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KILKENNY COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL, NOWLAN PARK, 16th NOVEMBER 2014

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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 Seanie 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)

COUNTY SH CHAMPIONSHIP 1965

Scoreboard

1st. Round

Rower Inistioge	6-10	James Stephens	4-5
St. Senan's	5-6	Young Irelands	1-5
St. Lachtain's	2-12	Lisdowney	1-10
Thomastown	7-16	Slieverue	0-8
Bennettsbridge	3-6	Erins Own	1-8
Glenmore	1-8	Tullogher	1-5
Mooncoin	2-0	Tullaroan	0-6 (Match Abandoned)
Mooncoin	2-7	Tullaroan	0-2 (Replay)
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. Senans	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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ROUND 1

Rower Inistioge 6-10 James Stephens 4-5

The Rower-Inistioge finishing strongly, scored an impressive 6-10 to 4-5 win over James Stephens in a first round senior hurling championship tie in Thomastown on Sunday evening, but they had to wait for 25 minutes before they really got a grip on the game.

It was an entertaining first half and the standard of hurling was quite good. In the second half however the issue was too greatly balanced in the winner's favour and the result was in sight long before the end.

James Stephens put up a good show in the first half but

they were not trained to last the pace, and when the Rower-Inistioge got the breeze in their favour in the second half they coasted to an easy victory in the end. James Stephens lost one of their best players before the game started when Liam Crowe received a facial injury while a number of the James Stephens players were tipping the ball around before the start. He was replaced by Tommy Hickey.

Jack White in the winner's goal had a good game and got good cover from Mickey Bolger, Fintan Murphy, and Gerry Mackey. John Walsh and Eamonn Flood

gave good support to Donal Kavanagh in the half back line while Jim Grace and Michel Walsh had the upper hand at centrefield in the second half.

The Rower-Inistioge with Eddie Keher, Tommy Murphy, and Pierce Freyne showing up well in the second half had plenty of power in the attack, while Dan White at full forward was quick to take advantage of any chances that came his way and was one of their top scorers. Billy Murphy was also prominent in the full line.

Pakey Purcell was good in the James Stephens goal and for most of the hour Phil Larkin, Lou McCarthy, and Joe O' Connor contained the winner's attack within reasonable limits. Mick Dunne, Jim McCarthy and Dixie Brennan all starred on the half back line. Mick Dunne doing a fine job in holding Eddie Keher comparatively quite in the tussels for possession but Keher's sense of positioning and his brilliant striking eventually told. Joe Ayres was prominent at centrefield and Tom Walsh also did good work while Sean Leahy

was their star forward, his striking and accuracy being top class.

Mick Leahy was also good, while Seamus Delaney at full forward got a couple of well taken goals.

Scorers for Rower-Inistioge: E. Keher 1-4, T. Murphy 1-2, D. White 1-1, B. Murphy 1-0, P. Kavanagh 0-2, P. Freeney 0-1.

Scorers for James Stephens: S. Delaney 2-0, P. Dowling 1-0, D. Brennan 1-0, S. Leahy 0-2, J. Ayers 0-2, M. Leahy 0-1.

Rower Inistioge: J. White, M. Bolger, F. Murphy, G. Mackey, D. Kavanagh, J. Walsh, E. Flood, J. Grace, M. Walsh, P. Kavanagh, P. Freyne, E. Keher, W. Murphy, D. White, T. Murphy. Sub. P. Murphy for P. Kavanagh.

James Stephens: P. Purcell, P. larkin, L. McCarthy, Joe O'Connor, M. Dunne, J. McCarthy, R. Brennan, T. Walsh, J. Ayres, F. Brennan, S. Leahy, P. Dowling, M. Leahy, S. Delaney, T. Hickey.

Referee J. Brennan (Young Irelands)

ST. SENAN'S DESERVED THEIR VICTORY But Young Irelands Were Better Than their Score St. Senan's 5-6 Young Irelands 1-5

The score line gives no indication of this game in the first round game of the senior hurling championship in Nowlan Park on Sunday, for the Young Irelands team were infinitely a better side than the score suggest.

At the same time, there was no doubt that St. Senan's were the better side and deserved their victory.

Main difference was in the respective forward division, for while St. Senan's made reasonable use of opportunities, the Young Irelands forwards squandered many chances provided by the sterling service given them from centrefield by Andy Comerford

It was a good sporting game and if the hurling did not all times reach senior standard, there were periods of good and exciting hurling.

There was a period midway through the second half when Young Irelands struck back with a point, a goal, and another point to get within four points of the leaders when the hurling was most exciting. At this stage it was the winner's defence that held off the

loser's rally and once that had petered out the Kilmacow men made really sure of not being caught with three goals in the remaining period.

At half time the winners led 1-5 to 0-3, but in that half too Young Irelands should have been closer.

For the winners Johnny Doyle was good in goal. They had a sound defence in which the youthful Senan Sutton, Noel Kent, and Sean Fleming were best. Harry Matthews was good at centrefield, but Christy Knox with the unenviable task of marking the rampant Andy Comerford did also strike well.

Senan Cooke was the most outstanding of the forwards giving Pat Drennan a very difficult time. Others to do well were Paddy Hoban and Jim Walsh.

Starting with the handicap of being four short of their regular side -Tony Brennan, Dick Roche, Tommy Murphy, and Tom Carroll Young Irelands were trailing all the way but succeeded in making a good game of it. In defence Mick Comerford in goal, Michael Drennan, Martin Murphy, Pat Drennan, and Pat Roche were best.

Andy Comerford at centrefield was the outstanding player of the game. Of the forwards only Jim McCarthy and Seanie Kelly were really dangerous.

Scorers for the winners: Paddy Hoban 2-0, Ned Williams 1-1, Jim Walsh 1-1, Ned O'Neill 1-0, Senan Cooke 0-3, Christy Knox 0-1.

Scorers for the Losers: Andy Comerford 0-5, Jim McCarthy 1-0.

St. Senan's: J. Doyle, S. Sutton, N. Kent, J. Dobbyn,

C. Forristal, S. Fleming, P. Flynn, H. Matthews, C. Knox, P. Forrestal, E. O'Neill, S. Cooke, J. Walsh, P. Hoban. *Sub. B. Knox*

Young Irelands: M. Comerford, O. Byrne, M. Drennan, S. Gibbons, P. Drennan, M. Murphy, P. Roche, A. Comerford, B. Phelan, S. Kelly, J. Byrne, J. McCarthy, J. Byrne, P. Comerford, P. McCarthy.

Subs. Sam Gibbons, J. Carroll, J. Byrne.

LACHTAIN'S HAD MERITED WIN But Lisdowney made great second half effort.

St. Lachtain's 2-12 Lisdowney 1-10

St. Lachtain's advanced to the second round of the senior hurling championship at the expense of Lisdowney on Sunday evening in Nowlan Park on the score 2-12 to 1-10, after a really great second half effort by Lisdowney.

It was a hard, tough game and although at times near the end it threatened to become something more, it finished without any really serious incident.

St. Lachtain's deserved their victory, but much of it was due to the great efforts of Sean Buckley who at centre half back gave a really great display. In addition to a sterling service in defence, he scored 7 points from frees.

At half time St. Lachtain's led 2-7 to 1-4 and looked like being in command. Lisdowney had other ideas and actually had the better of the second half, but never succeeded in overtaking the winners.

They could have been closer had Mick Fogarty taken points from a couple of close in frees at a stage when it was natural to be tempted to try for goals. As it was, Lisdowney supporters were well pleased with a display far better than expected.

Lisdowney started under the handicap of fielding without their outstanding centre back Ted Carroll.

St. Lachtain's however suffered a big loss also when at an early stage in the game, John Teehan retired with a shoulder injury.

The winners had a good deal the better of the first half but were very hard pressed to hold out through the second half when Lisdowney made a really spirited effort. This brought the best hurling of the hour, but a strong defence just held on to secure a hard earned but merited win.

