



# KILKENNY 1962 ALL IRELAND MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONS REMEMBERED



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RECALLING KILKENNY'S SUCCESSFUL  
ALL IRELAND MINOR HURLING CAMPAIGN OF 1962,  
THEIR THIRD IN A ROW,  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEAM'S RECEPTION  
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**KILKENNY COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL, NOWLAN PARK, 11th NOVEMBER 2012**

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## Fáilte Ón gCathaoirleach

### Failté on gCathaoirleach

Twenty two years ago Kilkenny County Board decided to honour teams from the past on county final day who had brought honour and glory to club and county. This year it is our great pleasure to welcome the surviving members of the Kilkenny minor team that won the minor hurling All Ireland title in 1962 for the third time in a row – a feat never previously achieved by Kilkenny.

This was Kilkenny's seventh title win and third in ten years. It also heralded the third All Ireland minor victory in a row over arch rivals Tipperary having lost to the same opposition in 1959. To win the 1962 title Kilkenny had to overcome Wexford and Dublin in Leinster before facing Tipperary who were playing in their ninth final in eleven years. Details of these games plus the other matches are included in this programme. There are nineteen surviving members of the winning panel and we are delighted to welcome those who have been able to travel here to-day. Seamus Hanrahan, Tom Walsh,, Maurice Aylward, Johnny Delaney and Joe Dunphy joined an elite group of Kilkenny players from 1960/61 and 1935/36 Patsy Foley, Sean O'Brien, Tom Barry, Johnny Murphy, Denis Kinsella, Pierce Freyne, Paddy Dempsey, Pierce Brett, Tom Delaney, Jim Langton, Eamonn Tallent, Jack Mulcahy and Seame O'Brien by winning their second Minor All Ireland medal.

Three members of this group Noel Skehan, Tom Walsh and Senan Cooke gave sterling service to the county senior team winning All-Ireland medals.

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 also 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 member of the team who has gone to his eternal reward: Seán Treacy.

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.

### Pól Cinsealach 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.



*Front Cover Photograph  
Jim Comerford (Mooncoin) and Michael "Chew" Leahy (Éire Óg) shoulder captain Joe Dunphy  
from the field with Jimmy Brophy (Piltown)*

# LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

## KILKENNY MINORS OUTCLASS DUBLIN

Kilkenny 6-19    Dublin 2-2

In a game much more one-sided than the senior semi-final Kilkenny minors brushed aside the weak challenge of a very poor Dublin side in Nowlan Park to saunter into their ninth Leinster final in a row. Except for a brief period at that start, Kilkenny were completely on top, the forward line mesmerising the Dublin defence with brilliant individual and combined scoring work.

Though it is hard to judge it against such weak opposition this team looks an excellent side with a huge scoring potential.

The story of Sunday's game is simple. Kilkenny had forged to a lead of 3-11 to 1-0 at half time, a score which could have been much more in Kilkenny's favour but for some hard luck and splendid goal-keeping by the Dublin goal-keeper.

The second half was a complete rout.

Kilkenny had midfield supremacy throughout. This gave the forwards a continuous supply of the ball which they utilised to the full. Of the defence, only the half-back line were tested. The full line rarely entered the picture and the goalie touched the ball on very few occasions

### Fine Leader

The blonde-headed Tom Walsh of Thomastown was a splendid centre forward leading the attack in brilliant style. Senan Cooke and John Delaney were splendid flankers. Maurice Aylward was a fine full forward, while Joe Dunphy and Pat Walsh were good corner men.

In addition to some spectacular individual efforts, the forwards showed a combination remarkable in a first outing.

At centre-field Shem Muldowney was on top throughout. Seamus Hanrahan was also master of the situation, though he improved on switching with Erins Own Jimmy Byrne in the second half.

Jimmy Byrne was the outstanding defender on view, a

blocky tireless worker who would be invaluable in a close game. C. B.S. man Billy Burke at centre back was equal to his task as was Pat Drennan. As already stated the remainder of the defence rarely came into the picture.

### The Scoring

After taking about five minutes to find accuracy, the Kilkenny forwards had three well taken points from Senan Cooke (2) and Tom Walsh. After ten minutes F. Cunningham had a soft goal for Dublin from point blank range to level the scoring. However Kilkenny had really got on the rampage at this stage and after three good saves had been foiled by the uprights and by the goalkeeper, Maurice Aylward receiving a lovely pass from Joe Dunphy blasted the ball to the net for Kilkenny's first goal. A minute later John Delaney scored a second goal after a fine solo run. The Kilkenny forwards had now found their feet in brilliant style and when Seamus Hanrahan placed Aylward for a fine third goal after a 70 by Burke' the stage was set for further scores as follows: Aylward 0-2 Cooke 0-1, Tom Walsh 0-3, Paddy Walsh 0-1, Delaney 0-1.

