



Remembering the Kilkenny All Ireland Senior Hurling Champions of

1969

*Souvenir Booklet recalling
Kilkenny's 1969 All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship victory,
on the occasion of the team's reception by Coiste Co Chill Chainnigh,
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County Final day in Nowlan Park is the day chosen by Kilkenny County Board to honour successful teams of the past. Today, in association with Springhill Court Hotel, we are delighted to welcome as our guests the surviving members of our 1969 All Ireland Senior winning team who defeated Cork in that year's Final.

As a consequence of the fallout from the 1968 National League final, the schedule for that year's County Championship was greatly disrupted and resulted in the final being played on the twenty seventh of April the following year. One of the knock-on effects of that delay was the late appointment of the Kilkenny team management for the 1969 championship. However, once the appointments were made, preparations began immediately for the forthcoming campaign and the attempt to win our seventeenth All Ireland title.

Dublin were defeated by a wide margin in the Leinster semi-final, a game in which Ollie Walsh received a great ovation from Kilkenny supporters as he made his return to the team. In the Provincial final, the team received quite a scare from an emerging Offaly team before securing victory by a two point margin 3-9 to 0-16 thanks mainly to a three goal salvo by Fenians Pat Delaney. London were overcome in the All Ireland semi-final by a score of 3-22 to 1-10 in a game that saw Fr Tommy Murphy celebrate his return to the team by scoring the three Kilkenny goals. Jim Bennet who had lined out for Kilkenny in the 1967 win over Tipperary was a member of the London team that day.

Meanwhile, in Munster, Cork had defeated Clare, Galway and Tipperary on their way to Provincial success and were immediately installed as warm favourites for the forthcoming All Ireland Final.

So on the 2nd of September with Limerick's Sean O Connor as referee, and with an attendance of 66,844 present, the final got underway, with Cork living up to their favourites tag with an early goal. Points were exchanged over the next period of time before a deflected second Cork goal seemed to give them the upper hand approaching half time. However a goal by Erin's Own Martin Brennan right on the stroke of half time cut their advantage to three points as the teams went to the dressing rooms. Kilkenny upped their performance considerably in the second half and aided by a Joe Millea goal gradually took control before emerging convincing winners on a 2-15 to 2-9 score line. Ollie Walsh was soundness personified in goal. Ted Carroll was positively brilliant at right corner back and deservedly went on to be named Hurler of the Year that year, while Pa Dillon and Jim Treacy were particularly outstanding in the second half. Billy Murphy had a fine game at right half back while Pat Henderson was at his imperious best in the centre. Left half back Martin Coogan also had a fine game and contributed three long range points to our total. At midfield, Frank Cummins and Mick Lawlor, who also got on the scoreboard proved, too strong for a number of Cork pairings. In attack captain Eddie Keher was once again our top scorer while both Martin Brennan and Joe Millea contributed significantly to our tally. Pat Delaney received a nasty injury in that game and had to go off and was replaced by Paddy Moran while Pat Kavanagh and Sean Buckley came on for Claus Dunne and Tommy Murphy.

Sadly five members of the panel that helped to achieve our victory that day, Ollie Walsh, Ted Carroll, Pa Dillion Claus Dunne and Pat Delaney have gone to their eternal reward and we remember them in a special way today.

Kilkenny County Board are grateful to Springhill Court Hotel for their ongoing sponsorship of this event and later this evening the players and their partners will be guests of honour at a celebration dinner hosted by Springhill Court Hotel during which each player will receive a special memento of the occasion.

Congratulations again to the team who won our 17th All Ireland title in 1969.

Eamon O Coimín.

Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Cill Chainnigh.

Living in Kilkenny for over 10 years I have grown to be a passionate hurling fan.

It is a great pleasure to be representing the Springhill Court Hotel in sponsoring the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions 1969.