In addition To Sean Buckley Pa Dillon and Mick Maher were also sound in defence, with Jack Cahill saving well in goal.

In the first half John Minogue and Denis Butler had a slight edge, but a switch which brought Dick Blanchfield to centre field in the second half changed the trend there.

John Teehan while he was on the field certainly looked the most dangerous of the forwards, but Paddy Lacey and Jim Dooley took their chances while Sean Rafferty too had his moments.

J. J. Drennan kept a good goal with John Fogarty, Mick Blanchfield, and Ber Drennan sound defenders.

Paddy Grace was prominent at centre field but Dick Blanchfield when he moved out really turned the tide in this sector in favour of Lisdowney.

Of the forwards Mick Carroll, Mick and Martin Ryan were the most dangerous.

St. Lachtain's scorers: S. Buckley 0-7, P. Lacey 1-1, J. Dooley 1-0, J. Teehan 0-2, S. Rafferty 0-1, D. Butler 0-1

Lisdowney scorers: M. Fogarty 0-4, M. Ryan 1-0, B. White 0-3, M. Carroll 0-3.

St. Lachtain's: J. Cahill, W. Walsh, P. Dillon, K. Dalton, M. Maher, S. Buckley, P. Butler, J. Minogue, D. Butler, J. Teehan, S. Rafferty, J. Cullinane, P. Lacey, J. Dooley, J. Flynn. *Subs: T. Butler, P. Coakley.*

Lisdowney: J.J. Drennan, J. Fogarty, B. Drennan, M. Blanchfield, S. Dowling, M. Barden, J. Delaney, P. Grace, M. Mackey, P. Dunphy, M. Carroll, M. Fogarty, R. Blanchfield, M. Ryan, W. White.

Referee: Tom Ryall (Graig)

THOMASTOWN OVERWHELM SLIEVERUE

Ollie Walsh scores 6-2

Thomastown 7-16 Slieverue 0-8

At Mullinavat on Sunday last, Thomastown scored a run-away victory over Slieverue in the opening round of the county senior hurling championship by a margin of 29 points on the above score.

It was one -way traffic all through and when the noresiders had run up a lead of 7-9 to 0-5 at half time even the hurlers and the spectators began to lose interest in the game and for most of the latter most attention was devoted to the progress of the Munster final between Waterford and Cork which was heard from a transistor radio set on the field. Thomastown added seven further points in the second half to which their opponents replied with three similar scores.

Followers of the Kilkenny team who were anxious to see Ollie Walsh giving another fine display of stopping goals found him in the unusual role of right corner forward scoring them instead, and made an excellent hand of it too his total being 6 goals and 2 points.

Another redeeming feature of an otherwise dull and lifeless game was a great display by former Kilkenny full back Cha Phelan. Tom Walsh, who received a few hard knocks Paddy Kelly, and Vincent Kirby were also prominent in the attack.

In fact, Thomastown looked an all-round impressive side, though it was very hard to judge on Sunday's form due to the rather poor opposition provided and even though three old hands E. O'Dwyer, W. Murphy, and M. Haberlin came on in the second half in an effort to stem the tide it was of no avail.

Thomastown scorers: O. Walsh 6-2, T. Walsh 0-9, V. Kirby 0-2, J. Blanchfield 0-1, J. Delaney 0-1, J. Kelly 0-1.

Slieverue scorers: P. Atkins 0-2, P. Walsh 0-2, G. Donovan 0-1, N. Power, M. Murphy 0-1, W. Murphy 0-1.

Thomastown: P. Dempsey, S.O' Sullivan, B. Grace, C. Phelan, S. Challoner, J. Doyle, P. Cullen, B. O'Sullivan, P. Kelly, V. Kirby, T. Walsh, J.Kelly, O. Walsh, J. Blanchfield, J. Delaney.

Slieverue: B. Freyne, P. Atkins, T. Murphy, J. Cummins, C. Donovan, J. Forristal, N. Power, G. Donovan, P. Walsh, M. Maher, R. Walsh, M. Murphy, P. Atkins, N. Haberlin, S. Murphy.

Subs M. Haberlin, E. O'Dwyer, W. Murphy.

Referee John Sutton (Glenmore)

CHAMPIONS IN COMMAND IN CLOSING STAGES

Erin's Own Great Bid Just Fails

Bennettsbridge 3-6 Erins Own 1-8

The county champions Bennettsbridge had to wait till the closing stages to feel safe when they were very hard pressed by Erins Own in a first round senior hurling championship tie in Nowlan Park on Sunday evening, the title holders winning in the end by 3-6 to 1-8.

This was a splendid exhibition of hurling which trilled a fairly big crowd. For most of the hour Erins Own were equal to the champions in every respect except in experience, and it was experience that won the day for Bennettsbridge in the end.

Bennettsbridge fielded without Noel Skehan and Paddy Treacy both of whom are on the sick list and they did

well to hold down this Erins Own side obviously fit and fully determined.

Liam Cleere in the goal was only caught napping once, while Jim Treacy starred in a full back line that had plenty to do. Martin Treacy and Liam Bennett also proved their worth. Tim Kelly did not reach the same heights of last year, though he played well, while John McGovern if not too conspicuous brought his clever sense of positioning into play.

Seamus Cleere at centre back gave a splendid display. Paddy Moran and Larry Cleere at centre field were out hurled in the first half but both turned the scales in the second half and were mainly responsible for

Bennettsbridge winning. The forwards did not show the same devastating fire of recent years and Mick McCarthy, Sean Treacy, and Tony Kelly were more prominent than Sam Carroll,

Jim Bennett who did better when moved out field, and Dick Carroll who was hampered by a shoulder injury. Martin Brennan gave a fine display in the loser's goal and Larry O'Keeffe, Michael Boran, and Paddy Dowd rendered sterling service in the full back line Owen Doyle and Tom Shalloe gave valuable to Martin Coogan on the half back line.

Both Martin Meally and Paddy Dowling were outstanding in the first half but faded in the second half. Kieran Meally and Ned Holland were very conspicuous on the half forward line while Paddy Comerford also did good

work but Seamie Coogan did not get enough support in the full line.

Bennettsbridge Scorers: T. Kelly 1-3, L. Cleere 1-1, M. McCarthy 1-0 P. Moran 0-1, J. Bennett 0-1.

Erins Own Scorers: S. Coogan 1-4, N. Holland 0-2, M. Coogan 0-1, P. Dowd 0-1.

Bennettsbridge: L. Cleere, M. Treacy, L. Bennett, J. Treacy, T. Kelly, S. Cleere, 6 J. McGovern, P. Moran, L. Cleere, S. Treacy, A. Kelly, S. Carroll, J. Bennett, R. Carroll, M. McCarthy.

Erins Own: M. Brennan, L. O'Keeffe, M. Boran, P. Dowd, O. Doyle, T. Shalloe, M. Coogan, M. Meally, P. Dowling, K. Meally, E. Holland, P. Comerford, J. O'Shea, S. Farrell, S. Coogan. *Sub. M. Browne*

GLENMORE BEAT TULLOGHER

Glenmore 1-8 Tullogher 1-5

Glenmore confirmed their superiority over Tullogher in this 1st round senior hurling championship game in Mullinavat on Sunday last, winning by 1-8 to 1-5.

Tullogher had first use of the wind and led at the interval by a 5 point margin 1-3 to 0-1.

Although the dividing margin between the teams at the finish was small, Glenmore rarely looked like being beaten in the second half, as they gained mastery out-field and kept the ball in Tullogher territory nearly all through the second half and only bad luck coupled with poor shooting by their forwards and good defensive work by the Tullogher defenders kept them from scoring more.

The hurling was never of a high standard and in consequence, the entertainment value suffered, but the exchanges were at all times robust and uncompromising, and this coupled with low scoring and a strong element of rivalry kept interest alive to the end.

Both sets of defenders marked closely and tackled hard and consequently the forwards in this low scoring encounter found scores hard to come by, but it could be said that neither side had a forward capable of drawing the defence or of making or taking an opening.