This left the half time score 3-11 to 1-0.

Two minutes after the resumption T. Woods had a Dublin goal. Homes and Woods added points and that was the extent of Dublin's second half scoring. Kilkenny added further goals from Dunphy (best goal of the day), Delaney, T. Walsh, and points from Delaney (1), Burke (2), T. Walsh (2), Aylward (1) Ryan (1), Byrne (1).

Kilkenny team;

N Skehan, J. Walsh, T. Phelan, J. Walsh, J. Byrne, P. Drennan, B. Burke, S. Hanrahan, S. Muldowney, S. Cooke, T. Walsh, J. Delaney, J. Dunphy, M. Aylward, P. Walsh.

Sub. P.Ryan

*As reported by the "Kilkenny People".*

## 3,000 Greet the Triumphant Minors

### BONFIRES BLAZE AND PEOPLE CHEER

A crowd of 3,000 people greeted the victorious Kilkenny minor hurling team outside the courthouse on their return from Dublin on Monday night.

Led by St. John's Flageolet Band and the Ballycallan Band, the team came from the station in the back of an open lorry.

As the team came up the steps of the courthouse the bands played the Boys of Wexford and the Rose of Mooncoin while the crowd voiced approval of the team's performance in Dublin. Joe Dunphy with the cup held over his shoulders, got the biggest cheer.

Mayor Paddy Kinsella welcomed the players and praised them for the great game they played. He said our colleges and schools have been the nursery of hurling for years. Of the defeated Tipperary team he said they were a good team but we had a better one.

Mr Nicky Purcell, chairman of Kilkenny County Board, paid tribute to the team and all concerned with bringing back the cup to Kilkenny. Of Tipperary, he said, they are worthy opponents any time. Mr Purcell remarked that the minor team had not conceded a goal in this year's final and that it had been the same last year,

Mr. Paddy Grace, secretary of the County Board, said he was delighted to see such a big crowd out to welcome home the winning team.

The Mayor then introduced the team individually to the crowd.

A reception was held in the Metropole Hotel for the team and officials.

### WELCOME FOR MOONCOIN PLAYERS

The Mooncoin club members of the Kilkenny victorious minor hurling team were given an enthusiastic welcome when they arrived home on Monday night with the Irish Press Cup borne by the captain Joe Dunphy. He is son of Eddie Dunphy, Luffany, who was a member of the victorious Kilkenny senior hurling team which beat Tipperary 4-2 to 2-6 in the All-Ireland hurling final of 1922.

Crowds met the players on the outskirts of the village and greeted them with enthusiasm.

The players were accompanied by two of the selectors Jim Comerford (Mooncoin) and Jimmy Brophy (Piltown)

#### Passenger Figures.

Passenger figures for the special train from Waterford to Dublin for the All-Ireland hurling final were as follows:

Kilmacow 5, Mullinavat 13, Ballyhale 31, Thomastown 71, Bennettsbridge 40.

## Excursions to Dublin

ON Sunday next, 2nd September, in connection with the All-Ireland Hurling Finals at Croke Park, Senior: Tipperary v. Wexford, and Minor: Tipperary v. Kilkenny, special trains will operate. Timetables and 2nd Class Day Return Fares will be as follows:—

### From Kilkenny

Dep.	a.m.	s	d
Kilkenny	8.25	17	9
Ballyragget	8.42	15	0
Kingsbridge arr.	10.0	—	—
Return train from Kingsbridge at 9.15 p.m.			

### From Gowran

Dep.	a.m.	s	d
Gowran	10.25	16	6
Muine Bheag	10.37	14	9
Milford	10.49	13	6
Carlow	10.57	12	6
Mageney	11.07	11	6
Athy	11.17	10	6
Kildangan	11.30	8	9
Kildare	11.43	7	6
Kingsbridge arr.	12.20	—	—
Return train from Kingsbridge at 9.30 p.m.			

