. Griffin, J. Walsh, T. Phelan, E. O' Dwyer, P. Buggy, P. Mahony, P. Atkins, N. Power, G. Donovan, R. Walsh, M. Walsh, W. Murphy, P. Morrissey, J. Walsh, G. Buggy, R. Rockett, B. Freeney, W. Irish.

John Lockes: R. Lynch, J. Minogue, J. Lynch, E. Roche, J. Fitzpatrick, P. Donovan, J. Egan, J. Woodgate, D. Sullivan, N. Tierney, T. Barry, P. Fitzgerald, M. Saunders, M. Lynch, J. Walsh.

Lisdowney: M. Moylan, J. Fogarty, B. Drennan, N. Murphy, P. Grace, T. Carroll, H. Quirke, J. Delaney, M. Bowden, R. Blanchfield, M. Ryan, M. Carroll, M. Henderson, J. Ryan, M. Blanchfield, P. Ryan.

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, W. Walsh, T. Nolan, M. Delahunty, J. Walsh, J. Delahunty, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, M. Howley, E. Doyle, E. Murphy, R. Holden, J. Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Walsh, P. Doyle, J. Kearns.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, L. Bennett, J. Dobbyn, T. Kelly, S. Cleere, T. Lineen, P. Moran, L. Cleere, J. Dowling, J. McGovern, S. Carroll, F. Ryan, R. Power, M. Kelly, M. McCarthy, R. Carroll.

Éire Óg: No details of team available.



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Back: N. Skehan, L. Cleere, J. McGovern, T. Kelly, P. Moran, J. Dowling, S. Cleere, T. Lineen, L. Bennett, T. Kelly, J. Dobblyn.

Front: P. Treacy, R. Carroll, R. Power, M. Treacy, F. Ryan, M. McCarthy, S. Carroll, J. Treacy, M. Kelly.

67th Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship Final

Played 19th August 1962

The following is the report from the files of the Kilkenny People

Brilliant Bennettsbridge Regain Title

Bennettsbridge 5-7 Lisdowney 2-8

Bennettsbridge, after their surprising defeat by Erin's Own last year, regained the Kilkenny senior hurling title by beating Lisdowney 5-7 to 2-8 at Nowlan Park on Sunday in the final. Up to the three-quarter way stage Lisdowney were in the game with a chance, but the winners had something in reserve and were well worth their eight points winning margin.

The first half provided very entertaining hurling. Lisdowney set a scorching pace and were a little unlucky to be a point behind at the interval. They had the assistance of a strong wind however and they could only add two points to their score when playing against the breeze in the second half.

The game was played in dull but fine weather and though the exchanges were keen and exciting in the first half, there was little enthusiasm in the second half particularly in the last quarter when the outcome was fairly obvious.

Lisdowney deserve full marks for a whole-hearted display. They suffered from the very big disadvantage of a lack of experience – a disadvantage that was all the more pronounced against the formidable Bennettsbridge combination.

There were periods during the game when the losers had the upper hand, but they were rather inclined to over-use the ball and lost scores through over anxiety. On the other hand the Bennettsbridge forwards were always cool and took their chances as the situation demanded in spite of the fact that their shooting was more faulty than usual.

Bennettsbridge entered the game as favourites and few anticipated a Lisdowney victory – even their ardent supporters. There was an atmosphere of confidence in the camp however following their very easy win over Glenmore in the semi-final but then there was Bennettsbridge to deal with and few sides in the county could face this task with anything like overconfidence.

Early Lisdowney Scores

Lisdowney started as if they might cause a major surprise. They had a goal and two points up before Bennettsbridge got into their stride. Their defence was at fault with the first goal by Frankie Ryan who only made an opening for himself. Ryan's effort was brilliantly executed however and showed a touch of class. Mick Moylan in goal was left standing by a

ground shot by Carroll about midway in the first half – a shot which might have been saved. These set backs dealt a severe blow to the Lisdowney morale and once Bennettsbridge got a grip on the game they never even looked like surrendering the upper hand. The losers continued to try valiantly to the last. Even when their position looked hopeless they tried creditably to make a game of it.

Bennettsbridge may not have been the powerful formidable force of some years ago but they are still a highly competent side – a little less competent than when they were at their best – and the manner in which they recovered from the early shocks on Sunday showed how really brilliant they can be.

Few weak links

From Liam Cleere in goal to Dick Carroll at left corner forward there were few weak links on this Bennettsbridge side and in common with their past performances any weak links that might have been were adequately covered. Liam Cleere dealt competently with everything that came his way except for the two shots that beat him which were for all practical purposes unstoppable.

In spite of a very whole hearted display by veteran Mick Henderson and stirring work by Paddy Ryan and Mick Blanchfield, the Bennettsbridge full back line of Martin Treacy, Liam Bennett, and Jim Dobbyn was very sound, Jim Dobbyn in particular having a very fine hour.

The half line had infinitely more to do and Seamus Cleere, though outstanding, did not get properly into his stride until the second half. The centrefield exchanges were fairly even but Paddy Moran had one of his best games for some time. Mick McCarthy's striking was a feature of the game and he looks like blossoming into a useful partner for Moran.

Though Paddy Grace made a very good job of keeping the elusive Sam Carroll under reasonable control the diminutive Bennettsbridge star was always a potential menace.

Frankie Ryan also hit top form while Johnny McGovern showed touches of his clever sense of positioning. Mickey Kelly, Dick Carroll and newcomer Dick Power also left their imprint on the game though Power was given very little scope by Ber Drennan.

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Sound Full Line

Mick Moylan may have been at fault with Dick Carroll's ground shot but apart from this he got little chance with the other shots that beat him. In addition to Ber Drennan, John Fogarty was sound in the full line but Noel Murphy found Frankie Ryan a tough problem. Paddy Grace, Ted Carroll, and Harry Quirke were at peak form on the half line while Jim Delaney gave a good display at centrefield. Mick Henderson tried hard in the Lisdowney attack.

The Lisdowney attack generally was good but foiled their efforts by over anxiety. Mick Carroll, Dick Blanchfield, in addition to Mick Henderson, only require more experience to weld into an attacking force with a high scoring potential.

How The Scores Came

The game had hardly begun when a determined Lisdowney raid initiated by Dick Blanchfield, who ran through the Bennettsbridge defence, produced the first goal of the game. Paddy Ryan added a point and a further point by Martin Ryan put Lisdowney a goal and two points ahead after five minutes. Bennettsbridge took up the running and a good centre by Johnny McGovern saw Frankie Ryan cleverly work his way into a good position and his rasping shot gave Mick Moylan in the Lisdowney goal no chance. Sam Carroll, receiving a pass from his brother Dick, tacked on a point to reduce the leeway to a single point.

In the ninth minute Mick Henderson came out to gather a centre and sent over the bar, but in the space of half a minute Bennettsbridge were back again for another point by Frankie Ryan. Mick Carroll raced through the Bennettsbridge defence and palmed the ball over the bar and Liam Cleere saved well under pressure but conceded a 70 which Harry Quirke sent wide. Mick McCarthy got through for a Bennettsbridge goal and, following a Lisdowney point by Mick Blanchfield, Dick Carroll shot a ground ball to the net. Bennettsbridge were now ahead by 3-2 to 1-5 and in the 28th minute Martin Ryan reduced the arrears with a good point. Johnny McGovern added a Bennettsbridge and Tom Lineen had another from a free. Just on half time a Lisdowney free on the 21-yard line brought a great goal by Martin Ryan who blazed through a crowded goalmouth to leave the half time score:

Bennettsbridge 3-2 Lisdowney 2-6

As in the first half, Lisdowney were first away on resuming and Dick Blanchfield had an early point. A Bennettsbridge attack following a centre by Tom Lineen was wide but the 'Bridge were back again and Sam Carroll, standing unmarked in the goal area, had no trouble beating Mick Moylan. Johnny McGovern with a point stretched the lead to four points.