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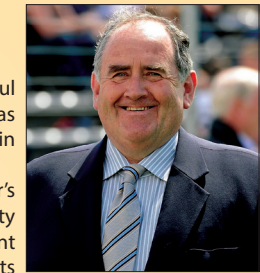
I would like to congratulate the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Champions 1969 and hope they have an enjoyable reunion day and I'm sure many stories will be shared again of the famous day 48 years ago.

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

Emma - Jayne Eaton

General Manager

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ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONSHIP 1969

Leinster Hurling Championship Semi-Final Kilkenny v Dublin

Wexford Park
Sunday 22nd June 1969

OLLIE'S RETURN INSPIRES KILKENNY Kilkenny 2-20 Dublin 2-6



Ollie Walsh celebrated his return to the Kilkenny side in Wexford on Sunday last with a sparkling display of goalkeeping that inspired the team to give one of their most confident displays for some time.

They had an easy 2-20 to 2-6 win over Dublin and now meet the winners of Wexford and Offaly who meet in the other semi-final on Sunday next.

Dispite an early showing of strength, Dublin soon collapsed and even though Kilkenny waited until the second half to clinch the issue the outcome was never in doubt.

Dublin's enthuse failed to measure up to Kilkenny's greater skill and in the second half the Kilkenny forwards picked off points with effordless ease.

This game is no yardstick by which to measure Kilkenny's strength however and the selectors will have to do some rethinking before the Leinster final.

Although playing against a cross wind that favoured Dublin, Kilkenny finished 4 points ahead, 1-9 to 1-5 at the interval.

Kilkenny completely monopolised the second half containing the metropolitan side to a point from a free from Fran Whelan and a goal from Graignamanagh born Noel Kinsella seconds before the final whistle.

Dublin's trouble stemmed from largely from their failure at centre-field where Des Foley after starting well was out of the game for the most part.

Their forwards showed great eagerness but failed to finish while all the blame cannot be laid on the defence which was greatly overworked in the second half.

Kilkenny's greater skill made all the difference, their forwards combined well.

While Kilkenny's 2 goals and 20 points looks an impressive score it is not without significance that most of their scores came from the half forward line and they found it difficult to get goals. Their 2 goals coming from frees by Paddy Moran and Eddie Keher.

A factor which helped Kilkenny build up a big total of points was the great accuracy of all the forwards who scored.

Eddie Keher had a personal tally of a goal and 10 points, half the Kilkenny score, and he was rarely off target.

Ollie Walsh played with all his old verve and skill, and the full back line of Ted Carroll, Pa Dillon and Jim Treacy was more than adequate.

Pat Henderson was in great form at centre-back with Willie Murphy and Martin Coogan giving good support. Paddy Moran and Mick Lawlor were completely on top at centre field.

Eddie Keher was best of the forwards and he got good support from Joe Millea and Pat Lalor.

Mick Behan gave a highly competent performance in the Dublin goal and Noel Doolan and Pat Foley were sound in the fullback line.

Gay O'Driscoll was best of the half back line while Joe Doran, Fran Whelan, and Noel Kinsella tried hard in the forwards.

Kilkenny scorers: E. Keher 1-10, P. Moran 1-0, P. Lalor 0-4, M. Lawlor 0-3, J. Millea 0-2, J. Kinsella 0-1

Dublin scorers: J. Doran 1-0, N. Kinsella 1-0, E. Flynn 0-3, F. Whelan 0-3, T. Loughnane 0-1.

Kilkenny: O. Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, W. Murphy, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, P. Moran, M. Lawlor, P. Lalor, P. Delaney, E. Keher, J. Millea, J. Lynch, J. Kinsella.

Dublin: M. Behan, P. Foley, N. Doolan, F. Cooney, E. Fahy, B. Cooney, G. O' Driscoll, D. McPartlan, D. Foley, E. Flynn, M. Kinsella, F. Whelan, J. Doran, T. Loughnane, I. Lalor.

Subs: P. McCarthy, C. Brennan.