### From Waterford

Dep.	a.m.	s	d
Waterford	8.55	22	0
Kilmacow	9.05	22	0
Mullinavat	9.12	22	0
Ballyhale	9.27	20	0
Thomastown	9.36	19	6
Bennettsbridge	9.47	18	9
Attanagh	10.19	14	6
Abbeyleix	10.29	13	6
Portlaoise	10.48	11	3
Kingsbridge arr.	11.50	—	—
Return train from Kingsbridge at 8.45 p.m.			

Cheap Day Excursion tickets will also be issued for travel to, from and between all stations served.

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# LEINSTER MINOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

## KILKENNY RALLIED FOR WONDERFUL VICTORY

**Kilkenny 5-7 Wexford 5-4**

**K**ilkenny minor hurlers came from behind in magnificent style at Croke Park on Sunday last to retain their Leinster crown against a tough, dour Wexford side. But the team, particularly in defence will have to show a big improvement if it is to retain the All-Ireland title.

The game was one of two halves. Wexford went into an early lead and though briefly checked, they got three point blank goals to lead by eight points at the end of the first quarter. At this stage things looked very blue for Kilkenny. The defence was completely unable to cope with the fast moving Wexford attack and Kilkenny looked only a shadow of the team which had blitzed Dublin in the semi-final. Wexford continued to dominate the second quarter and forged clear to lead by 4-3 to 2-0 at half-time.

But Kilkenny with a slight wind advantage swiftly put the boot on the other foot after the change over. Slowly but surely they pegged back Wexford until the equalising goal came after 18 minutes. The winning points were then notched in a finish in which Kilkenny were well on top.

### **Forwards Impress.**

It is the forwards who must take the credit for the victory. They set about pulling down the big half-time lead in excellent style, proving that the spate of scores then amassed against Dublin could also be scored against strong oppositions. For Wexford fielded one of the strongest and burliest defences ever seen on a minor side. The Kilkenny attack really proved itself as a unit with a high scoring potential.

The same alas cannot be said for the defence or at any rate the full back line. This section which was virtually untested against Dublin proved when subjected to the forceful Wexford attacking in the first half that it was sub standard. The consistently best defender was centre-back Pat Drennan who was responsible for most of the Kilkenny clearances made in this half. Jimmy

Byrne on the right flank also impressed but Billy Burke did not find his feet until switched with Seamus Hanrahan at midfield in the second half.

A player who earned himself many bouquets was goal-keeper Noel Skehan but for whom Wexford's interval lead would have been greater.

The champion of the Kilkenny attack was the burly, blonde Thomastown man Tom Walsh a never-say-die trier who lead the division in wonderful style. His score of 3-4 a clear indication of his stature in the game, while his second goal following a 20 yard solo-run was a splendid effort. Maurice Aylward who had not received much of the ball in the first half, rose to great heights on moving to the wing in the second half, while Joe Dunphy also improved in this switch.

The Kilkenny centre-field was over run for much of the first half but Seamus Hanrahan came into the game more prominently when he switched with his school mate Billy Burke later on.

### **Forwards Excel In Exciting Fight Back**

Wexford leaped into the attack from the throw in and A. Maher put the team a point ahead after 3 minutes. Tom Walsh replied with a goal in the 5th minute but Wexford were back for a point by F. Swords and 3 goals from C. Jacob (2) and T. Maher (1) to lead by 8 points after 18 minutes. As Wexford continued to dominate the game C. Jacob added a point.

Tom Walsh rallied the Kilkenny team at this stage and in the twenty second minute had one of the finest goals of the game when he burst through on a 20 yard solo run to score his second goal. J. Gallagher replied with a Wexford goal to lead at half time by 4-3 to 2-0.

The teams exchanged goals within a minute of the restart, Kilkenny's one coming from Tom Walsh and Wexford's from J. Gallagher. Maurice Aylward burst through for Kilkenny's fourth goal before Tom Walsh added a point from a free. Maurice Aylward added another point to cut the deficit to one goal with 15 min-

utes left to play. Paddy Walsh scored the equalising goal for Kilkenny after 18 minutes. Billy Burke put Kilkenny into the lead for the first time with a point from a long range free and further points from Tom Walsh (2) and Maurice Aylward before the finish settled the issue for Kilkenny.

Kilkenny Team. N. Skehan, J. Walsh, T. Phelan, J. Walsh, J. Byrne, P. Drennan, B. Burke, S. Hanrahan, S.