Dick Carroll shot for goal from a close-in free but his effort was saved. The short Lisdowney clearance was returned to the danger area and Sam Carroll added a point.

Bennettsbridge then made a positional switch in attack, Dick Carroll and Mickey Kelly changing positions.

Martin Ryan centred a Lisdowney free which was cleared at the expense of a '70 which was taken by Harry Quirke who sent the ball wide. In the 20th minute Mickey Kelly got through for a 'Bridge goal. Martin Ryan pointed a Lisdowney free and Lisdowney missed a great chance of a goal when the ball dribbled inches wide of the post as Liam Cleere came out to clear. The last score of the game was a 'Bridge point from a free by Paddy Moran.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, L. Bennett, J. Dobbryn, T. Kelly, S. Cleere, T. Lineen, M. McCarthy, P. Moran, M. Kelly, J. McGovern, S. Carroll, F. Ryan, R. Power, R. Carroll.

Lisdowney: M. Moylan, J. Fogarty, B. Drennan, N. Murphy, P. Grace, T. Carroll, H. Quirke, J. Delaney, M. Bowden, R. Blanchfield, M. Ryan, M. Carroll, M. Blanchfield, P. Ryan, M. Henderson.

Tom Ryall (Graigue) refereed.

Goalie Came from England

Liam Cleere, who starred in the Bennettsbridge goal on Sunday came home from England to play with his club. Liam is employed in England, having emigrated a couple of weeks ago.

FIGURES OF THE GAME					
	Goals	Points	Wides	Frees	70's
1st Half					
Bennettsbridge	3	4	11	7	0
Lisdowney	2	6	6	7	1
2nd Half					
Bennettsbridge	2	3	7	6	1
Lisdowney	0	2	5	8	1
Totals					
Bennettsbridge	5	7	18	15	1
Lisdowney	2	8	11	15	2

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KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1964

Fifteen teams took part in the 1964 Kilkenny senior hurling championship.

The following are the results of each of the rounds and the list of clubs
and panels of players that took part.

1st Round

Glenmore	3-11	Tullagher	2-6
Éire Óg	3-5	Slieverue	2-5
Thomastown	6-10	John Lockes	1-4
Bennettsbridge	2-8	Mooncoin	2-7
St. Lachtain's	4-7	Lisdowney	1-4
St. Senan's	7-6	Erin's Own	3-3
Rower Inistioge	2-9	Tullaroan	2-7
James Stephens		Bye	

2nd Round

Glenmore	3-8	James Stephens	1-2
Bennettsbridge	5-8	St. Lachtain's	2-4
Rower Inistioge	7-7	St. Senan's	7-4
Thomastown	3-8	Éire Óg	2-4

Semi-Finals

Bennettsbridge	6-8	Rower Inistioge	3-8
Glenmore	4-9	Thomastown	4-6

Final

Bennettsbridge	4-9	Glenmore	1-4
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Participating Panels

Glenmore: P. Fitzgerald, J. McDonald, B. Dowling, N. Forristal, J. O'Shea, B. Doherty, J. Vereker, P. Power, W. Fitzgerald, N. Hanrahan, M. Cass, P. Dowling, R. Mullally, M. Phelan, J. Sutton, S. Fitzgerald, M. Barron, J. Dowling, D. Dowling.

Tullagher: M. Rellis, S. Kennedy, P. Murphy, M. Murphy, J. Hamilton, J. J. Barron, T. Doolan, J. Ryan, P. Grennan, B. Murphy, B. O'Neill, P. Murphy, P. Ryan, N. Woods.

Éire Óg: N. Kinsella, P. Larkin, T. Lawlor, P. Johnston, P. Quinn, T. O'Connell, M. Walsh, P. Phelan, T. Ward, O. Doyle, J. Madden, N. Nolan, L. McGrath, R. Grace, J. McCullagh, P. J. Garvan, G. Jordan.

Slieverue: S. Freyne, J. Walsh, W. Doherty, T. Murphy, P. Atkins, P. O' Mahony, C. O'Donovan, M. Meagher, J. Hartley, R. Walsh, E. O'Dwyer, D. Rockett, M. Murphy.

John Lockes: R. Lynch, W. Hoyne, J. Egan, J. Grace, T. Walsh, T. Maher, D. O'Sullivan, S. Woodgate, E. Nolan, P. Fitzgerald, T. Rochford, J. Walsh, J. O'Dwyer, T. J. Hogan

Thomastown: O. Walsh, B. Grace, C. Phelan, J. Gibbons, J. Sullivan, J. Doyle, D. Walsh, J. Kelly, P. Kelly, J. Delaney, T. Walsh, J. Murphy, M. Walsh, D. Lannon, S. Chaloner, J. Blanchfield.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, T. Bennett, J. Treacy, T. Kelly, S. Cleere, L. Cleere, M. McCarthy, P. Moran, N. Skehan, A. Kelly, S. Carroll, J. McGovern, L. Bennett, P. Treacy, S. Treacy, D. Carroll, J. Dobbryn.

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, C. Dunne, E. Murphy, T. Ryan, J. Dunphy, P. Doyle, E. Doyle.

St. Lachtain's: J. Cahill, J. Shea, P. Dillon, M. Maher, J. Butler, A. Hickey, J. Delaney, S. Buckley, J. Minogue, J. Teehan, M. Dalton, J. Cullinane, D. Butler, P. Lacey, S. Rafferty, P. Butler.

Lisdowney: J. J. Drennan, W. Bowden, B. Drennan, S. Dowling, P. Grace, T. Carroll, J. Delaney, M. Ryan, M. Fogarty, W. White, M. Carroll, R. Blanchfield, M. Holohan, M. Henderson.

Erin's Own: M. Rowe, J. Shea, E. Holland, O. Dwyer, J. Byrne, B. O'Brien, T. Shalloe, M. Meally, P. Dowling, K. Meally, M. Brennan, S. Coogan, I. O'Keefe, S. Farrell, P. Comerford, O. Gleeson.

St. Senan's: P. Flynn, M. Frisby, M. Hogan, N. Kent, N. Fleming, S. Fleming, J. Dobbryn, H. Matthews, S. Knox, F. Walsh, N. O'Neill, S. Cooke, P. Forristal, P. Hoban, J. Walsh, S. Walsh, C. Forristal, C. Knox.

Rower Inistioge: P. Kavanagh, J. Ryan, M. Roche, P. J. Brett, O. Ryan, J. Walsh, E. Flood, D. White, M. Kavanagh, P. Freaney, P. Murphy, E. Keher, G. Mackey, M. Walsh, T. Murphy, M. Ryan, M. Walsh, M. Bolger, W. Kelly, W. Murphy.

Tullaroan: J. Hennessy, J. Hogan, P. Hennessy, T. Hogan, B. Hennessy, J. O'Neill, J. Hennessy, B. Fitzgerald, M. Walton, D. Holland, E. Doheny, J. Molloy, D. Hogan, P. Doheny, T. Hennessy.

James Stephens: L. McCarthy, P. Larkin, M. McEvoy, P. Tyrrell, L. Crowe, J. McCarthy, D. Brennan, M. Murphy, J. Ayres, P. Brennan, S. Delaney, M. Dunne, J. Connors, S. Leahy, T. Hickey, M. Fitzpatrick.