Referee B. Stack (Laois)



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Irish & World Events 1969

- 17 April – Bernadette Devlin, the 21-year-old student and civil rights campaigner, won the Mid-Ulster by-election.
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- Richard Nixon becomes President of the United States
- Hurricane Camille hits the Mississippi coast killing 248 people.
- Charles de Gaulle Resigns as French President.
- The Death Penalty is abolished in the UK.
- First Concorde test flight is conducted In France
- Seiko sells the first Quartz Watch.
- 14 August – British troops were deployed for the first time in Northern Ireland to restore law and order.
- The manned moon mission, Apollo 12, successfully launches and lands on the moon on July 20th.
- 31 December – the half crown coin was permanently withdrawn from circulation in Ireland.



Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Final Kilkenny v Offaly

Croke Park
Sunday 20th July 1969

Kilkenny Just Scrape Home
Kilkenny 3-9 Offaly 0-16



Offaly came near to creating the hurling sensation of the century by holding Kilkenny to two points in the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Final at Croke Park on Sunday, in a game that kept the crowd on its toes right up to the final whistle.

Adopting what was obviously a pre-match decision to concentrate on points, a policy which cost them the title, Offaly, even in the closing stages when a goal was their only hope, never looked like getting goals, and Ollie Walsh came through with his net intact.

With never more than a couple of points between them, and with Offaly showing amazing dash and enthusiasm, Kilkenny had to fight for their lives to avoid defeat. It was not a brilliant game, but there were some brilliant individual performances. The lesson the Kilkenny selectors learned - that they won a Leinster final with one forward, for all practical purposes - ought not to be lost sight of. The inept Kilkenny attack with Pat Delaney a notable exception failed hopelessly to avail of many chances that could have clinched the issue long before the end.

Offaly deserved full marks for a really great display which certainly proved that their convincing victory over Wexford was not a flash in the pan. In fact, if they had another forward of the calibre of Paddy Molloy, the result might well have been reversed.

Kilkenny's hero on Sunday was undoubtedly the bustling Pat Delaney who scored all three goals for Kilkenny. He could not have timed his scores better as they all came at times when it looked as if Offaly might go well ahead. His last goal in particular was a real tonic for the noresiders. They were trailing by two points with less than seven minutes left in the game when Delaney gave Offaly goalkeeper Damien Martin no chance with a low shot.

Although Offaly did concentrate on points, they tried for goals on a few occasions but found Ollie in unbeatable form in the Kilkenny goal.

Damien Martin in the Offaly goal also gave a magnificent display and could not be blamed for any of the shots that beat him. If he had got sufficient cover from a loose marking Offaly defence, he might well have kept his goal intact.

Half-time score: Kilkenny 2-4 Offaly 0-10

Kilkenny Scorers: P. Delaney 3-0, E. Keher 0-5, M. Brennan 0-2, J. Millea 0-1, J. Lynch 0-1

Offaly Scorers: P. Molloy 0-8, J. Flaherty 0-3, D. Hannify 0-2, P. Mulhaire 0-1, J. Kirwan 0-1, J. Healion 0-1

Kilkenny: O. Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, W. Murphy, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, P. Moran, M. Lalor, P. Lalor, P. Delaney, E. Keher, J. Millea, J. Lynch, M. Brennan.

Subs. J. Kinsella, S. Buckley.

Offaly: D. Martin, P. Spellman, D. Flanagan, J. Murphy, T. Moylan, J. Kirwan, E. Fox, J.J.Healion, D. Hannify, D. Burke, P. J. Whelehan, J. Flaherty, P. Mulhare, W. Gorman, P. Molloy.

Subs. M. Kirwan, P. Moylan, T. Dooley.

Referee Jimmy Grey (Dublin).