The closing 10 minutes produced full blooded hurling as Glenmore who had drawn level 0-6 to 1-3 failed to gain the lead and a hard bout of hurling resulted in a point for Tullogher.

From the puck out Pat Power sent Glenmore attacking and for once the Tullogher defence was caught as Paul Fitzgerald unmarked on the edge of the square shot to the net giving Mick Rellis in the Tullogher goal no chance. The teams exchange points before the final whistle.

J. Doherty was sound in the Glenmore goal and could not be faulted for the goal. John Dowling was the outstanding defender on view. The sound half-back line of O'Shea, Doherty, and Vereker gave their opponents few opportunities for scoring and all three were masters of the situation.

Pat Power had a good game at centre-field where he was partnered by the industrious Billy Fitzgerald. Martin Cass was the most effective of the forwards where Cody and Whelan played well, but it was left to the veteran Paul Fitzgerald to shoot the goal that meant the difference between victory and defeat.

For Tullogher centrefield player Tommy Doolan had a very good game being the pick of the four midfielders, and he showed his forwards how to score, one of his points being a beauty from a sideline ball. Mick Rellis was never really tested in goal and his defence could not be faulted for the defeat as all six tackled hard and stood up well to long periods of Glenmore pressure. Brian O'Neill and Paddy Walsh were best of the forwards.

Glenmore scorers: P. Fitzgerald 1-2, M. Cass 0-3, M. Cody 0-1, P. Power 0-1, M. Whelan 0-1

Tullagher scorers: J. Murphy 1-0, T. Doolan 0-2, B. O'Neill 0-1, P. Walsh 0-1, P. Murphy 0-1

Glenmore: John Doherty, John McDonald, Nicky Forristal, John Dowling, John O'Shea, Dick Doherty, John Vereker, Billy Fitzgerald, Pat Power, Paddy O'Connor, Michael Phelan, Martin Cody, Martin Cass,

Paul Fitzgerald, Dick Dowling. Sub. Pat Dowling

Tullagher: Michael Rellis, Simon Kennedy, Billy Murphy, Philly Murphy, Jim Cummins, John Treacy, John Joe Barron, Tommy Doolan, P.J. Doherty, Brian O'Neill, Nicky Woods, John Hamilton, Phil Murphy, John Murphy, Paddy Walsh. Subs. Jim Ryan, James Murphy

Referee Paddy Buggy (Slieverue)

MOONCOIN - TULLAROAN GAME FIASCO

Called off before half-time

With about half a minute to go from half time, and with the sides level, referee Paddy Johnston called off the Mooncoin-Tullaroan senior hurling first round tie at Nowlan Park on Sunday afternoon.

The game was only three minutes in progress when the first bout of fisticuffs took place in front of the Tullaroan goal and the referee ordered a player from each side to the line.

In the 25th minute at centre field a player from each side indulged in a boxing bout and again the referee ordered both to the line.

One minute from half time a more serious breach occurred when first a player from each side became embroiled and then a more uneven battle ensued in which one Mooncoin player had three opponents with whom to contend.

From the press box it would appear that after those engaged in the scuffle decided to desist and a couple of spectators who came in from the sideline were persuaded to return to their seats that the referee had awarded a free on the 21 yards line to Mooncoin.

Tullaroan protested against the award of the free and when the ball was placed, one Tullaroan player picked up the ball.

It was at this juncture that the referee intervened and called the game off.

While players from both sides were to blame, it should be said that the number of offenders were small, and the majority were quite prepared to play the game as it should be played in a sportsman like manner.

Players and supporters of both sides contented that the referee decision to call off the match was a bit harsh but the referee said he had no other option but to call off the game and that by doing so he hoped that he had prevented some player from being seriously hurt in the

atmosphere which prevailed.

For the record, the score at the time the game was called off was: Mooncoin 2-0, Tullaroan 0-5.

Clause Dunne scored both goals for Mooncoin, Billy Fitzgerald 0-3, Dan Hogan 0-1, Jimmy Clohosey 0-1, scored for Tullaroan.

Mooncoin: R. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, G. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Howley, John Walsh, Johnny Walsh, W. O'Keeffe, M. Conway, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, E. Murphy, T. Walsh.

Sub. E. Doyle.

Tullaroan: Jim Hennessy, J. O'Neill, P. Hennessy, M. Kennedy, J. Hogan, T. Hogan, H. O'Neill, W. Fitzgerald, W. Hennessy, M. Walton, D. Hogan, J. Young, T. Hennessy, J. Clohosey, J.J. Sullivan

Referee Paddy Johnston (Éire Óg).

Report of the County Board Meeting.

Kilkenny County Board met on Wednesday night in Nowlan Park to consider the position with regard to the unfinished Tullaroan-Mooncoin senior hurling championship which was played the previous Sunday. The referee Paddy Johnston reporting on the game stated that he had ordered off two players from each side

arising out of incidents, and that a prominent Tullaroan player had prevented a free to Mooncoin being taken when he called off the game

The four players ordered off were each suspended for a month according to rule.

After a hour's debate it was decided to refix the game for Sunday July 18th in Nowlan Park at 7.30pm

The appointment of a referee went to a toss between J. Brennan (Gowran) and P.J. Molyneaux, the latter called by Mooncoin

Mr. Molyneaux was not at the meeting and in the event that he may not be available, Mr. Brennan who was at the meeting and volunteered to referee the game was appointed.

MOONCOIN ON TOP IN REPLAY

Mooncoin 2-7 Tullaroan 0-2

The replay of the Mooncoin-Tullaroan first round senior hurling championship tie in Nowlan Park on Sunday failed to live up to expectations and resulted in a well merited win for the southern team.

Unlike the first meeting which had to be abandoned because of fighting and dangerous hurley swinging the replay passed off with very little incident

The game was played on a pitch made greasy by a day's rain and this militated against good hurling. Nevertheless there were some patches of very exciting play with a number of good individual performances. Mooncoin were very strong in defence with Jim Lynch outstanding and two very dependable lines constantly frustrated the best efforts of the Tullaroan forwards.

On the other hand the Mooncoin forwards always appeared much more dangerous than their opposite numbers and it was obvious from early on that the honours were going south.

Joe Dunphy was the man of the match and notched up 2-4 of his sides total. County player Claus Dunne also did well and kept up a constant stream of centres. Ned Doyle also had his moments.

While not being spectacular Martin Howley and John Walsh had the edge at centre-field and were largely responsible for Mooncoin's territorial advantage.

Jimmy Clohosey tried hard for Tullaroan and put in a good hour's hurling. Billy Fitzgerald and Joe Hennessy also did well but the team as a whole did not combine as well as Mooncoin. Their score of 2 points over the hour tells its own story.

The score at half time was Mooncoin 2-2 to Tullaroan 0-2

Mooncoin scorers: J. Dunphy 2-4, N. Doyle 0-2, B. O'Keeffe 0-1.

Tullaroan scorers: B. Fitzgerald 0-1, J. Clohosey 0-1. Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, N. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Howley, M. Howley, J. Walsh, C. Dunne, N. Doyle, J. Dunphy, B. O'Keeffe, T. Walsh, M. Conway.

Tullaroan: J. Hennessy, J. Hogan, T. Hogan, M. Kennedy, J. O'Neill, J. Sullivan, P. O'Neill, J. Hennessy, B. Fitzgerald, M. Walton, J. Young, M. Doheny, D. Hogan, J. Clohosey, T. Hennessy.

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Mooncoin - Senior Hurling Champions 1965

Back: Johnny Walsh (M), Mick Conway (M), Pat Delahunty (Psc), Johnny Howley (Btsna), Claus Dunne (M), B O'Keefe (M), Martin Delahunty (Btsna), Ed Connolly (G), Tom Nolan (G), Ned Doyle (G), Willie Grant (Psc).

Middle: T Walsh (New Aglsh), Martin Howley (Btsna), Dick Dunphy (Luf), Jimmy Lynch (Bcur), John Walsh (G), Watty McDonald (E), Joe Dunphy (Luf), Ed Murphy (G).