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Back: J. Dobbyn, L. Cleere, L. Cleere, S. Cleere, T. Kelly. J. McGovern, M. Treacy, L. Mulhall, R. Power.

Front: T. Bennett, S. Carroll, M. McCarthy, S. Treacy, P. Moran, R. Carroll, P. Treacy, J. Treacy, N. Skehan.

69th Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship Final

Played 1st November 1964

The following is the report from the files of the Kilkenny People

Bennettsbridge Take Eighth County Title

Bennettsbridge 4-9 Glenmore 1-4

Bennettsbridge are county senior hurling championships again. In the final at Nowlan Park on Sunday they completely outclassed Glenmore with a superior display of hurling craft to take their eighth county title.

Such was their superiority that the game failed to live up to expectations, and from the competitive point of view it was not at all on a par with past county finals. Before the end of the first half it was obvious that the 'Bridge were on the road to another county title, and though Glenmore tried their hardest to come to terms with their opponents, and fought back tenaciously, it was apparent that their battle was in vain.

The only real contest in the game was in the first ten minutes when Glenmore stood shoulder to shoulder with the winners after they had flashed into a surprise 1-1 to nil lead in the first two minutes

No Reply

But once Bennettsbridge got the taste of scores in the tenth minute they continued to increase their tally for over forty minutes without a single reply. In fact fifty minutes elapsed between Glenmore's last score in the first half and their first score in the second half. In the final eight minutes they had three points but Bennettsbridge negated the lot with a goal.

Bennettsbridge's main strength lay in their county men and ex-county men particularly Paddy Moran and Seamus Cleere. But they also had another big advantage over their opponents – combination, and a general higher standard of ability took its toll as well.

Gallant Glenmore

All these proved too much for a gallant Glenmore side that had the spirit and determination to win but were simply not good enough to overcome the champions. After an inauspicious start, Bennettsbridge settled

down to hard hurling and while they stopped the Glenmore flow rather easily they did not take the lead until the sixteenth minute when a goal gave them a point lead 1-2 to 1-1.

By half time they had built up a 2-5 to 1-1 lead and they were ahead by twelve points after the end of the third quarter 3-7 to 1-1. After this they seemed to slacken off somewhat when Glenmore came back for three points but nevertheless they had fourteen points to spare at the end.

The Stars

Stars of the Bennettsbridge side were Paddy Moran and Seamus Cleere. Moran, after a quiet start, gave a superlative display of craft, ability, and all-round skill. He was in defence to relieve pressure, at centrefield to obliterate the Glenmore pair with partner Tony Kelly, and in attack to score six points. He also played a major role in two of his side's goals.

Seamus Cleere was impeccable. Playing at his best form he devastated the Glenmore attack with a brand of hurling that left his opponents at a loss for counter tactics. Time and again he cleared with a degree of coolness that almost bordered on nonchalance.

Moran's partner at centrefield Tony Kelly also gave a first class display and helped greatly to establish Bennettsbridge's monopoly at centrefield. Johnny McGovern was also in top form and helped to make the half back line a tough one for the opposition to break through.

The full back line were dependable throughout after the first minute when they were caught napping and Jim Treacy was undoubtedly the most prominent.

On the half forward line Sam Carroll, showing tremendous bursts of speed, was one of the most dangerous forwards on view. His brother Dick also did very well as did Noel Skehan.

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Right full forward Paddy Treacy was another dangerous forward and nipped in for three goals, one of which was disallowed.

Liam Cleere in goal got little to do, but had a few nice saves.

Most prominent of the Glenmore defence were John Dowling and John Vereker who had a very good first half and relieved many dangerous situations. John O'Shea also played well.

None of the forwards were very successful but the keenest triers were John Sutton and Dick Dowling.

How The Scores Came

Bennettsbridge attacked first but the ball was quickly cleared and at the other end John Sutton sent wide. The ball was returned again after the puck out and in a flash raid, still in the first minute John Sutton sent to the net. Less than a minute later Glenmore were another point in front when Sutton pointed from a free almost on the forty yard line.

Bennettsbridge soon settled down however and began fighting back. In the tenth minute Paddy Moran pointed a 21-yard free. Four minutes later the same player pointed another free and two minutes later Bennettsbridge took the lead when Mick McCarthy sent a beauty to the net.

Two Bennettsbridge wides followed and then the Glenmore goalkeeper saved a rasper from Sam Carroll but conceded a seventy which was sent wide. From another '70 Paddy Treacy sent to the net only to have the score disallowed.

Now bringing the full force of their experience to the fore, Bennettsbridge began to storm the southern defence and both Dick Carroll and Paddy Moran added points. Three minutes from the end of the first half Tony Kelly scored point number five and following a free by Paddy Moran, Paddy Treacy finished the ball to the net.

Half Time:

Bennettsbridge 2-5 Glenmore 1-1

One minute after the restart Paddy Moran increased the lead with a beautiful point from centrefield after a pass from Seamus Cleere.

Two Glenmore and three Bennettsbridge wides followed and then Moran had one of the best scores of the game. In a lightning movement he flashed between two Glenmore defenders, dodged a third and sent over a

lovely point as he fell to his knees. He was at least fifty yards out.

At this stage Glenmore attempted a comeback but three efforts came to abortive ends. In the seventeenth minute Bennettsbridge went further ahead when Paddy Treacy shot his second goal.

The southerners had a chance of cutting the leeway in the eighteenth minute when awarded a 21-yard free but Sutton's shot was saved at the expense of a seventy. Dick Doherty's stroke was swiftly cleared back to the other end and before the backs had a chance to settle themselves, Paddy Moran raced in for a point.

Dick Carroll had another point in the 21st minute and just afterwards Glenmore had their first score in fifty minutes – a point by Martin Cass.

In the remaining eight minutes Dick Doherty added two more points from 70's but Noel Skehan negated the lot with a goal.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, T. Bennett, J. Treacy, L. Cleere, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, T. Kelly, S. Carroll, D. Carroll, N. Skehan, P. Treacy, M. McCarthy, S. Treacy.

Glenmore: P. Fitzgerald, S. McDonald, N. Forristal, J. Dowling, J. O'Shea, D. Doherty, J. Vereker, P. Power, B. Fitzgerald, N. Hanrahan, M. Phelan, M. Cass, D. Mullally, J. Sutton, D. Dowling.

Subs used: M. Barron.

Referee: Paddy Johnson (Éire Óg)

FIGURES OF THE GAME					
	Goals	Points	Wides	Frees	70's
1st Half					
Bennettsbridge	2	5	9	7	3
Glenmore	1	1	4	5	0
2nd Half					
Bennettsbridge	2	4	8	5	0
Glenmore	0	3	6	5	3
Totals					
Bennettsbridge	4	9	17	12	3
Glenmore	1	4	10	10	3

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KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1966

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The following are the results of each of the rounds and the list of clubs and panels of players that took part.