Muldowney, S. Cooke, T. Walsh, J. Delaney, M. Aylward, J. Dunphy, P. Walsh. Sub. J O'Dwyer  
Wexford Team: P Reck, P. O'Brien, D. Quigley, P. Cloke, V. Staples, M. Kinsella, J. Dunne, M. Tobin, F. Swords, P. Quigley, T. Maher, J. Gallagher, P.Miskella, P. Berry, C. Jacob. Subs J. Dowdall, J.Doran.

Ref. C. Foley (Dublin)

### *Kilkenny Board Officers 1962*

<i>County Chairman</i>	<i>Nicholas Purcell (Graigue)</i>
<i>County secretary</i>	<i>Paddy Grace (Dicksboro)</i>
<i>County Trustee</i>	<i>T.J. Bergin (Johnstown)</i>
<i>County Trustee</i>	<i>Michael Moore (Kilkenny)</i>
<i>Northern Chairman</i>	<i>Martin Egan (Threecastles)</i>
<i>Northern Vice-Chairman</i>	<i>Liam Ryan (Clara)</i>
<i>Northern secretary</i>	<i>John Ivory (Lisdowney)</i>
<i>Southern chairman</i>	<i>John Lonergan (Hugginstown)</i>
<i>Southern vice-chairman</i>	<i>Joe Walsh (Thomastown)</i>
<i>Southern secretary</i>	<i>Seamus McKenna (Thomastown)</i>
<i>Under-16 chairman</i>	<i>Paddy Hennessy (St.Canice's)</i>
<i>Under-16 vice-chairman</i>	<i>Billy Leahy (James Stephens)</i>
<i>Under-16 secretary</i>	<i>Joe Walsh (Thomastown)</i>
<i>Football Chairman</i>	<i>Michael Meally (Railyard)</i>
<i>Football vice-chairman</i>	<i>Francis O' Brien (Kilmaganny)</i>
<i>Football secretary</i>	<i>Jim Lyng (The Rower)</i>



### **Do You Own This Medal?**

The Medal illustrated has come into the possession of the County Board. It was obviously lost by a member of the victorious 1962 All Ireland MH team. As can be seen, it was, at some point, converted into a brooch.

On the reverse it is inscribed  
**"Craobh Iomána na Mionúr 1962  
 Cill Chainnigh."**

# Will Tipp Foil Kilkenny's three-in-a-row Bid?

*Kilkenny People Preview of the 1962 All Ireland Final*

**KILKENNY** will be endeavouring to win their third All-Ireland minor title in successive years when they play Tipperary at Croke Park on Sunday in what promises to be on excellent curtain raiser to the senior final in which Tipperary play Wexford.

Kilkenny and Tipperary have monopolised the minor code for quite a number of years past and they have provided many outstanding exhibitions. In fact, on a number of occasions in the past 15 to 20 years, Tipperary and Kilkenny minor finals have far exceeded the senior finals for brilliant hurling.

Both teams finished their training on Wednesday night, the Kilkenny boys at Xowlan Park and the Tipp. lads at Roscrea, where they were under the watchful eye of John Joe Maher. Mr. Maher states that all the players are fit and well and ready for the fray.

I understand from people in close touch with the Tipperary mentors that this year's side is better than that of last year. If that is so, Kilkenny face a very big task. It is difficult to assess the real strength of the Kilkenny side. Early in the year they showed more than ordinary promise but their display against Wexford in the Leinster final was rather disappointing.

Against Dublin Kilkenny looked a better side than last year. They were, admittedly, slow to settle down but once they got into their stride they left the Dublin side standing and piled up a huge score. Dublin were not anything like the great Dublin sides of some years ago but they lined out a few useful players.

## SHOCKED BY WEXFORD

Maybe Kilkenny supporters were inclined to underestimate Wexford. They certainly were not prepared for the shock they got when they found Kilkenny leaving it until the closing stages to snatch a two points win. It was because of this game that we were inclined to have

second thoughts about the team that promised so much earlier.

Even in the trial game against Wexford on Sunday week, Kilkenny were again slow to get into their stride but finished well and won comfortably in the end. Wexford were short three of the side that played in the provincial final.

Tipperary will be relying largely on their star centre-forward and captain, Michael Keating who is appearing in his third All-Ireland Final and has played in every grade in hurling and football except senior hurling. Keating will have to be held reasonably quiet if Kilkenny are to have a chance of keeping the Tipp total within reasonable limits.