Front: Dick Holden (M), Denis Kinsella (D), JJohnny Lynch (Bcur), Jim Byrne (M), Noel Doyle (Luf).

ROUND 2

BENNETTSBRIDGE MARCH ON Éire Óg Fade After Good First Half.

Bennettsbridge 6-10 Éire Óg 2-5

The county champions Bennettsbridge continued on their winning way when they beat Éire Óg by 6-10 to 2-5 in the second round of the senior hurling championship in Nowlan Park on Sunday.

Played in conditions that militated against good hurling, it rained for most of the time and the pitch was sodden.

The game opened with great sparkle and promised to be one the most entertaining games of the campaign until the holders turned on the steam.

In spite of the extravagant spate of Bennettsbridge scores, the game for the most part was not so completely one sided and for quite a time Bennettsbridge found themselves in difficulties. In fact it was only when Éire Óg yielded under relentless pressure in the second half that the champions played with ease.

For three quarters of the hour the hurling was quite good under the appalling conditions and with some of the Éire Óg men more than holding their own, the crowd got good value for their money.

Éire Óg were unlucky to lose Richie Grace who sustained a shoulder injury was one of the sweetest hurlers on the field and his great work helped to keep Éire Óg in the game with a chance.

Liam Cleere had a good game in the Bennettsbridge goal, and the full back line of Martin Treacy, Tony Bennett, and Jim Treacy gave little away. Seamus Cleere was outstanding at centre-back and he got good help from Tony Kelly and Johnny McGovern. Paddy Moran was the chief instigator of the Bennettsbridge victory. He put in a tremendous amount of work at centrefield and gave his forwards a more than liberal supply. He was well helped by Larry Cleere.

Noel Skehan and Paddy Treacy both resuming after illness, played very well and both contributed goals at vital stages. Sam Carroll also showed touches of his old skill while Tony Kelly, Jim Bennett, and Sean Treacy also played well.

Noel Kinsella gave a good display in the Éire Óg goal and Fan Larkin, Jim McCullagh and Paddy Johnston did good work in the full back line until the last quarter when the pressure was on in earnest. Richie Grace was the outstanding man in the half back line until he retired. Centre back Tom Lineen also had to retire through injury. Paddy Quinn also did good work.

Joe Doherty at centre field gave a grand display and tried very hard for the hour while Olly Harrington also had a good game. Tommy O'Connell was the star of the attack. Paddy Nolan and Seanie O'Brien also played well but in general they found the Bennettsbridge defence a little too sound.

Bennettsbridge scorers: N. Skehan 2-1, P. Treacy 2-0, T. Kelly 1-2, S. Carroll 0-5, P. Moran 1-0, J. Bennett 0-1.

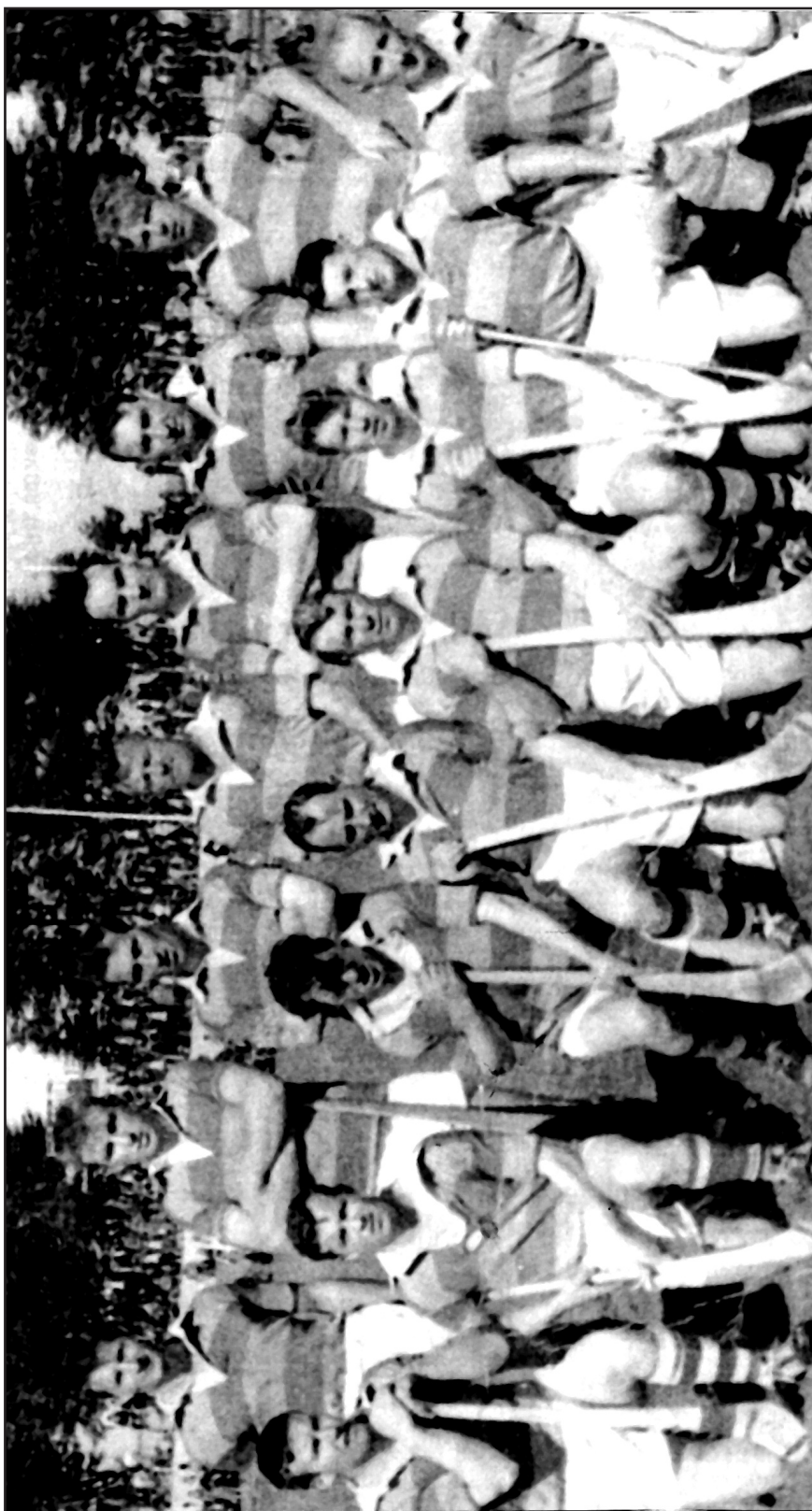
Éire Óg scorers: T. O'Connell 1-2, S. O'Brien 1-0, P. Nolan 0-2, O. Harrington 0-1, P. J. Garvan 0-1

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

Éire Óg: N. Kinsella, P. Larkin, J. McCullough, P. Johnston, P. Quinn, T. Lineen, R. Grace, O. Harrington, J. Doherty, L. McGrath, T. McGrath, T. O'Connell, P. Nolan, P. J. Garvan, S. O'Brien.

Subs. M. Doherty, O. Doyle.

Referee: Tom Ryall (Graig)



Bennettsbridge - Senior Hurling Finalists 1965

Back: Johnny Walsh (M), Mick Conway (M), Pat Delahunty (Psc), Johnny Howley (Btsna), Claus Dunne (M), B O'Keeffe (M), Martin Delahunty (Btsna), Ed Connolly (G), Tom Nolan (G), Ned Doyle (Agl), Willie Grant (Psc).

Middle: T Ryan (Luf), T Walsh (New Aglish), Martin Howley (Btsna), Dick Dunphy (Luf), Jimmy Lynch (Bcur), John Walsh (G), Watty McDonald (E), Joe Dunphy (Luf), Ed Murphy (G).

Front: Dick Holden (M), Denis Kinsella (D), Jjohnny Lynch (Bcur), Jim Byrne (M), Noel Doyle (Luf).