1st Round

Glenmore	1-15	Tullaroan	1-4
Mooncoin	2-10	Erin's Own	1-6
Knocktopher	4-6	St.Senan's	4-4
Rower Inistioge	2-10	Thomastown	1-2
Éire Óg	5-5	St. Lachtain's	1-4
Bennettsbridge	11-7	Young Irelands	2-4
James Stephens	4-9	Tullogher	1-7
Lisdowney		Bye	

2nd Round

Lisdowney	2-15	Glenmore	2-3
Mooncoin	8-12	James Stephens	4-7
Bennettsbridge	2-14	Éire Óg	2-2
Rower Inistioge	1-20	Knocktopher	4-5

Semi-Finals

Bennettsbridge	6-13	Rower Inistioge	1-14
Mooncoin	2-16	Lisdowney	2-3

Final

Bennettsbridge	4-8	Mooncoin	2-4
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St Senan's: P. Forristal, P. Hoban, T. Kent, E. Fleming, N. Neill, C. Forristal, W. Donovan, H. Matthews, F. Walsh, T. Hogan, S. Fleming, S. Cooke, S. Sutton, J. Phelan, E. Wall, C. Knox, P. Sweeney

Rower Inistioge: P. Kavanagh, D. Kavanagh, F. Murphy, G. Mackey, M. Bolger, J. Walsh, E. Flood, J. Grace, P. Corbett, P. Freaney, T. Murphy, E. Keher, M. Walsh, K. Kavanagh, D. White, J. J. Ryan.

Thomastown: O. Walsh, J. Gibbons, W. Grace, C. Whelan, S. Challoner, R. Walsh, P. Cullen, J. Kelly, B. O'Sullivan, J. Delaney, S. O'Sullivan, A. Dempsey, J. Doyle, P. Lennon, S. Challoner.

St. Lachtain's: J. Cahill, K. Dalton, P. Dillon, M. Maher, S. Buckley, A. Hickey, P. Butler, J. Minogue, D. Butler, J. Teehan, J. Delaney, T. Butler, J. Cullinane, S. Flynn, M. Dalton.

Éire Óg: N. Kinsella, P. Johnston, J. McCullagh, O. Cantwell, T. O'Brien, F. Larkin, J. Brophy, M. Power, S. Dowling, R. Grace, T. O'Connell, K. McCormack, N. Nolan, J. Langton, M. Doherty, T. Walsh.

James Stephens: D. Dunne, P. Larkin, L. McCarthy, T. Hickey, M. Leahy, J. McCarthy, L. Dooley, P. Dowling, L. Tyrrell, D. Brennan, J. Ayres, M. Dunne, J. Connors, S. Delaney, S. Leahy, J. O'Connor, M. Lanigan, S. Brennan.

Tullogher: P. Murphy, L. Murphy, J.J. Barron, T. Delaney, D. O'Neill, P. Doherty, B. O'Neill, S. Cummins, S. Greene, P. Murphy, H. Rellis, S. Cummins, S. Hamilton, S. Treacy.

Young Irelands: T. Comerford, M. Drennan, M. Murphy, A. Dreelin, S. Kelly, P. Drennan, P. Roche, B. Phelan, T. Carroll, M. Dwyer, J. McCarthy, L. Dwyer, J. Byrne, P. Comerford, P. McCarthy, A. Comerford, T. Kenna, M. Dwyer.

Lisdowney: T. Bowe, C. Fogarty, B. Drennan, J. Fogarty, N. Blanchfield, T. Carroll, P. Dunphy, R. McEvoy, R. Blanchfield, M. Fogarty, M. Carroll, J. Delaney, B. White, W. Holohan, M. Ryan, P. Hayes.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, L. Mulhall, M. Treacy, J. Treacy, P. Kealy, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, J. Kinsella, S. Treacy, J. Bennett, P. Treacy, N. Ryan, L. Cleere, N. Skehan, T. Bennett, S. Carroll, M. McCarthy, T. Kelly, A. Kelly.

Participating Panels

Glenmore: W. Long, S. Freaney, N. Forristal, J. Dowling, J. O'Shea, R. Doherty, J. Vereker, B. Fitzgerald, S. Culleton, M. Phelan, M. Cass, M. Cody, J. Doheny, P. Fitzgerald, P. Dowling, D. Fitzgerald.

Tullaroan: P. Doheny, J. J. Sullivan, J. O'Neill, M. Kennedy, B. Hennessy, P. Delaney, O. O'Neill, J. Hennessy, M. Walton, J. Young, B. Fitzgerald, J. Young, E. Doheny, J. Hennessy, J. Delaney, J. Hogan.

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, N. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, M. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, E. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Ryan, T. Walsh, R. Holden.

Erin's Own: M. Brennan, M. Boran, P. Dowd, C. Doyle, T. Meally, T. Shalloe, M. Coogan, T. Brennan, M. Meally, K. Meally, P. Comerford, P. Dowling, S. Coogan, E. Holland, O. Gleeson.

Knocktopher: B. Mason, S. Walsh, T. Walsh, B. Dalton, E. Walsh, O. Dermody, N. Fitzpatrick, P. Carroll, F. Cummins, D. Heaslip, H. Shefflin, J. Fowler, S. Ryan, D. Rice, F. Aylward, M. Mason, N. Walsh, J. Walsh.

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Bennettsbridge – Kilkenny Senior Hurling Champions 1966

Back: T. Kelly, L. Cleere, P. Kealy, N. Ryan, S. Cleere, J. Bennett, M. McCarthy, L. Cleere.

Front: P. Treacy, J. McGovern, M. Treacy, P. Moran, N. Skehan, S. Carroll, J. Kinsella, J. Treacy.

71st Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship Final

Played 9th October 1966

The following is the report from the files of the Kilkenny People

Courageous Mooncoin Defeated

Superb Hurling wins County Final for Bennettsbridge

Bennettsbridge 4-8 Mooncoin 2-4

Bennettsbridge, playing superb hurling in line with the scintillating form they have shown since they first came into the limelight in 1952, regained the county senior hurling title when they beat the holders Mooncoin by 4-8 to 2-4 at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

The game opened at a sizzling pace but tamed down to such an extent in the second half that the crowd almost lost interest, even though Mooncoin kept pegging away courageously at what appeared to be a hopeless task.

Bennettsbridge left no doubt in anyone's mind that the laurels lie where they rightly belong, and they showed by the power of their hurling that they are still the same mighty force they were some years ago, even though there had been signs over the past couple of years that the splendour of the past had been fading somewhat.

Two men who lay claim to major honours in this triumph are Sam Carroll, back to his brilliant best, and former forward Noel Skehan who played a real blinder in goal, substituting for Liam Cleere. This was Sam Carroll at his best ; the inspiration and drive behind a Bennettsbridge attack that packed too much skill and ingenuity for the Mooncoin defence.

Good Goalie

Noel Skehan gave as good an exhibition of goalkeeping as we have seen in the championship campaign for a long time, and one save in particular when he stopped a shot from point blank range from Clause Dunne in the first half was a truly remarkable effort.

Mooncoin, strongly fancied to retain their title, disappointed but their forwards including Clause Dunne and Joe Dunphy came up against a very solid defence and although Clause Dunne made several sorties into Bennettsbridge territory the winners' defence put up stern resistance.

In the first and second round games Bennettsbridge looked anything but impressive and even their own supporters must have had misgivings about their chances of regaining the honours. They struggled tame-

ly against Éire Óg and even though scoring convincingly against the Rower Inistioge, in neither game did they look the formidable force we saw on Sunday.

Making their 13th appearance in a final over the past 15 years, they won their ninth county title and Johnny McGovern has had the distinction of having been with the side over all this period. He figured prominently in Sunday's game at left half back and well deserved his ninth county championship medal.

Best Hurling

The first three minutes produced the best hurling of the hour with scores coming at the rate of one a minute but when Bennettsbridge jumped into the lead by 4 points after five minutes the pattern of what was to follow had been set and it was only in the last three minutes of the first half when Mooncoin scored a goal and two points that the possibility of a close finish seemed likely.