Pat Drennan the Gowran centre half back, is a sound and resourceful player and he will, no doubt, approach his task fully conscious of the big assignment he has on his hands. The Kilkenny mentor's made a wise move by switching Seamus Hanrahan (Danesfort) from centrefield to the half back line and he will be in a position to render assistance to Drennan if and when the occasion demands. Hanrahan, when he was switched to the defence against Dublin, gave his best hurling. On the right half is Liam Bourke, a player who has a great tradition to uphold - his father

## Old Rivals In All-Ireland Minor Final

### TIPPERARY'S LINE OUT

	A. FEYARD	
W. SMITH	P. O'ROURKE	M. O'MEARA
O. KILLORAN	L. GAYNOR	E. LOUGHNANE
P. DELANEY	M. O'BRIEN	
W. NOLAN	M. KEATING	F. LOUGHNANE
D. MOLONEY	P. BUCKLEY	T. BRENNAN



### KILKENNY'S LINE OUT

	N. SKEHAN	
S. TREACY	T. PHELAN	S. WALSH
L. BOURKE	P. DRENNAN	S. HANRAHAN
S. BYRNE	S. MULDOWNEY	
E. COOKE	T. WALSH	J. DELANEY
J. DUNPHY	M. AYLWARD	P. WALSH

Billy Bourke was one of the best defenders of his day.

#### TOP CLASS GOALIE

Noel Skehan (Bennettsbridge) the Kilkenny goalie is in the top class and the full back line of Sean Treacy (Tullogher), Tommy Phelan (St. Canice's No.1) and Sean Walsh (Thomastown Rangers) will have quite a lot to do to hold the fast Tipp full line of Dan Moloney, Paddy Buckley and Tom Brennan.

P. Delaney, who with M. O'Brien, line out at centrefield for Tipperary was a sub on last year's side. In their opponents, Seamus Byrne (Castlecomer) and Shem Muldowney, Kilkenny have a useful combination. Byrne has had senior experience with Castlecomer while Muldowney is a tireless player and full of eagerness for work.

What of the Kilkenny attack? John Delaney of Thomastown Rangers figured very prominently against Dublin but his form since then has not been quite so impressive. Eamonn Cooke (Kil-macow) had his best game with the St Senan's seniors against Castlecomer,

while Tom Walsh is one of the most consistent players in the game and a prolific scorer.

The inside line of Joe Dunphy (Mooncoin), Maurice Aylward (Knockmoylan) and Paddy Walsh (Graigue) can be depended on to get the scores if they get enough of the ball.

Six of the Tipp side are from Roscrea and will, consequently, be familiar with each other's play. A. Feyard is a good goalie and considerable reliance is placed in their full back line of W. Smith, P. O'Rourke and M. O'Meara. L. Gaynor at centre half back has played senior for his club and he has two reliable flankers in O. Killoran and E. Loughnane. Keating is flanked by W. Nolan and F. Loughnane and the whole six add up to a forward division with a high scoring potential. This is a game that Tipperary will be very anxious to win while Kilkenny have an even greater incentive to win their third title in a row. The result is bound to be a keenly contested game and if it lives up to the best Kilkenny/Tipperary traditions it will be well worth going to see.

### ALL-IRELAND FINAL RESULTS 1962

<b>Senior hurling</b>	<b>Tipperary</b>	<b>3-10</b>	<b>Wexford</b>	<b>2-11</b>
<b>Intermediate Hurling</b>	<b>Carlow</b>	<b>6-15</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>3-3</b>
<b>Junior hurling</b>	<b>Kildare</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>2-4</b>
<b>Minor hurling</b>	<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>3-6</b>	<b>Tipperary</b>	<b>0-9</b>
<b>Senior football</b>	<b>Kerry</b>	<b>1-12</b>	<b>Roscomman</b>	<b>1-6</b>
<b>Junior Football</b>	<b>Meath</b>	<b>1-13</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>3-5</b>
<b>Minor football</b>	<b>Kerry</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	<b>0-7</b>
<b>NHL Final</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>2-15</b>	<b>Tipperary</b>	<b>4-7</b>
<b>NFL Final</b>	<b>Down</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>1-7</b>
<b>Oireachtas Final</b>	<b>Waterford</b>	<b>4-12</b>	<b>Tipperary</b>	<b>3-9</b>
<b>Walsh Cup</b>	<b>Kilkenny</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>Wexford</b>	<b>0-5</b>
<b>Byrne Cup</b>	<b>Kildare</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>Louth</b>	<b>1-7</b>
<b>Texaco Hurling</b>	<b>Donie Nealon (Tipperary)</b>			
<b>Texaco Football</b>	<b>Mick O'Connell (Kerry)</b>			