All -Ireland Hurling Championship Semi-Final Kilkenny v London

Croke Park
Sunday 17th August 1969

London Trounced in Dull Encounter. Kilkenny 3-22 London 1-10



*Tommy Murphy
Scored 3-1*



*Jim Bennett (Bennettsbridge)
London's top scorer.*

Kilkenny coasted to an amazingly easy 3-22 to 1-10 victory over a weak London side in an incredibly boring All-Ireland hurling semi-final at Croke Park on Sunday.

Kilkenny toyed with the emigrants for most of the hour and they never looked as if they were at full strength.

The London side fell to pieces under the mighty hurling of Kilkenny and after Sunday's humiliating defeat, it is certain they will have second thoughts about entering the senior championship again.

The game did not even serve as a useful pre-final workout for Kilkenny, as their strength cannot be gauged on their display against a sub-standard team.

Fr. Tommy Murphy celebrated his return to the side with a fine three goal display. As well as contributing to the scoring he combined very well with his team mate Eddie Keher.

Playing his first game for Kilkenny in three years, he dealt a shattering blow to the London side when he shot to the net in the second minute after goalkeeper W. Barnville had blocked down a '70 from Paddy Moran. Kilkenny led at half time by 1-12 to 0-6. Ollie Walsh got little to do in the Kilkenny goal. Pat

Henderson, with Ted Carrol and Jim Treacy, formed a very competent full back line. Martin Coogan was the best of the half-back line.

Paddy Moran had a field day at centre-field as did Frank Cummins when he replaced Mick Lawlor.

As well as Murphy and Keher who had a personal tally of 12 points, Pat Delaney and Martin Brennan were very impressive.

Willie Barnville in the London goal gave an outstanding display and if the rest of the side had played with the same fervour and enthusiasm, the final score might have been much closer.

Martin Kirwan, Paddy Fahy, Tom Connolly, and Nicky Power were other players to impress.

Jim Bennett, the former Kilkenny player, who was London's top scorer also tried hard.

Kilkenny Scorers: Fr. T. Murphy 3-1, E. Keher 0-12, P. Kavanagh 0-3, P. Delaney 0-2, F. Cummins 0-1, S. Buckley 0-1, J. Millea 0-1, S. Cleere 0-1

London Scorers: J. Bennett 0-5, T. Connolly 1-0, B. Barry 0-3, N. Power 0-1, P. Fahy 0-1.

Kilkenny : O. Walsh, P. Henderson, T. Carroll, J. Treacy, S. Cleere, W. Murphy, M. Coogan, P. Moran, M. Lawlor, P. Kavanagh, P. Delaney, E. Keher, J. Millea, M. Brennan, T. Murphy.

Subs. F. Cummins, S. Buckley, J. Kinsella.

London: W. Barnville (Tipperary), M. Kirwan (Waterford), L. Walsh (Kilkenny), T. Nolan (Wexford), P. Fahy (Galway), M. Connolly (Galway), W. Twomey (Cork), P. O' Neill (Tipperary), M. Meaney, (Cork), T. Connolly (Galway), J. Bennett (Kilkenny), B. Barry (Offaly), T. Cleary (Offaly) N. Power (Wexford), J. Organ (Clare).

Subs. S. Lambe (Offaly), D. Horgan (Tipperary), W. Twomey (Cork)

Referee A. Higgins (Galway)



RESULTS 1969

LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Round 25th May in O' Connor Park, Referee John Dowling (Offaly)
Laois 5-12 Westmeath 0-1
 Quarter Final 15th June in O' Moore Park, Referee Paddy Johnston (Kilkenny)
Offaly 8-10 Laois 2-5
 Semi-Final 22nd June Wexford Park, Referee B. Stack (Laois) Attendance 5,000
Kilkenny 2-20 Dublin 2-6
 Semi-Final 29th June Croke Park, Referee Jimmy Rankin (Laois)
Offaly 5-10 Wexford 3-11
 Final 20th July Croke Park Referee Jimmy Grey (Dublin) Attendance 24,800
Kilkenny 3-9 Offaly 0-16

MUNSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Final June 1st. Walsh Park, Referee Michael Slattery (Clare)
Tipperary 3-18 Waterford 1-12
 Quarter Final June 15th Thurles Referee S. O' Connor (Limerick) Attendance 21,000
Cork 3-8 Clare 1-4
 Semi-final 22nd June Cork Athletic Grounds, Referee Michael Slattery (Clare)
Tipperary 0-14 Limerick 2-5
 Semi-Final 29th June Limerick, G. Fitzgerald (Limerick) Attendance 10,000
Cork 3-15 Galway 1-10
 Final July 27th Limerick, Referee S. O' Connor (Limerick) attendance 43,569
Cork 4-6 Tipperary 0-9

ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Final, August 17th Croke Park, Referee A. Higgins (Galway)
Kilkenny 3-22 London 1-10
 All-Ireland SH Final, Sept 7th Croke Park, Attendance 66,844, Referee S. O' Connor (Limerick)
Kilkenny 2-15 Cork 2-9

OTHER ALL IRELAND HURLING FINAL RESULTS

Intermediate	Kildare	2-8	Cork	3-4
Junior	Warwickshire	3-6	Kerry	0-11
Under 21	Cork	5-13	Wexford	4-7
Minor	Cork	2-15	Kilkenny	3-6

OTHER NATIONAL HURLING RESULTS

National Hurling League	Cork	3-12	Wexford	1-14
Oireachtas Final	Kilkenny	4-14	Cork	3-10
Walsh Cup	Wexford	6-13	Dublin	3-18
Railway Cup	Munster	3-13	Connaught	4-4



KILKENNY SNIPPETS 1969

KILKENNY'S NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE RESULTS 1968/1969

13-10-1968	Waterford	4-12	Kilkenny	3-7
27-10-1968	Kilkenny	2-15	Laois	2-8
9-2-1969	Wexford	2-6	Kilkenny	2-4
9-3-1969	Kilkenny	6-7	Offaly	2-5
23-3-1969	Kilkenny	4-7	Tipperary	3-15

KILKENNY'S COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL RESULTS

Senior Hurling	James Stephens	8-5	Fenians	2-7
Junior Hurling	Clara	1-17	Tullagher	2-6
Under 21 Hurling	James Stephens	5-17	St. Senans	0-3
Minor Hurling	Dicksboro	2-9	Dunnamaggin	2-3
Under 16 H	Dunnamaggin	6-5	St. Patricks	0-8
Senior Football	Railyard	0-11	Mooncoin	0-6
Junior Football	Bennettsbridge	3-5	Lamogue	1-5
Minor Football	Dicksboro	2-4	Kilmoganny	1-5
Under 16 F	St. Patricks	beat	Graignamanagh	

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TOM RYALL'S 1969 REPORT

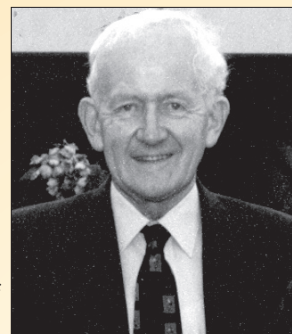
Kilkenny set out on the way to winning their seventeenth All-Ireland in 1969 with an easy victory over Dublin at Wexford by 2-20 to 2-6. This game saw the return of Ollie Walsh to goal. He got a great ovation from supporters. Kilkenny led at half-time by 1-9 to 1-5 and had no trouble in the second half. Dublin only scored their second goal in the last minute.