ST. LACHTAIN'S QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINAL

St. Lachtain's 2-8 Rower Inistioge 2-5

Played in heavy drizzle which later developed into a downpour, the second round senior hurling championship game between St. Lachtain's and Rower Inistioge in Nowlan Park on Sunday, suffered from the point of view of spectacular hurling.

Greasy underfoot conditions ruled out any first class hurling but the small attendance enjoyed a close game between two evenly-matched sides. St. Lachtain's deserved their win, but only just about. After building up a rather flattering at half time 2-3 to 0-2 they allowed the opposition to get on level terms just after the start of the last quarter.

At this stage it looked as if they were going to be beaten into second place by the determined Rower but county man Sean Buckley just up after a dose of flu saved the day with three nice points.

With a dividing margin of only three points, the Rower will bemoan many squandered chances, particularly in the first half. If anything, they had slightly more of the play in the first half but all they had to show for it in the end was two points. On many occasions the ball was shot hopelessly wide.

Of course St. Lachtain's had their share of wides too but they were not as glaring as the opposition's.

Big stumbling blocks to the Rower attack were county full back Pa Dillon and Alfie Hickey at centre back. Dillon was at his best and made it very difficult for any one to break through. Hickey making return after some absence showed himself to be still a very fine defender, just a little too clever for the recently promoted Rower forwards.

Sean Buckley was reasonably quite in the first half, but in the second half he showed all the skill that makes him an automatic choice on the county senior team. He scored all but one of his sides eight points. He was ably assisted by John Manogue. The winner's forwards were not at all as impressive as they might have been and the only ones to make their mark on the scoreboard were Jimmy Cullinane and Martin Dalton.

Tom Murphy, with two goals to his credit was the chief marksman for the Rower. Eddie Keher had a quieter game than usual, due no doubt to the heavy ground conditions, but he showed some of his fine style in scoring five points and sending in nice centres.

Michael Walsh did well at centrefield and Michael Bolger was the star of the half back line. The full back line held up well under pressure and kept their opponents completely scoreless.

St. Lachtain's scorers: S. Buckley 0-7, J. Cullinane 1-0, M. Dalton 1-0, J. Manogue 0-1.

Rower Inistioge scorers: T. Murphy 2-0, E. Keher 0-5.

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

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

Referee: Tom Ryall (Graigue)

THOMASTOWN WIN IN DOWNPOUR.

Thomastown 3-5 Glenmore 1-4

The inclement downpour driven by a strong breeze which commenced early on Sunday morning and lasted throughout the day ruled out any possibility of a good game in the second round of the senior hurling championship game in Piltown in which Thomastown without looking impressive scored a 7 points win over Glenmore. In winning they revenged their defeat by Glenmore in last year's championship,

It was a big disappointment to the Piltown field committee, who had the pitch in perfect condition, that their first senior hurling championship game should be washed out. The gate receipts were £33.

Due to a greasy surface, the players had much trouble in keeping on their feet and ball control and good striking were almost an impossibility

Thomastown favoured by many to win comfortably had many anxious moments before qualifying to meet Bennettsbridge in the next round.

Thomastown won the toss and took advantage of the breeze. They had far more of the play in the opening half but made bad use of it and in addition to poor finishing and over-playing the ball their forwards lost far too many scores through bad shooting.

Thomastown led at half time by 2-0 to 1-1

After the restart Glenmore showed their mettle and

attacked persistently for almost twenty minutes, but their attack missed the services of Martin Cass and apart from Dick Dowling and Paul Fitzgerald was completely poverty stricken.

Cha Phelan was probably the biggest single factor in the downing of Glenmore's challenge. He blasted his way through the hard tackling Glenmore forwards to clear his lines and inspire his side to a greater all round performance.

Goalkeeper P. Dempsey was an adequate replacement for Ollie Walsh. Newcomer S. Gibbons impressed at right full back and the half back line of Challoner, Doyle, and Cullen all played well. The youthful Brendan O'Sullivan at midfield won virtually every ball he went for and his clean striking was a feature of the game. Ollie Walsh again finished top scorer proving that he is a rare opportunist. Tom Walsh after a comparatively quite first half was the prime instigator of many Thomastown raids with some defence splitting solo runs. Delaney and Kirby also made gallant efforts in an attack that would be more suited to a dry sod.

For Glenmore John O'Shea put in a tremendous hour's work at right half back and John Dowling was again at

his best showing that his form against Tullogher was no flash in the pan. Doherty, Vereker, and Forristal were other hardworking defenders who did not let their side down. Pat Power was the better of a sound midfield partnership but it was lack of penetration up front that proved to be the main stumbling block for Glenmore. However Dick Dowling and Paul Fitzgerald made gallant efforts to get the attack moving.

Thomastown scorers: O. Walsh 3-1, T. Walsh 0-2, S. Delaney 0-1, V. Kirby 0-1

Glenmore scorers: P. Fitzgerald 1-2, R. Dowling 0-2.

Thomastown: P. Dempsey, S. Gibbons, W. Grace, C. Phelan, J. Challoner, J. Doyle, P. Cullen, P. Kelly, B. O'Sullivan, V. Kirby, T. Walsh, J. Kelly, S. Delaney, J. Blanchfield, O. Walsh.

Glenmore: J. Doherty, J. O'Shea, D. Doherty, J. Vereker, P. Power, W. Fitzgerald, P. O'Connor, M. Whelan, M. Cody, N. Forristal, P. Dowling, P. Fitzgerald, D. Dowling.

Referee Paddy Buggy (Slieverue)

MOONCOIN THROUGH TO SEMI-FINAL

Mooncoin 4-13 St. Senan's 1-4

This 2nd Round senior hurling championship game in Piltown on Sunday between neighbouring parishes, Mooncoin and Kilmacow failed to live up to expectations with Mooncoin by an 18 points margin qualifying to meet St. Lachtain's in the semi-final.

The first half was entertaining and the standard of hurling was quite good. And although Kilmacow were trailing by 1-5 to 0-2 at half time it was entirely against the run of play as they lost some good scoring opportunities by faulty shooting and poor finishing.

In the second half however the winners were in almost full command and the result was in sight long before the final whistle.

Mooncoin excelled in defence, where Johnny Walsh was outstanding at left half back. Watty McDonald and Jim Lynch also figured prominently.

The full back line was thoroughly dependable with Ned Connolly, Tom Nolan and Pat Delahunty, constantly frustrating the best efforts of the St. Senan's forwards. Goalkeeper Dick Dunphy was never severely tested but his saves inspired confidence.

As a pairing the Howley brothers had the better of the centre-field exchanges. Claus Dunne must have staked a claim for a permanent place on the county team with

a top class display of stickwork. Joe Dunphy was also impressive registering 2-3, and Ned Doyle, although he did not figure prominently as a scorer led the forward line well, moving into the open spaces and providing some good opportunities for his colleagues. Full forward Tom Walsh made good use of the chances that came his way, scoring a brace of goals in the second half and Mick Conway also had his moments. Harry Matthews at midfield for St. Senan's was prominent all through and kept prompting his forward division with a reasonable supply of the ball. Ned Neill was best of the attack together with Senan Cooke.

The St. Senan's defence was guilty of slack marking and left far too many openings for the alert Mooncoin forwards. J. Dobbyn, C. Forristal, And J Whelan were sound if not spectacular.

Mooncoin scorers: J. Dunphy 2-3, C. Dunne 0-7, T. Walsh 2-0, M. Conway 0-1, N. Doyle 0-1, J. Howley 0-1.

St. Senan's Scorers: P. Hoban 1-1, S. Cooke 0-3, J. Walsh 0-1.

Referee Paddy Connors (Glenmore)

KILKENNY BOARD OFFICERS 1965

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SEMI FINALS

BENNETTSBRIDGE IN ANOTHER FINAL AS THOMASTOWN SQUANDERED CHANCES.

More Unruly Scenes At Nowlan Park.