The second half opened very tamely and 10 minutes had gone without a score, Clause Dunne breaking the dead lock with a point from a free. This narrowed the gap to a goal and Mooncoin fought desperately to get on top.

A Bennettsbridge goal by Mick McCarthy in the 16th minute which put the winners two goals ahead set the seal on triumph and from that to the end it was all one way traffic .

Ground conditions did not favour good hurling and the greasy ball made shooting quite a hazard. This probably accounted for the 16 wides, 10 for Bennettsbridge and 6 for Mooncoin and the tempo was slowed up a bit by fouls, there being 25 frees over the hour.

There were a few incidents during the game but nothing serious occurred to mar the good sportsmanship shown by both teams.

Moran in Form

Apart from the strength of their defence and the power of their forwards, Bennettsbridge always had a slight

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pull at centre-field where Paddy Moran was almost always at hand to put his side on the move and he got good help from an improving John Kinsella.

Bennettsbridge set about getting an early lead and they had two goals and two points on the board after 5 minutes to a goal for Mooncoin. In the next 10 minutes Mooncoin threw themselves enthusiastically into the task of reducing arrears but, beyond getting a point scored by Ned Doyle, they met with little success and their defence cracked under the severe strain.

Mick McCarthy put Bennettsbridge on the move with a point and they stretched their lead 9 points. Then Mooncoin got moving and, playing with the same verve that won them the title last year, they scored a goal and two points to put them well within striking distance at the interval.

The second half produced mediocre hurling and though it was gone past the three quarter way stage when Bennettsbridge put the finishing touches to it, their hurling all along was that little bit better and it was obvious that Mooncoin would never be able to stop them.

Carroll's Great Game

Sam Carroll, playing at left full forward, played as well as ever he has played in the past and that is certainly saying something. Even against such a fine player as Wattie McDonald he achieved a remarkable degree of success and his goal from a ground drive in the second minute was a gem.

Noel Skehan could not be blamed for the shots that beat him and but for his splendid work, Bennettsbridge would have been left with a lot more to do. Martin and Jim Treacy, flanking Larry Cleere at full back were very sound and Timmy Kelly showed up well when he replaced Larry Cleere at the interval.

Seamus Cleere put in useful work at centre half back and had a fine game, getting good support from Paddy Kealy and Johnny McGovern. Paddy Moran partnered by John Kinsella, left quite an imprint on the game. He was too resourceful for the Mooncoin pair and was able to give the forwards a liberal supply of the ball. Young John Kinsella also played well.

The Bennettsbridge attack generally worked with great fluency and all six forwards played well. Sam Carroll was ably assisted by Jim Bennett, Tony Kelly, who was accurate from frees, Paddy Treacy, Noel Ryan, and Mick McCarthy.

Sound Goalie

Dick Dunphy had a sound game in the Mooncoin goal and Pat Delahunty, Tom Nolan, Ned Connolly, did well against alert Bennettsbridge forwards. Jim Lynch did quite a lot of useful work at centre-back, but even though he had a difficult task against Sam Carroll

,Watty McDonald played well at right half back with Johnny Walsh having his moments at left half.

Martin Howley and John Walsh found the going tough at centre-field and while Clause Dunne showed fine form in patches and made several bursts through the Bennettsbridge defence he was not as successful in his previous championship games. Mick Conway and Ned Doyle did well but only Joe Dunphy, to a limited extent, made any impression inside. Tom Ryan nipped in for a good goal just on the interval.

Bennettsbridge; N. Skehan, M. Treacy, L. Cleere, J. Treacy, P. Kealy, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, J. Kinsella, P. Treacy, J. Bennett, S. Carroll, N. Ryan, A. Kelly, M. McCarthy. Sub. T. Kelly

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, M. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, E. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, T. Ryan.

Referee: Paddy Johnston (Éire Óg)

SCORES BY THE CLOCK

First Half

1 minute point Sam Carroll (B'B)
2 minutes goal Joe Dunphy (M)
3 minutes goal Sam Carroll (B'B)
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14 minutes point Ned Doyle (M)
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20 minutes point Sam Carroll (B'B)
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28 minutes point John Walsh (M)
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Second Half

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KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP 1967

Fourteen teams took part in the 1967 Kilkenny senior hurling championship.

The following are the results of each of the rounds and the list of clubs
and panels of players that took part.

1st Round

James Stephens	4-8	Tullaroan	4-6
Erin's Own	3-10	Rower Inistioge	3-8
Bennettsbridge	3-14	Mooncoin	3-13
Young Irelands	4-12	Éire Óg	3-5
Thomastown	3-5	St. Lachtain's	1-9
Tullogher	beat	Galmoy	
St Senan's	3-13	Lisdowney	4-7

2nd Round

Erin's Own	3-11	James Stephens	1-8
Bennettsbridge	4-10	Young Irelands	5-6
Thomastown	2-10	Tullogher	2-5
St Senan's	Bye		

Semi-Finals

Bennettsbridge	2-13	Erin's Own	0-12
Thomastown	4-12	St Senan's	5-9
Thomastown	2-9	St Senan's	1-10

Final

Bennettsbridge	3-10	Thomastown	1-4
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Participating Panels

James Stephens: P. Brennan, P. Larkin, L. McCarthy, J. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, M. Leahy, L. Dooley, P. Dowling, L. Tyrrell, M. Gargan, J. Ayres, M. Dunne, R. Brennan, J. Connors, S. Leahy, T. Hickey.

Tullaroan: E. Campion, J. Hogan, J. Hennessy, J. O'Neill, W. Fitzgerald, J. J. O'Sullivan, M. Kennedy, J. Young, W. Hennessy, E. Doheny, P. O'Neill, P. Doheny, W. Fitzgerald, T. Young, N. Maher

Tullogher: M. Rellis, S. Kennedy, P. Grennan, B. Murphy, J. Grennan, J. J. Barron, J. Hamilton, J. Ryan, S. Murphy, J. Cummins, P. Murphy, J. Treacy, T. Doolan, B. Conway, D. Flynn,

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, J. Walsh, P. Delahunty, N. Conway, J. Howley, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, M. Howley, N. Conway, T. Grace, E. Doyle, C. Dunne, D. Holden, T. Ryan, J. Dunphy.

Erin's Own: M. Brennan, M. Boran, O. Doyle, P. Dowd, J. Byrne, T. Shalloe, M. Coogan, S. Coogan, P. Dowling, M. Meally, P. Comerford, T. Brennan, K. Meally, E. Holland, J. O'Shea, E. Lacey, M. Brennan, O. Gleeson, M. Meally.

Young Irelands: L. Dwyer, M. Brennan, A. Dreeclin, J. Ryan, S. Kelly, P. Drennan, P. Roche, B. Phelan, A. Comerford, M. Dwyer, J. Carroll, J. McCarthy, P. Comerford, M. Kelly, J. Byrne, B. Kennedy, P. Carthy, J. Greene.

Éire Óg: N. Kinsella, P. Johnston, J. McCullagh, P. Long, T. O'Brien, R. Grace, J. Brophy, J. Dowling, M. Long, M. Hanlon, T. O'Connell, E. Doyle, P. Keane, T. Walsh, M. Dooley, T. Gregg.

St. Senan's: P. Forristal, E. Fleming, P. Whitty, T. Kent, W. Donovan, E. O'Neill, G. Forristal, C. Knox, T. Hogan, T. Gaule, S. Cooke, P. Sweeney, G. Kent, P. Hoban, E. Walsh, L. Kelly, S. Sutton, F. Walsh, P. Flynn, C. Forristal.