Offaly provided unfamiliar opposition to Kilkenny in the Leinster Final having surprised All-Ireland champions Wexford in the semi-final. With never more than a couple of points between the sides, and with Offaly showing amazing dash and enthusiasm, Kilkenny had to fight tooth and nail to avoid defeat. The closeness of the scores kept spectators enthralled. Offaly took an 0-5 to 0-2 lead in the first ten minutes. Then Pat Delaney scored Kilkenny's* first goal in the 13th minute to level the scores. Offaly built up a three point lead with a minute to go to half-time. Then Kilkenny struck for a levelling goal. A high ball into the goalmouth found Joe Millea and Pat Delaney ready and it was flashed to the net for the equaliser - Kilkenny 2-4; Offaly 0-10. Pat Delaney is credited with scoring three goals, but a number of spectators believe Joe Millea got the one before half-time. Delaney was Kilkenny's man of the match, and but for his dynamic play, Offaly would have taken their first Leinster title.

With seven minutes to go, Offaly led by two points. Delaney struck again and scored another goal. This was a crushing blow to the rampant Offaly men. The winners added two points, to which Paddy Molloy replied with a point, but the full time whistle saw Kilkenny ahead by 3-9 to 0-16. The winners' best players, in addition to Delaney were Ollie Walsh, Pat Henderson, Jim Treacy, Willie Murphy and Paddy Moran.

Kilkenny had to play an All-Ireland semi-final against London, who were competing in the senior championship for the first time since 1903. The Noresiders toyed with the emigrants and the game did not even serve as a useful workout. The match saw the return of Tommy Murphy for the first time since the All-Ireland of 1966. He celebrated by scoring the three Kilkenny goals.

A member of the London team was Jim Bennett, who had helped Kilkenny to their 1967 All-Ireland triumph. Another Kilkenny player on the losing side was Liam Walsh of Mullinavat, who played at full-back. Kilkenny led by 1-12 to 0-6 at half- time. The highlight of the second half was a point scored by Seamus Cleere from almost one hundred yards. The final score was Kilkenny 3-22; London 1-10.



Eddie O'Brien v Ted Carroll in the Final.



Pat Henderson



Martin Coogan



The All-Ireland final against Cork did not produce fare in the classical mould of some previous deciders between the pair, but, nevertheless, it was an entertaining battle. Cork were on top in the first half. However, Kilkenny's display of skill and power in the second half fashioned a victory that must rank highly with any of the other All-Irelands won.

Cork got a tonic start with a cheeky goal by Charlie McCarthy after it appeared that Pa Dillon had been fouled as he went to challenge the Finbarrs man. The Leesiders continued to force the pace and led by sue points approaching half-time. Then Kilkenny got a vital break. A line ball by Mick Lawlor was dropped by goalkeeper, Paddy Barry. Martin Brennan was on hand and slapped the ball into the net. That left Cork leading by 2-6 to 1-6 at half-time. Charlie McCarthy had a point for the losers within a minute of the restart. Kilkenny got into the hunt with a goal by Joe Millea in the sixth minute. Then in the tenth minute came the "incident" that changed this game around. Pat Delaney received a blow on the head and was carried on a stretcher from the pitch. As if incensed by this foul, the whole Kilkenny team caught fire. For the next twenty minutes they ground Cork into submission and ran out winners by 2-15 to 2-9. Eddie Keher pointed the free following the foul on Delaney and left the scores 2-7 each. Charlie McCarthy put Cork ahead again with a point from a free. Martin Coogan replied with a point from a seventy. Pat Kavanagh gave Kilkenny the lead twelve minutes from the end with a point. A Martin Brennan point was answered by one from Charlie McCarthy, but in the last seven minutes, Kilkenny had five points in-a- row from Martin Coogan, Paddy Moran, and three from Eddie Keher. The losers fielded without Con Roche (suspended) and Justin McCarthy, who was injured following a fall from a motor cycle while travelling to training. Kilkenny were without Paddy Moran, who had 'flu. Moran went on when Delaney was injured and played at left half-forward. Eddie Keher moved to centre-forward. The attendance was 64,844. The Kilkenny captain was Eddie Keher.