### KILKENNY COUNTY FINAL RESULTS 1962

<b>Senior Hurling</b>	<b>Bennettsbridge 5-7, Lisdowney 2-8 Ref. Tom Ryall (Graigue)</b>
<b>Junior Hurling</b>	<b>Thomastown 7-9, Coon 4-4 Ref. Tom Ryall (Graigue)</b>
<b>Minor Hurling</b>	<b>Mooncoin 9-10, St.Canice's 3-2 Ref. Paddy Buggy (Slieverue)</b>
<b>Under 16 Hurling</b>	<b>Mooncoin 3-5, Ballyragget 2-2 Ref.</b>
<b>Senior Football</b>	<b>Tullogher 1-7, Muckalee 0-2 Ref. Sean Higgins (G'namanagh)</b>
<b>Junior Football</b>	<b>Clan na Gael 2-7, St.Senan's 2-3 Ref. Joe Walsh (Railyard)</b>
<b>Minor Football</b>	<b>Railyard 2-6, Bigwood 0-4 Ref. Michael Morrissey (Muckalee)</b>
<b>Under 16 Football</b>	<b>Slieverue 4-3, St.John's 1-2 Ref.</b>

# ALL IRELAND MH FINAL

## Brilliant Minors Make It Three-in-a-Row Great Defence Holds Tipp. Forwards Kilkenny 3-6 Tipperary 0-9

A delightful display by Kilkenny at Croke Park on Sunday won the Black and Amber their third successive All-Ireland minor hurling title.

It crowned a period of glory for minor hurling in the county, which began seven years ago.

The six points win over their famed Tipperary rivals came as a pleasant surprise to their followers, because in spite of the fact that Kilkenny had shaped very well early in the campaign, their hard tussle against Wexford left doubts in the minds of many.

On the other hand reports from Tipperary camp last week seemed to show that this year's Tipp team was better than for some years and the whole lot added up to a certain amount of pessimism.

The Kilkenny boys dispelled the uneasy feeling by their brilliant display and though the standard was not in the category of Kilkenny-Tipperary finals of past years—as curtain raisers to the senior finals they have more than once provided classical exhibitions that the seniors found it difficult to emulate—but from Kilkenny's point of view it was a signal triumph.

### Credit to the Defence

In this game the Kilkenny's defence might justly claim quite a big share of the credit. They pinned the Tipp attack down to four points in the first half when the Tipp boys had the wind in their favour and though the Premier County made many gallant attempts to get a grip on the game in the second half

their efforts floundered on a brick-like Kilkenny defence.

Perhaps the margin in Kilkenny's favour may have slightly flattering. Tipperary had quite a number of wides from well within scoring range. Unlike Kilkenny the Tipp attack was slow to get going and they never moved with the smoothness that characterised Tipp teams in the past years. It was the Kilkenny boys who had the greater number of wides however, but this was largely due to the fact that they were for the most part encamped in the Tipperary territory in the second half.

### Intense Rivalry.

The game was not a thriller and as a spectacle it fell far below the customary Kilkenny-Tipperary standard. The tense rivalry that has been built up in this grade between the two counties must surely have helped to engender a certain amount of over-anxiety and the Tipp boys seemed to have been effected to a greater extent than Kilkenny.

Tipperary pinned their hopes largely on their centre-forward Michael Keating, but he was so effectively policed by the Gowran boy Pat Drennan that he scarcely ever figured prominently. Pat Drennan did a very fine job. Even when the star Tipp forward moved into the full line, Drennan moved back to full-back and continued to dominate.

With Keating thus rendered ineffective the Tipperary attack was knocked completely out of gear and the moral of the attack generally was poor as a result.

Tipperary had a chance in the second half when they



**KILKENNY - ALL IRELAND MH CHAMPIONS 1962**  
**Back: Shem Muldowney, Tom Ryan, Sean Treacy, Seamus Hanrahan, Pat Drennan, Jimmy Byrne, John Walsh, John Delaney, Tom Phelan, Billy Burke.**  
**Front: Tom Walsh, Maurice Aylward, Sean Shortall, Senan Cooke, Paddy Walsh, Joe Dunphy, Noel Skehan, Michael Toomey, John Joe Kinsella, Johnny Walsh.**

got on terms but Paddy Walsh killed their hopes when he shot a great goal. From that to the end of the game the out-come was obvious and Kilkenny did most of the pressing in the closing stages.