St. Lachtain's: D. Heafey, D. Maher, P. Dillon, S. Flynn, J. Dooley, J. Teehan, R. Teehan, S. Buckley, T. Dwane, T. Butler, D. Butler, J. Cullinane, P. Butler, W. Crosby, A. Hickey, S. Rafferty, S. Crosby.

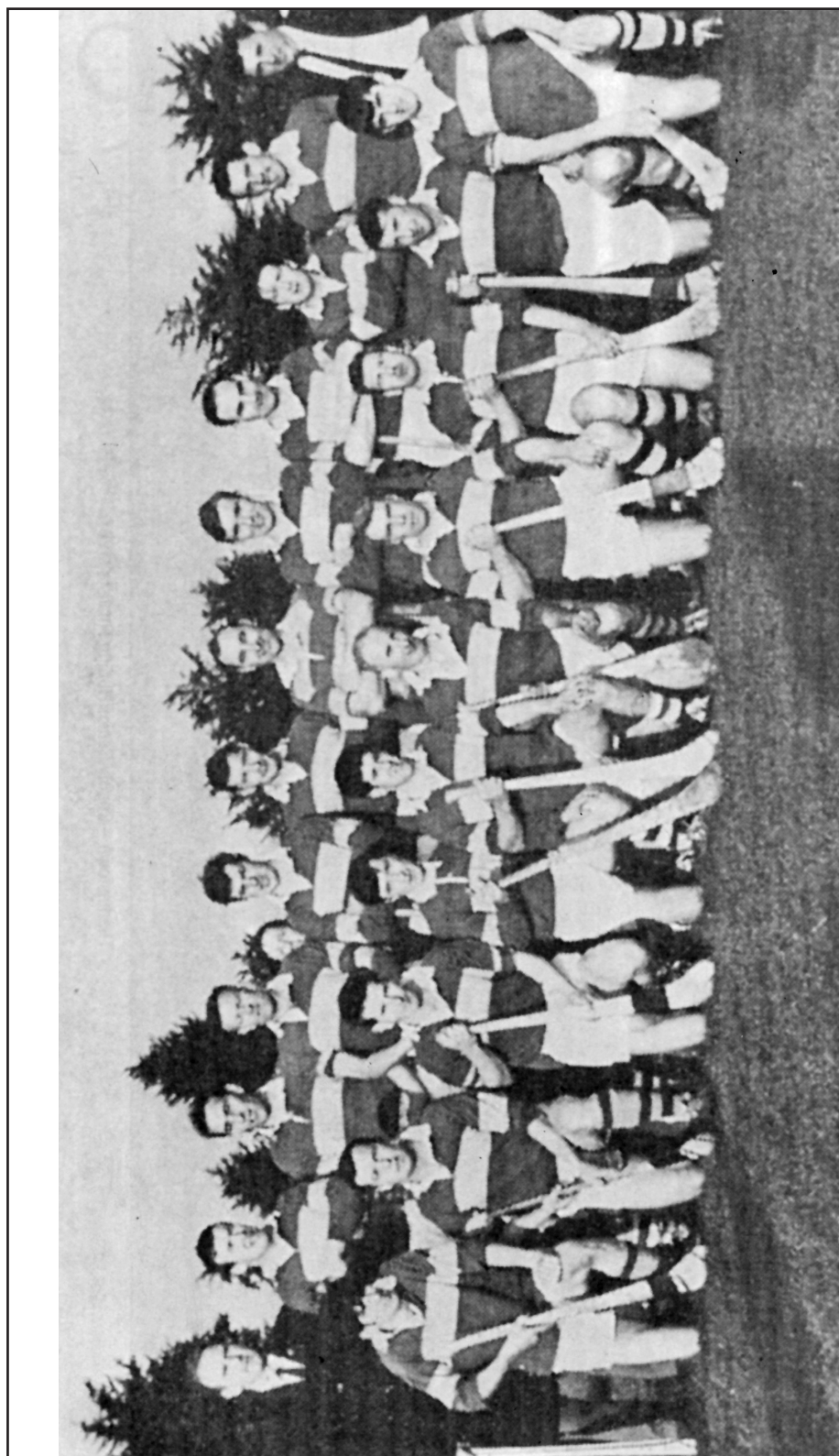
Rower Inistioge: M. Roche, M. Bolger, F. Murphy, M. Walsh, D. Kavanagh, W. Murphy, E. Flood, M. Walsh, D. White, E. Keher, J. Walsh, P. Kavanagh, P. Murphy, M. Kavanagh, G. Mackey.

Thomastown: Ollie Walsh, Billy Grace, Cha Whelan, Jim Blanchfield, John Challoner, Paddy Cullen, Dick Walsh, Vincent Kirby, Ted Hoyne, Seamus Kearney, Brendan O'Sullivan, Johnny Kelly, John Murphy, Paddy Kelly, Johnny Delaney.

Bennettsbridge: Noel Skehan, Martin Treacy, Larry Cleere, Jim Treacy, Paddy Kealy, Seamus Cleere, Johnny McGovern, Paddy Moran, Tony Kelly, John Kinsella, Jim Bennett, Sam Carroll, Noel Ryan, Mick McCarthy, Paddy Treacy.

Lisdowney: No details of team available.

Galmoy: No details of team available.



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Back: J. Dobbryn, P. Moran, L. Cleere, J. McGovern, A. Kelly, T. Kelly, L. Cleere, J. Bennett, S. Cleere, N. Ryan, M. McCarthy, R. Power.

Front: N. Ryan, P. Treacy, P. Kealy, M. Treacy, P. Lalor, S. Carroll, J. Treacy, N. Skehan, M. Treacy, J. Kinsella.

72nd Kilkenny Senior Hurling Championship Final

Played 12th November 1967

The following is the report from the files of the Kilkenny People

Bennettsbridge Win 11th County Senior Hurling Title

Bennettsbridge 3-10 Thomastown 1-4

Bennettsbridge won their 11th county title – their first came in 1893 and the other ten have been won in the past 16 years – when they beat Thomastown by 3-10 to 1-4 before a crowd of just over 7000 at Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Though the winning margin of 12 points tells its own story, the champions had to wait until the second half to get on top, and it was a two-minute two-goal spree, just before the end of the third quarter, that put Thomastown out of the hunt.

The first half provided memorable hurling under the conditions and Thomastown showed up so well that everyone expected real fire-works in the second half. It was the title-holders who provided the fireworks however, and the calculated scheming of Paddy Moran and his men would have overpowered stiffer obstacles than the Thomastown men could muster.

The impression left on everyone's mind about the game was that it was great while it lasted. The first half was played at a sizzling pace, with the challengers dictating the trend for most of the game, to such an extent that they won the admiration of every neutral follower.

Not out of it

Even up to the 12th minute of the second half when a goal by Johnny Murphy cut the lead to 2 points Thomastown were not out of it, but when Bennettsbridge turned on the steam, the ultimate outcome soon became obvious and the powerful hurling of the champions in the final quarter left no doubt in anyone's mind as to where the honours rightly belonged.

Experience was a big factor in the game, Thomastown won quite a good deal of the play but they got far less value out of it than did Bennettsbridge. But Bennettsbridge showed the mettle of champions by turning their opportunities to account. They did far more than that. Their movements were well timed and expertly judged and if some of their goals were simple enough they looked in danger in the second half.