Bennettsbridge 2-11 Thomastown 1-4

While Thomastown squandered many chances and could have been much nearer the winners at full time, there was no doubt about Bennettsbridge's superiority in this semi-final. They established an early lead and held it right through. Thomastown played their best hurling in the first half and did not deserve to be down by 2-6 to 0-4 at the interval, for they had received sufficient of the play to be closer.

The standard of hurling was not great in this game but it was hard and determined throughout. Indeed it was just too determined at times and in consequence there were a few dangerous eruptions in the second half when hurleys and fists flew, players rolled on the ground and one fellow got quite an impressive wrestling hold on his opponent. Another player beat his hurley off the wire railing at the sideline and threatened jeering supporters who were equally as much to blame for the incidents as the hurlers themselves.

These scenes are becoming far too frequent at hurling matches and the sooner strong disciplinary action is taken by the County Board, the better it will be for everybody.

Bennettsbridge's main strength lay in their defence which made it exceptionally difficult for the Thomastown forwards to break through. They also had the edge at centre-field where Paddy Moran was in top form. Their attack was not as dangerous as usual, but Tony Kelly's personal tally of 1-6 would have been sufficient to win the game.

Liam Cleere in goal for the winners was sound as usual.

Seamus Cleere was best of the defence and did Trojan work throughout the hour. Paddy Treacy was also in fine form as was Tony Kelly.

Paddy Dempsey in the Thomastown goal saved very well and could not be faulted for the goals that he conceded. Cha Phelan was impressive on the full back line and Sean Challoner on the half back line proved himself a very able defender. Brendan O'Sullivan showed some lovely touches at centrefield, but the attack in general had a rather poor game. Johnny Delaney tried very hard and was probably the most prominent of the lot. Both Tom Walsh and Ollie Walsh disappointed.

The score at half time was:

Bennettsbridge: 2-6 Thomastown 0-4

Bennettsbridge scorers: T. Kelly 1-6, P. Treacy 1-0, P. Moran 0-3, N. Skehan 0-1, J. Kinsella 0-1

Thomastown scorers: O. Walsh 1-1, B. O'Sullivan 0-2, P. Cushen 0-1.

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

Thomastown: P. Dempsey, S. Sullivan, B. Grace, C. Phelan, S. Challoner, J. Doyle, P. Cullen, P. Kelly, B. O'Sullivan, P. Cushen, T. Walsh, J. Kelly, O. Walsh, J. Blanchfield, J. Delaney.

Referee: John Sutton (Glenmore)

SPEEDY MOONCOIN WIN EASILY

Mooncoin 2-11 St. Lachtain's 1-6

Showing superior speed and better all round combination Mooncoin had a most decisive win over St. Lachtain's in this hurling championship semi-final and thus qualified to meet Bennettsbridge in the county final which will be a repeat of the 1955 county final which Bennettsbridge won by 6-6 to 1-4.

Leading from start to finish, Mooncoin were undoubtedly the better team and when St. Lachtain's tried to make an impression early in the second half, the winners increased their half time lead of 3 points and it became obvious that the honours were going south.

A telling point in Mooncoin's favour was their speed. They completely outran their opponents and the forwards nipped in cleverly to score, and had they made full use of their opportunities the dividing margin would have been a lot bigger.

Dick Dunphy in the Mooncoin goal was on top form and dealt adequately with any balls that managed to get passed the defence. The backs in general played a very safe game and county man Jim Lynch was at his best. He was seldom beaten for a ball and cleared his lines very well.

Watty McDonald also did well as did the other members of the defence who played at all times as a unit.

John Walsh and Martin Howley held sway at centre-field for most of the hour and kept the forwards well supplied.

On the receiving end of the centre-field supply the attack did nicely. Claus Dunne was the star showing tremendous speed and picked off some lovely points. Ned Doyle, Mick Conway. And Joe Dunphy were also prominent and the two remaining forwards Tom Walsh and Willie O' Keeffe made a goal each.

Jack Cahill in the St. Lachtain's goal played well and could not be faulted for the two goals that scored against him. He was well protected by full back Pa Dillon who played a sound game throughout.

Alfie Hickey on the half back line was also prominent. Sean Buckley was undoubtedly the star of the attack and at times he was almost fighting a lone battle.

Jimmy Cullinane, Martin Dalton, and Paddy Lacey had a few good spots.

Mooncoin Scorers: C. Dunne 0-5, M Conway 0-3, T Walsh 1-0, B O Keeffe 1-0, N Doyle 0-2, J. Dunphy 0-1.

St. Lachtain's scorers: S. Buckley 0-4, P. Lacey, D. Butler, J. Cullinane 0-1.

Mooncoin: D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, J. Lynch, N. Connelly, W. McDonald, J. Howley, Johnny Walsh, J. Walsh, M. Howley, C. Dunne, N. Doyle, M. Conway, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, W. O' Keeffe.

St. Lachtain's: J. Cahill, M. Maher, P. Dillon, K. Dalton, P. Butler, A. Hickey, J. Butler, J. Manogue, D. Butler, J. Cullinane M. Dalton, S. Buckley, S. Rafferty, J. Dooley, P. Lacey.

Subs: J. Delaney, J. Teehan.

Referee: J. Brennan (Young Irelands)

ALL-IRELAND FINAL RESULTS 1965

Senior Hurling	Tipperary	2-16	Wexford	0-10
Senior Football	Galway	0-12	Kerry	0-9
Oireachtas Final	Tipperary	2-12	Kilkenny	2-7
NFL Final	Galway	1-7	Kerry	0-8 (Home Final)
Oireachtas Final	Waterford	4-12	Tipperary	3-9
Walsh Cup	Wexford	1-12	Kilkenny	2-7
Railway Cup Hurling	Leinster	3-11	Munster	0-9
College's SH Final	St. Kieran's	6-9	Limerick CBS	6-1

NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE 1964/1965

Kilkenny	3-11	Galway	1-6
Kilkenny	6-7	Clare	1-4
Kilkenny	3-6	Cork	1-11
Kilkenny	7-10	Tipperary	5-7
Kilkenny	5-9	Wexford	1-3
Kilkenny	2-8	Tipperary	3-14 (Home Final)
Tipperary	6-19	New York	5-18 (League Final - Agg scores over 2 games)

KILKENNY COUNTY FINAL RESULTS 1962

Senior Hurling	Mooncoin	2-8	Bennettsbridge	1-8
Junior Hurling	Knocktopher	4-17	Galmoy	4-8
Minor Hurling	Ballyhale	8-3	James Stephens	4-8
Under 16 Hurling	Castlecomer	3-6	Ballyhale	1-4
Senior Football	Railyard	w/o	Tullogher	scr
Junior Football	The Village	0-8	Slieverue	1-3

COUNTY FINAL

MOONCOIN WIN THEIR 12TH SENIOR HURLING COUNTY TITLE AFTER A LAPSE OF 29 YEARS

Holdings Bennettsbridge Fail By A Goal

Mooncoin 2-8 Bennettsbridge 1-8

Nowlan Park Sunday 27th August 1965

After 29 years, Mooncoin are county senior hurling champions again. In one of the most exciting county finals for many years, they dethroned the holders Bennettsbridge with a performance characterised by speed and tenacity. Watch by one of the biggest crowds ever seen at a county game the match exploded into action with the throw –in and the gruelling pace never slackened until the end.

Both sets of backs were in top form, but Mooncoin's defence backed by a brilliant goalkeeper were almost impregnable and broke the heart of the Bennettsbridge attack. It was really in this sector that Mooncoin won the match, though their forwards behaved admirably.

Throughout the hour there were a number of stylish patches but they were not in abundance. The tenor of the game was rather hard, determined hurling that left little if any room for loose play.

The pace was tremendously fast and the clashes uncompromising. And as the sides were fairly evenly matched the play alternated from end to end almost with the speed of a tennis ball.

For most of the hour a mere goal or less divided the sides. And though when midway through the second half it began to appear that Mooncoin might hold out to win few would have been prepared to put a wager on it. For Bennettsbridge are known never to give up until the game is over.