### **How they played**

Tom Walsh paved the for Kilkenny's victory by scoring a goal and two points in the early stages of the game. He faded later on but was always dangerous. Pat Drennan played a great game. He held Tipperary's sharpshooter Michael Keating to three points.

In the Kilkenny goal Noel Skehan made some great saves. It was due to him and the almost stonewall back-line of Sean Treacy, Tommy Phelan, John Walsh that the ball did not reach the Kilkenny goal during the game.

Paddy Walsh scored a telling goal after 11 minutes in the second half just as Tipperary had levelled the scores. Best of the other forwards Senan Cooke and

John Delaney who scored a point each.

Joe Dunphy played a captain's part in keeping constant pressure on the Tipperary defence and he was ably assisted by Maurice Aylward.

In the half-back line Billy Burke and Sean Hanrahan dominated their opposite numbers and never gave up trying. Byrne and Muldowney at centre-field combined well and sent in some well placed passes to the forwards.

Frances Loughnane and Michael Keating were best of a Tipperary forward line that never really got going except for short periods of the game. Len Gaynor at centre-back did some useful work and was always trying to get his team moving. Willie Smith, Michael O' Meara, and Owen Killoran were other who stood out during the game. P. Fleming in the Tipperary goal made some very good saves.

*As reported by the "Kilkenny People".*



*Goalmouth scene in the final.*

*Kilkenny players from left are – Noel Skehan, Billy Bourke, Maurice Aylward and Sean Treacy*



**Tipperary MH Team beaten by Kilkenny in the 1962 Final**  
**Back: Willie Smith, Billy Nolan, Phil O'Rourke, Martin O'Brien, Percy Fleming, Paddy Delaney,**  
**Len Gaynor, Owen Killoran.**  
**Front: Tommy Brennan, Donie Moloney, Eddie Loughnane, MI "Babs" Keating, Dick Buckley,**  
**Michael "Lark" O'Meara RIP, Francis Loughnane.**

# The Play

## Minute by Minute

### FIRST HALF

The game opened with good, fast play from both teams, and showed promise of being a thriller. The slight breeze was in Tipperary's favour.

**4th min:** Dunphy missed a " 70 " for Kilkenny.

**8th min:** The first score came when Tom Walsh made no mistake about a shot from 15 yards for a Kilkenny goal.

**9th min:** Tom Walsh scored a point from a free.

**11th min:** Walsh seemed unstoppable at this stage. He scored a good point from play which seemed to give his team mates great confidence.

**13th min:** Tipperary attacked strongly and looked like scoring. 1 But a good save and clearance by N. Skehan in the Kilkenny goal brought play to the other end of the field.

**14th min:** L. Nolan just missed a point for Tipperary from a free. The score at the end of the first quarter was: Kilkenny 1-2; Tipperary 0-0.

*At this stage Kilkenny looked a much more dangerous combination. Their forwards were playing well, whereas the Tipperary forwards were very indecisive and inaccurate.*

**17th min:** P. Delaney had the, first score for Tipperary—a point; from a free. The Tipperary forwards had shot four vvides before this.

**20th min:** After a desperate melee in-the Tipperary goalmouth S. Byrne sent the ball over the bar for a point.

**21st min:** Kilkenny further increased their lead with a point from E. Cooke.

**24th min:** When Tipperary looked almost out of the game, they came back strongly. A 1 point by L. Gaynor opened their: score from play.

**25th min:** W. Nolan soloed through midfield and scored a j point from 60 yards for Tip-1 perary.

**26th min:** In a strong attack I the Kilkenny forwards looked almost certain to score. Tipperary goalie P. Fleming brought off a remarkable save.

**29th min:** M. Keating soloed up the field, and gave a good pass to F. Loughnane who scored a point for Tipperary.

*The score at half-time was: Kilkenny, 1-4; Tipperary 0-4. It was a rather indifferent first half except for the opening stages with little shooting and few scores. Kilkenny were definitely the better of the two teams.*

### SECOND HALF

**1st min:** The breeze got slightly stronger in this half in favour of Kilkenny. After strong pressure by the Tipperary forwards, M. Keating scored a point to narrow Kilkenny's lead to two points.

**2nd min:** A shot by a Kilkenny forward hit the upright and bounced back to play. The ensuing melee resulted in a Kilkenny " 70 " but. no score.