Though beaten fairly and squarely, Thomastown can take consolation from the game. Most of their players are quite young and lack only experience. If they can be kept together they have the nucleus of a side with definite county championship prospects. Thomastown's main weakness was in attack and it would have been very interesting to see Tom Walsh on the side.

A Great Side

By their success Bennettsbridge have crowned themselves one of the greatest forces in Kilkenny hurling history and the victory brought them their 10th title since 1952 when they first made their mark by scoring a sensational win over a strongly fancied Tullaroan side.

The game was played in summer-like weather and though the going was very much on the soft side the standard in the first half particular suffered little in consequence. The marking was close but the hurling was nevertheless thrilling and the first half was so even that everyone expected a pulsating second half. Thomastown kept in touch up to the end of the third quarter and, even with defeat inevitable long before the end, they kept on fighting gamely.

Surprise Switch

A surprise switch that brought Mick McCarthy from full forward to centre-field to partner Paddy Moran was an astute Bennettsbridge move. McCarthy had the best game of his life and with Paddy Moran in his customary devastating form the grip which Ted Hoyne and Vince Kirby held at centrefield in the first half was broken.

It was anyone's game up to the time that Tony Kelly raced on to a cross by Jim Bennett following a well placed centre by Johnny McGovern from a '70 to tap it to the net, and Noel Ryan's goal a minute later.

Another important factor in the game was the highly efficient defence work of Seamus Cleere who was always on hand to assist Moran when necessary and with excellent flankers in Paddy Kealy who had an a splendid game and Johnny McGovern, the Bennettsbridge half back line became an almost impregnable barrier in the second half.

Though several Bennettsbridge men earned top rating – I have Noel Skehan, Mick McCarthy, Seamus Cleere, and Paddy Kealy in mind – the key man was Paddy Moran. And there is nothing unusual in that. He may have found it difficult enough to get going in the early stages but his second half display was the best individual performance we have seen in this year's championship campaign.

Improvement

Thomastown gave their best display so far and there was a noticeable improvement in some of their younger players. Apart from Ollie Walsh, the players that to my mind made the

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greatest impression were Dick Walsh, John Challoner, Ted Hoyne, and Seamus Kearney and Paddy Cullen in the second half.

Marked improvement was shown by Billy Grace and Jim Blanchfield in the defence and Johnny Kelly and Johnny Murphy should also improve with experience.

Noel Skehan gave a brilliant display in the Bennettsbridge goal and baulked many promising Thomastown efforts. The Bennettsbridge full back line of the Treacy brothers Martin and Jim, and Larry Cleere was very sound and maintained its very fine record of keeping scores down to the minimum. Jim Treacy performed splendidly under stress and his timely clearances were a big help.

Firm Foothold

It was not until Bennettsbridge brought Mick McCarthy to partner Paddy Moran that they gained a firm foothold at centrefield. Thomastown had no answer to Moran's devastating hurling in the second half, while Mick McCarthy was here, there, and everywhere and rarely failing to get the ball into Thomastown territory.

One of the most surprising features of the game was that Sam Carroll had to be content with a single point while John Kinsella, though he made a number of sorties into opposition territory, was less ebullient than in many other games in which he so distinguished himself. Jim Bennett did quite a lot of work at centre forward, while Tony Kelly, Paddy Treacy, and Noel Ryan came away with their reputations enhanced, Kelly and Ryan contributing a goal each.

Ollie Walsh would surely have stopped Noel Ryan's goal if he had not been caught unawares. Thomastown might not have done a thing wrong by bringing him outfield at the time when resilience they showed in the first half appeared to disintegrate. He did quite a lot of spectacular work in goal and it was probably felt by the Thomastown mentors that it might be have been out of the frying pan into the fire.

Cha Whelan was sound at full back but was not altogether as brilliant as in the second round game against St. Senan's, while Billy Grace and Jim Blanchfield showed up quite well against an attack that invariably knows where it is going and which wastes little time in putting the finishing touches to the slightest opportunity.

Touch of Class

Dick Walsh gave a delightful display at left half back. To hold Sam Carroll to a point is no mean achievement. There was a touch of class about his hurling.

John Challoner showed a considerable improvement on past form, while Paddy Cullen came very much into the picture in the second half where his services were more in demand.

Ted Hoyne at centrefield for Thomastown might be classed as the most promising hurler on the field. For three quarters of the game at any rate he was little behind Paddy Moran. Vince Kirby was also prominent but he has had better games, while the biggest disappointment on the Thomastown team was sharp shooter Brendan O'Sullivan.

Seamus Kearney promises to become a very good forward and Johnny Kelly also showed a big improvement on past displays. John Murphy was a very hard trier and well earned his goal, but Paddy Kelly seemed lost at full forward, while John Delaney had an off day.

Bennettsbridge: Noel Skehan, Martin Treacy, Larry Cleere, Jim Treacy, Paddy Kealy, Seamus Cleere, Johnny McGovern, Paddy Moran, Tony Kelly, John Kinsella, Jim Bennett, Sam Carroll, Noel Ryan, Mick McCarthy, Paddy Treacy.

Thomastown: Ollie Walsh, Billy Grace, Cha Whelan, Jim Blanchfield, John Challoner, Paddy Cullen, Dick Walsh, Vincent Kirby, Ted Hoyne, Seamus Kearney, Brendan O'Sullivan, Johnny Kelly, John Murphy, Paddy Kelly, Johnny Delaney.

Referee Tom Ryall (Graigue Ballycallan)

SCORES BY THE CLOCK

First Half

5th min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
6th min point	Seamus Kearney (Thomastown)
13t min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
17th min point	Paddy Treacy (Bennettsbridge)
21st min poin	Vince Kirby (Thomastown)
24th min point	Johnny Kelly (Thomastown)
27th min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
29th min point (free)	Brendan O'Sullivan (Thomastown)

Second Half

2nd min point	John Kinsella (Bennettsbridge)
4th min goal (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
5th min point	Sam Carroll (Bennettsbridge)
12th min goal	John Murphy (Thomastown)
13th min goal	Tony Kelly (Bennettsbridge)
14th min goal	Noel Ryan (Bennettsbridge)
18th min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
23rd min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
26th min point (free)	Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge)
30th min point	Paddy Treacy (Bennettsbridge)

FIGURES OF THE GAME

	Goals	Points	Wides	Frees	70's
1st Half					
Bennettsbridge	0	4	2	5	0
Thomastown	0	4	0	5	0
2nd Half					
Bennettsbridge	3	6	2	5	2
Thomastown	1	0	2	5	2
Totals					
Bennettsbridge	3	10	4	10	2
Thomastown	1	4	2	10	2

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Bennettsbridge's other County Final Appearances in the 60's

The 'Bridge also contested the county finals of 1965 and 1968, losing to Mooncoin and Rower Inistioge respectively. The following are the Championship scoreboards from those years, together with the line-ups of the teams.