The reason for the slight flow of optimism into Mooncoin's ranks was due to the fact that some of the most determined raids Bennettsbridge could muster at this stage had failed to penetrate the Mooncoin defence.

Bennettsbridge opened the best of the two sides and had the better of the exchanges during the first few minutes. They went a point ahead but Mooncoin quickly asserted themselves and drew level.

Mooncoin also levelled at 2 points and then went into the lead which they never lost. At half time they were a goal in front 2-4 to 1-4.

Play was fairly evenly divided in the second half and both sides registered an equal score -0-4. As in

the first half the play was exceptionally exciting with Mooncoin fighting to hang on to their lead and the Bridge battling to get on terms.

For the winners Dick Dunphy in goal will be regarded as one of the heroes. And rightly so. He had an inspired game and time and again brought off some seemingly impossible saves. The defence in general played very well. But Jim Lynch was outstanding. HE dominated the half back line and cleared remarkable well. It was undoubtedly his best game of the year.

Another defender to really star was Eddie Connolly who gave a first class exhibition of defensive work. The others also played their part.

Martin Howley and John Walsh did well at centre-field and just about broke even with their opposite numbers.

Star of the forwards was undoubtedly Claus Dunne who scored 6 of his sides 8 points, and gave Joe Dunphy the centre from which he scored Mooncoin's first goal. Tagged "The Fox" by many Mooncoin supporters he certainly justified the name with his clever movements and beautiful ball control. Other forwards to impress were Ned Doyle and Joe Dunphy.

Liam Cleere in the Bennettsbridge goal also gave a very good display and brought off some very nice saves.

Seamus Cleere was the best of the backs and did trojan work in keeping Mooncoin out. He also instigated many attacks. Johnny McGovern showed a return to his best form in the first half but seemed to tire a little in the second half. But this was indeed his best display for quite some time and he showed all the skill and cleverness that made him an automatic choice on the county team for so long. Paddy Moran played well as did his partner Larry Cleere at centre-field and kept up a good supply of the ball to the forwards.

But the forwards failed to make a serious impression against the Mooncoin backs. Best were Sam Carroll and Tony Kelly.

How the scores came.

Bennettsbridge opened strongly and stormed into the attack, but they met strong resistance however but forced a 70. Seamus Cleere's shot was nicely centred but the ball was cleared. Just afterwards Jim Bennett got possession and opened the scoring with a point. Two minutes later Mooncoin were attacking and

a centre by Ned Doyle was collected by Claus Dunne and who tapped over the equaliser. The puck out sent the 'Bridge attacking again and from a free in the fifth minute Tony Kelly restored the point lead. Mooncoin raced down the field for the equaliser again but the ball went wide of the post. A cut in by Joe Dunphy was collected by Claus Dunne who also shot wide. But Dunne made no mistake in the 10th minute when collecting the ball fifty yards out, his shot went sailing over the bar to level the scoring. Play continued to alternate rapidly from end to end, but after an exchange of wides Dunne put Mooncoin a point up. Minutes later the same player sent in a well placed centre to Joe Dunphy who blasted the ball to the net.

Now four points down Bennettsbridge set about remedying the situation. But their attempt at goal resulted in a 70 which was sent wide by Seamus Cleere. They came again, however and this time Tony Kelly sent straight to the net.

At the other end Mooncoin were pressing hard again and when Martin Howley sent a ball goalwards, Tom Walsh pulled hard and helped it on its way to the net.

One minute later Paddy Moran replied with a point and added another shortly afterwards. From the puck out Mooncoin swarmed around the Bennettsbridge goal and Claus Dunne almost had their third goal when he got possession and sent low

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**COUNTY KILKENNY SENIOR
HURLING FINAL**

AT NOWLAN PARK, KILKENNY

OR

SUNDAY, 29th AUGUST

**MOONCOIN
versus
BENNETTSBRIDGE**

AT 3 P.M.

Referee — P. JOHNSTON

Northern Junior Hurling Championship
CALMOY v URLINGFORD-CLOMANTO

AT 1.45 P.M.

ADMISSION 2/6. SIDE-LINE 1/- EXTRA

RE ALL-IRELAND TICKETS

Tickets will be distributed to all Clubs on MONDAY EVENING, 30th AUGUST, 1965, at THE C.Y.M.S. HALL, WILLIAM STREET, KILKENNY, from 7 to 10 p.m.

Owing to the small allocation of tickets, Clubs only need apply. A special County Board Committee has been appointed to deal with same.

from close range. Liam Cleere blocked the ball down but conceded a free when he picked it up. From the resulting free Dunne tapped it over for another point, which left the score at half-time:

Mooncoin 2-4 Bennettsbridge 1-4

Far from easing up in the second half, Mooncoin opened the stronger and forced determined incur-

THE GAME AT A GLANCE**First Half**

	Gls	Pts	Wds	Frs	70
Mooncoin	2	4	4	2	0
Bennettsbridge	1	4	5	5	2

Second Half

Mooncoin	0	4	6	3	0
Bennettsbridge	0	4	4	6	2

Total

Mooncoin	2	8	10	5	0
Bennettsbridge	1	8	9	11	4

sions into Bennettsbridge territory. The first brought noting more than a wide but the second gave Dunne an opportunity of scoring another point.

Bennettsbridge were just narrowly wide after this and then Dunne pointed again after a low shot from a 21 yards free had been blocked down. In the 10th minute Paddy Moran replied with a like score from a 21 yards free.

At this stage the Bridge began to attack very forcibly but the opposition began to defend with equal determination. For a short it looked as if the Bridge would through for a goal but the goalman had two brilliant saves within seconds and the backs eventually relieved the pressure.

This was really the end of the game for while the losers continued to search for weak links in the Mooncoin defence, they must have that their chances of finding it were slim.

After two Bridge wides Mooncoin lifted the siege, but the losers found their way back into the attack again and from a 21 yards free Moran pointed.

Mooncoin's replay came quickly when Mick Conway pointed and in the 24th minute Claus Dunne had a splendid point from centre-field.

With time running low Bennettsbridge made the last efforts, with 5 minutes to go Tony Kelly shot over the bar and from a 21 yards free three minutes later Paddy Moran pointed. With only seconds left a free by Seamus Cleere was narrowly wide.

Mooncoin: R. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, E. Connelly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Howley, M. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, N. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, B. O' Keffe.

Sub. J. Walsh

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

Sub. S. Treacy

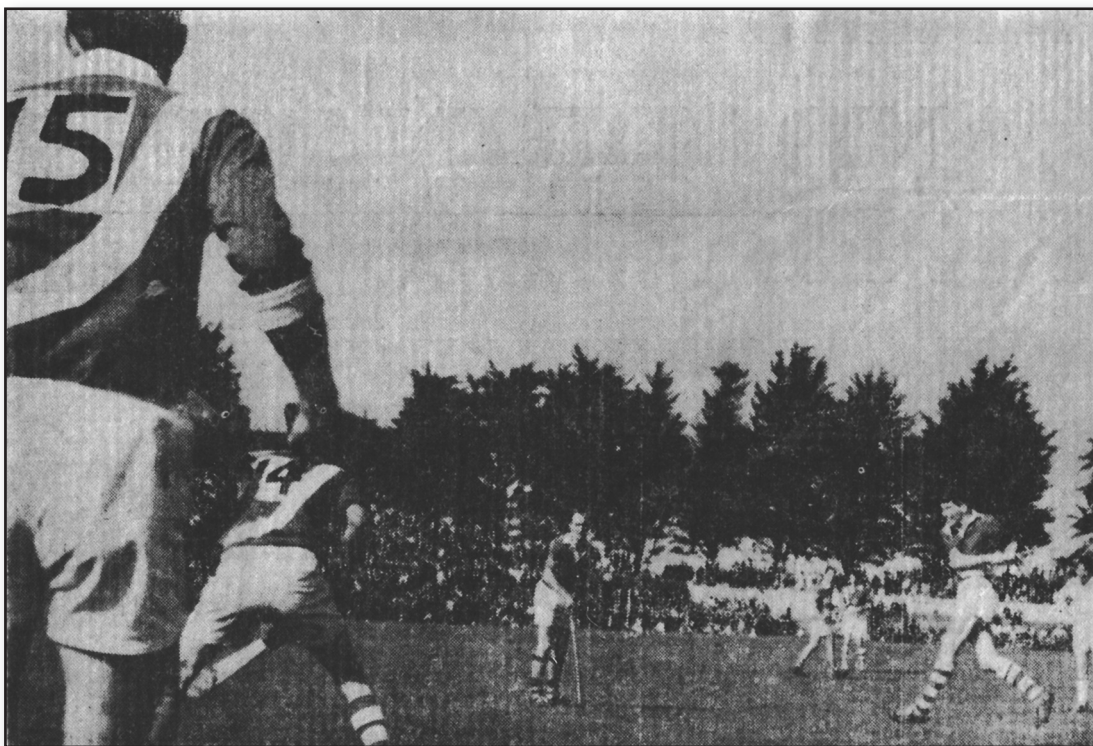
Referee: Paddy Johnston (Éire Óg)



Jim Lynch, Mooncoin Captain, is carried shoulder-high after the match.