**4th min:** After a good solo Tom Walsh shot wide.

**5th min:** Tipperary make a change. P. Hayes comes on for D. Maloney in right full forward position.

**7th min:** M. Keating narrowed the lead with a point.

**11th min:** A Tipperary attack saw L. Gaynor put the teams on equal terms. Tipperary were beginning to give their fans anxious moments.

*The score at the end of the third quarter was Kilkenny 2-4, Tipperary 0-7. By this time the wind had almost completely died down.*

**17th min:** A good goal by T. Walsh put Kilkenny two goals ahead.

**18th min:** F. Loughnane palmed a nice point for Tipperary.

**21st min:** P. Walsh increased Kilkenny's lead by a point.

**22nd min:** The Kilkenny goalie N. Skehan made a good save.

**23rd min:** After a strong attack, Tipperary were awarded a free. M. Keating sent it safely over the bar for a point.

**25th min:** The last score of the game came from J Delaney who scored a Kilkenny point.

*By now, Tipperary had little hope of catching up. The game quietened down. Kilkenny were in attack for nearly the whole of the last five minutes but got no scores. The time was up and Kilkenny had won. The final score was Kilkenny 3-6; Tipperary 0-9.*

## **Kilkenny All-Ireland Minor Hurling Champions 1962**

*Air: The Men of the West.*

We'll honour in song and in story  
the fame of our great hurling team  
Their names we've oft sounded in glory,  
and I hope we will often again  
When they dressed in the famed black and amber,  
We knew they would not let us down  
They shone where the old fellows faded,  
and won back the lost Triple Crown

Chorus

Then here's to the boys of Kilkenny,  
the stars of nineteen sixty two  
They're champions of Ireland today boys-  
they conquered Tipperary in blue

Noel Skehan took charge of the homestead,  
and what a great show he gave there  
His saves through the hour marked this goalie  
as a worthy successor to Cleere  
And Cleere was a real prince of goalmen  
with a charm in his hands and his stick  
And from the bag Liam could always  
pull out yet another trick

Chorus

On the right shone Sean Treacy of Tullogher  
Where the white heather blooms all the year  
Where I'd some glorious runs with the foxhounds,  
I fancy still the horn I hear  
Tommy Phelan looked after the Tipp man,  
and never allowed him to score  
While Walsh on his left played a fine game  
for my dear old hometown by the nore

Chorus

The Gowran man played a real blinder  
the Tipp man Pat well did subdue  
While the fast striking Burke from the city  
with colours flying always came through  
When Tipp left half men threatened danger  
Hanrahan would come right on to the scene  
Saying so far shalt thou go but no further  
in great form Hanrahan was seen

Chorus

Where the Grand Canal champion is kennelled  
in Comer, that charming old town  
Where the sport Paddy Dunphy dwells also  
there a hurler dwells too of renown  
He is Byrne the all-Ireland championship  
that has lately jumped into fame  
Himself and Muldowney at midfield  
pushed the Tipp men right out of the game

Chorus

The hard hitting Cooke played a great game,  
nothing soft did this lad give away  
Tom Walsh's star never shone brighter,  
John Delaney starred right through the fray  
For Aylward, Pat Walsh and Joe Dunphy,  
let us all give one long loud hurrah  
They started and finished like champions,  
in the vanguard they shone all the way

Chorus

When the long whistle sounded in Croke Park,  
such a sight we will ne'er see again  
Every man, woman, and child, in the county,  
Swarmed in to shake hands with their men  
When the cup was held up by Joe Dunphy,  
the Hogan Stand shook with a roar,  
The cheers they re-echoed all evening  
down the Liffey, the Suir and the Nore

Chorus

'Twas a whole day of glorious rejoicement  
when the boys to the city returned  
'Twas a glimpse of the days that are over  
In our hearts for days how we yearned  
It was grand to see all the fires blazing  
on the hills, hamlets, city and towns  
To welcome the All-Ireland champions  
with the cup and the proud triple crown.

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# **THE FIGHTING NORESIDERS OF 1962**



## Christmas Party Menu

Chicken & Pork Terrine  
with Tomato Relish

Duo of Melon with a  
mixed Berry Compote

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Cream of Butternut Squash  
& Carrot Soup with Chive oil

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Traditional Roast Turkey & Baked Callan Ham,  
with Apricot & Chestnut Stuffing, accompanied  
with Cranberry Sauce

Baked Salmon, Spiced Lentils  
and Tomato Fondue

Vegetarian Lasagne  
with Parmesan & Basil

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Assiette of Desserts

\*

Freshly brewed Tea & Coffee

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