**Senior Hurling Championship 1965
Scoreboard****1st. Round**

St. Senans	5-6	Young Irelands	1-5
Rower Inistioge	6-10	James Stephens	4-5
St. Lachtains	2-12	Lisdowney	1-10
Thomastown	7-16	Slieverue	0-8
Bennettsbridge	3-6	Erin's Own	1-8
Glenmore	1-8	Tullogher	1-5
Mooncoin	2-7	Tullaroan	0-2
<i>(Abandoned)</i>			
Mooncoin	2-7	Tullaroan	0-3
Éire Óg	Bye		

2nd Round

Bennettsbridge	6-10	Éire Óg	2-5
St. Lachtain's	2-8	Rower Inistioge	2-5
Thomastown	3-5	Glenmore	1-4
Mooncoin	4-13	St. Senan's	1-4

Semi-Finals

Bennettsbridge	2-11	Thomastown	1-4
Mooncoin	2-11	St. Lachtain's	1-6

Final

Mooncoin	2-8	Bennettsbridge	1-8
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**Senior Hurling Championship 1968
Scoreboard****1st Round**

James Stephens	2-11	Tullogher	0-4
St. Lachtain's	1-10	Tullaroan	0-3
Thomastown	5-7	Young Irelands	3-6
Rower Inistioge	8-21	Éire Óg	1-3
Mooncoin	4-7	St. Senan's	0-11
Galmoy	3-10	Coon	2-9
Lisdowney	4-6	Erin's Own	3-9
Lisdowney	4-11	Erin's Own	2-12
Bennettsbridge	Bye		

2nd Round

St. Lachtains	1-7	James Stephens	0-6
Rower Inistioge	3-11	Thomastown	1-5
Bennettsbridge	3-11	Galmoy	2-7
Mooncoin	5-11	Lisdowney	2-3

Semi-finals

Bennettsbridge	4-8	Mooncoin	2-4
Rower Inistioge	2-8	St. Lachtain's	1-10

Final

Rower Inistioge	3-9	Bennettsbridge	3-7
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**1965
Bennettsbridge**

M Treacy	L Cleere	J Treacy
T Kelly	T Bennett	J McGovern
	S Cleere	
L Cleere	P Moran	
J Bennett	T Kelly	S Carroll
N Skehan	D Carroll	P Treacy
Sub: S Treacy		

**1965
Mooncoin**

P Delehunty	D Dunphy	N Connolly
W McDonald	T Nolan	J Howley
	J Lynch	
M Howley	J Walsh	
M Conway	N Doyle	C Dunne
J Dunphy	T Walsh	B O'Keeffe
Sub: John Walsh		

**1968
Bennettsbridge**

M Treacy	N Skehan	J Treacy
P Kealy	L Cleere	J McGovern
	S Cleere	
P Moran	C O'Brien	
P Lalor	J Kinsella	S Carroll
N Ryan	J Bennett	P Treacy
Sub: J McGovern		

**1968
Rower Inistioge**

J Murphy	D Kavanagh	M Walsh
J Walsh	F Murphy	E Flood
	B Murphy	
D Kavanagh	P Kavanagh	
E Keher	M Walsh	D White
P Murphy	M Kavanagh	T Murphy

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For the three years in which Bennettsbridge did not contest the County Final – 1961, 1963 and 1969, their progress is outlined below. It will be seen that in two of those years, they were only beaten by one point, while in 1969, it took James Stephens three games to overcome them.

1961		1961 Bennettsbridge		
Round 1		L Cleere		
Bennettsbridge 7-7	City Juniors 4-4	P Cullen	J Dobbyn	M Treacy
Round 2		T Kelly	S Cleere	L Cleere
Erin's Own 1-6	Bennettsbridge 1-5	P Moran	R Carroll	
Final		M Kelly	T Skehan	S Carroll
St. Lachtain's 4-5	Near South 0-12	F Ryan	M McCarthy	W Dobbyn
		Sub: N Cullen		

1963		1963 Bennettsbridge		
Round 1		N Skehan		
Bennettsbridge 5-13	Thomastown 1-10	M Treacy	J Dobbyn	J Treacy
Round 2		T Kelly	S Cleere	T Lineen
Bennettsbridge 6-4	Glenmore 1-12	P Moran	T Kelly	
Round 3		L Cleere	J McGovern	S Carroll
St Lachtain's 5-2	Bennettsbridge 3-7	F Ryan	M McCarthy	M Kelly
Final				
St. Lachtain's 1-7	Tullagher 0-3			

1969		1969 Bennettsbridge		
Round 1		N Skehan		
Bennettsbridge 3-3	Fenians 1-7	L Cleere	C O'Brien	J Treacy
Round 2		P Kealy	S Cleere	P Cullen
Bennettsbridge 7-14	Tullaroan 1-5	P Moran	J Kinsella	
Round 3		C Hayes	J Holohan	P Lalor
Jas Stephens 3-7	Bennettsbridge 2-10	N Ryan	M McCarthy	P Treacy
Jas Stephens 3-9	Bennettsbridge 3-9	Sub: J McGovern, E Ryan, L Bookle, W Kennedy,		
Jas Stephens 4-3	Bennettsbridge 2-2	L Cleere, F Ryan		
Final				
Jas Stephens 8-5	Fenians 2-7			

Teams previously Honoured on County Final Day

1989	Kilkenny SH team	1939	2000	Kilkenny MH team	1950
1990	Carrickshock SH team	1940	2001	Kilkenny JH team	1951
1991	Kilkenny SH team	1947	2002	Bennettsbridge SH teams	1950's.
1992	Eire Og SH teams	1939 & 1947	2003	Kilkenny JH team	1956
1993	James Stephens SH teams	1935 & 1937	2004	Slieverue SH team	1954
1994	Thomastown SH team	1946	2005	John Lockes SH team	1955
1995	Tullaroan SH team	1948	2006	Kilkenny SH team	1957
1996	Kilkenny JH team	1946	2007	Tullaroan SH team	1958
1997	Graigie SH team	1949	2008	Kilkenny MH team	1960
1998	Dicksboro SH team	1950	2009	St. Lachtain's SH teams	1961 & 1963
1999	Carrickshock SH team	1951	2010	Kilkenny MH team	1961

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BENNETTSBRIDGE'S SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD 1960-1969

Year	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
1960	4	4	0	0
1961	2	1	0	1
1962	3	3	0	0
1963	3	2	0	1
1964	4	4	0	0
1965	4	3	0	1
1966	4	4	0	0
1967	4	4	0	0
1968	4	3	0	1
1969	5	2	2	1
TOTAL	37	30	2	5

BENNETTSBRIDGE TOP SCORERS

1960

Sam Carroll	4-7
Dick Carroll	1-10
Mickey Kelly	1-10
Mick McCarthy	3-2
Frankie Ryan	3-2
Sean Treacy	3-0
Paddy Moran	0-6
Tom Skehan	0-4
Jimmy Dowling	0-2
Seamus Cleere	0-2

1962

Sam Carroll	4-4
Tom Lineen	1-4
Frankie Ryan	2-1
John McGovern	1-2
Dick Power	1-0
Mick McCarthy	1-0
Mickey Kelly	1-0
Dick Carroll	1-0
Paddy Moran	0-1
Jimmy Dowling	0-1

1964

Paddy Moran	1-15
Paddy Treacy	4-2
Sam Carroll	3-3
Mick McCarthy	3-3
Timmy Kelly	1-4
Sean Treacy	2-0
Noel Skehan	2-0
Dick Carroll	0-3
Seamus Cleere	0-1
John McGovern	0-1

1964

Paddy Moran	1-16
Sam Carroll	3-9
Jim Bennett	4-4
Noel Skehan	3-2
Paddy Treacy	3-0
Noel Ryan	2-1
Larry Cleere	2-1
Seamus Cleere	1-2
John Kinsella	1-2
Mick McCarthy	1-2
Dick Carroll	0-3
Tony Kelly	1-2
Sean Treacy	0-1

1967

Paddy Moran	2-21
Sam Carroll	1-9
John Kinsella	1-8
Jim Bennett	2-2
Noel Ryan	2-1
Mick McCarthy	1-1
Paddy Treacy	0-3

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