Tony Kelly (Bennettsbridge) scores a one-handed goal in the County Final



Claus Dunne (Mooncoin) scores a long-range point in the County Final.

ROUSING WELCOME HOME FOR THE NEW CHAMPIONS

Their motto on Sunday was “Death or Victory!”

The people of Mooncoin and the surrounding districts gave an enthusiastic welcome to the new county senior hurling champions at a parade and reception on Monday night.

Headed by the De La Salle Brass Band, the procession led by a cavalcade of cars with flags flying and horns blaring led the way into the village which was packed with supporters who cheered the team as they passed on a lorry gaily decorated with the green and white club colours.

Banners spanned the main street bearing the words – “Welcome to the Champions” and bonfires blazed.

The lorry paused just once on its way through the village to salute one of Mooncoin’s all time greats, a brilliant artist in the golden age of Kilkenny hurling – Dick Doherty himself.

Then on to the platform on the cross where club chairman Michael Kinsella welcomed all to a happy celebration for which many had waited for 29 years. He said it had been a long wait but that the hurling tradition was always there and they knew that their turn would come.

In his role of M.C. Mr. Kinsella introduced all the various personages to the vast crowd including the president of the club Fr. T. J. Clohosey P. P., manager/trainer Fr. J. J. Reidy, team captain Jim Lynch, and all the members of the winning team and also the members of the Bennettsbridge team, Henry Drea, Seamus Cleere, Johnny McGovern, Mick Kelly, and Jim Treacy who had travelled down for the celebrations.

Fr. T. J. Clohosey P. P. said they were celebrating a great victory. It was a most exciting game and many Mooncoin supporters were wondering would the final whistle ever go. Both teams were to be congratulated on such a magnificent display. He said that the success was due to the minor teams of recent years which had won four county championships and laid the foundations for success of the senior team.

“Coming into the match we were afraid of Bennettsbridge,” he said and at half time many Mooncoin supporters were feeling sad. But the team showed what training could do and played twice as

well in the second half against the wind and sun and surprised every body.

Manager/trainer Rev. J. J. Reidy said that their motto on Sunday was death or victory and Mooncoin proved it by a superb display. They owed a lot to the fine spirit of determination of the players, the wonderful enthusiasm of their supporters, the loyalty and co-operation of their officials and the integrity of the selectors.

Nothing was left undone to put the best possible team on the field and to have them trained to the highest pitch. They all knew that an old grey mare could never win a grand national and it was the youth and sound preparation that served the team well on Sunday.

As Matty Power one of Kilkenny’s greatest hurlers of the past said to him on Sunday after the match it was the toughest and hardest final for many years and the team that was going to lag would be beaten but that team was not Mooncoin.

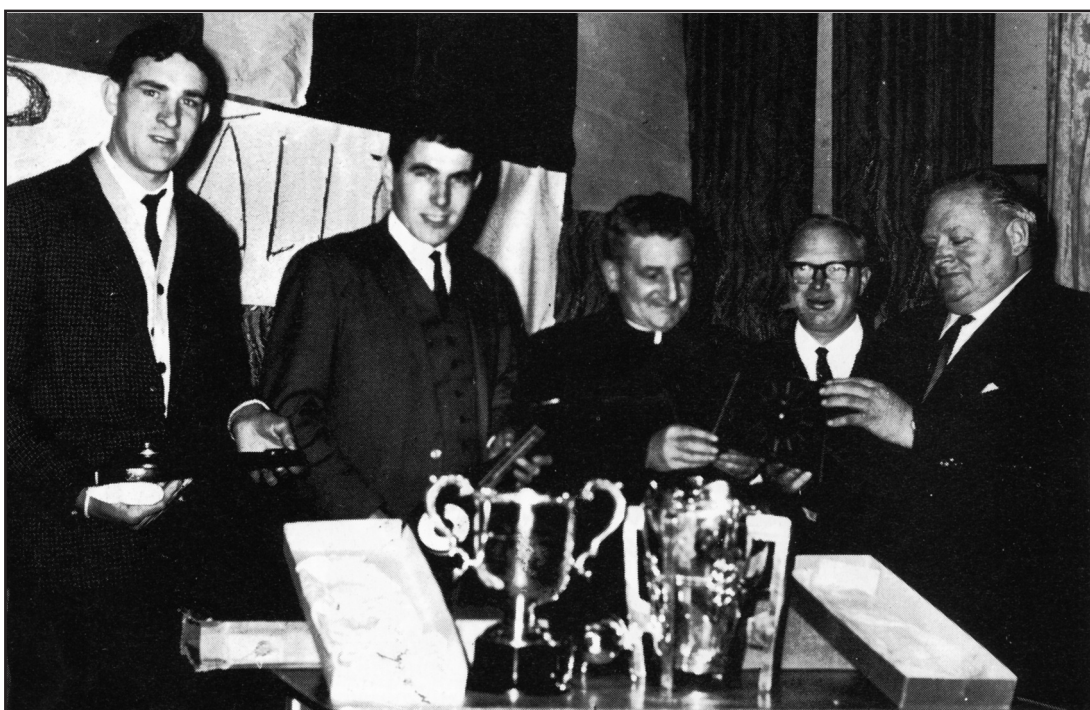
Fr. Reidy said that they should not forget the hurlers of the past who brought honour and glory to Mooncoin. The great achievement of those teams could never be forgotten but Sunday’s victory was the sweetest of all.

Tributes must be paid to the Bridge who were a great band of men and fought hard to the final whistle but they had to bow their heads to a greater team on the day.

He thanked all for the rousing welcome they had accorded to the team and said that the final of 1965 would never be forgotten in the hurling annals of Mooncoin parish.

Finally Fr. Reidy thanked the Bennettsbridge players and officials for coming to Mooncoin, and also those who had organised and helped in the arrangements for the reception, the band, all those who had helped in the training of the team and also the Press for their help.

Jim Treacy on behalf of Bennettsbridge congratulated Mooncoin on their great win and hoped that led by a Mooncoin captain they would bring back the McCarthy Cup to the noreside next year.



Presentation Night 1965

From left: Jim Lynch (Capt), Claus Dunne, Fr J Reidy (Trainer), M Diggins, Michael Kinsella (Chairman).



1965 Team at 1984 Reunion

Back: C. Dunne, Joe Dunphy, J. Howley, Jim Lynch, M. Delahunty Jim Byrne, John Lynch, N. Doyle.

Middle: M. Conway, D. Dunphy, B. O'Keeffe, J. Walsh, J. Walsh (G.), D. Kinsella T Ryan.

Front: T. Walsh, M. Howley, Ned Doyle, Dick Holden, Tom Nolan, Ned Connolly

Christmas Party Menu

Chicker & Pork Terrine
with Tomato Relish

Duo of Melon with a
mixed Berry Compote

Cream of Butternut Squash
& Carrot Soup with Chive oil

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

Assiette of Desserts

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