Pat Henderson gave a masterly display at centre half-back. His performance in the last twenty minutes must rank with the greatest ever in this vital position. Beside him, Martin Coogan starred all through, and Willie Murphy, who settled down after a nervous start, completed a line that was impregnable. Ted Carroll had his best hour at comerback and took the Texaco award for his displays throughout the year. He mastered Eddie O'Brien, John O'Halloran and Charlie Cullinane in turn. O'Brien, his immediate opponent, was taken off at half-time. Sean McLoughlin (Tipperary), his opponent in the 1967 All-Ireland, was also taken off at half-time. These actions testify to the part played by Ted in these All-Ireland triumphs.

Jim Treacy was little, if anything, behind Henderson and Carroll, while Pa Dillon, after some difficulty with Ray Cummins in the first half, settled in the second. Ollie Walsh could not be faulted for the goals that beat him. Mick Lawlor got into the side in place of Paddy Moran and gave a great display at centrefield. With Frank Cummins outhurling Denis Coughlan, Kilkenny held sway in the vital midfield exchanges. Eddie Keher, particularly when he moved to centre forward, tore the Cork defence to ribbons and played a real captain's part. Paddy Moran and Pat Kavanagh, both of whom went on as substitutes, played vital roles, while Joe Millea and Martin Brennan scored the vital goals. Pat Delaney tried hard while on the field. Claus Dunne, who made a return to the side, never hit his usual form and Tommy Murphy did not reach the standard he attained against London. He was replaced in the last seven minutes by Sean Buckley.

Scorers for Kilkenny were Eddie Keher (0-8); Martin Coogan (0-3); Martin Brennan (1-1); Joe Millea (1-0); Tommy Murphy, Pat Kavanagh, Mick Lawlor, and Paddy Moran (0-1) each.

From "Kilkenny - The GAA Story 1884 - 1984"



Jim Treacy



Mick Lawlor



Martin Brennan



Frank Cummins



Joe Millea



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1969

All-Ireland SH Championship Final Kilkenny v Cork

Croke Park
Sunday 20th July 1969

Match Report from the Kilkenny People

Doubtful Start : Glorious Finish 17th Title A Sweet Victory Kilkenny 2-15 Cork 2-9

Another glorious chapter in the history of Kilkenny hurling was written at Croke Park on Sunday when the Noremen conquered a confident Cork side to win the All-Ireland senior hurling championship final by 2-15 to 2-9 to avenge the 1966 defeat when Kilkenny confidently expected to win, went under to their old Leaside rivals.

All the glamour of past epics, the Kilkenny - Cork clashes that have become part and parcel of hurling history was recaptured in the Croke Park atmosphere on Sunday in a game that lived true to tradition.

The Kilkenny -Cork saga really began in 1906, the year in which the 1904 All-Ireland Hurling final was played between the counties and which Kilkenny won by a single point -the first of a series of memorable battles between the sides that lifted hurling to a new peak of skill and craft and thrilled thousands of followers in successive generations.

The Kilkenny -Cork All-Ireland finals soon took on a new meaning after that memorable 1904 final at Dungarven and every generation of hurlers in the counties added new lustre and brought a new glamour to a great game.

The 1912 final between the sides was perhaps the first of the great classics in hurling and the hurling was set alight by the three games in 1931 when Cork won the honours after two thrilling draws. The 1939 and 1947 finals added further prestige to the Kilkenny-Cork story.

Thus prepared for the best the game had to offer 66,844 hurling fans flocked to Croke Park on Sunday and while this may not have been the greatest final between the counties it was nonetheless a final in the classical mould and featured a typical Kilkenny rally, steeped in the Kilkenny tradition.

The interval between the minor and senior games was filled in by a most entertaining musical recital by the Artane Band and artists who rendered honour to Kilkenny and Cork by the singing of the Rose of Mooncoin and The Banks of My Own Lovely Lee.

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS
IOMÁNA na hÉIREANN
PÁIRC AN CHRÓCAIGH 7-9-1969

SINSIR
3.15 p.m.



D. O' MURCHU (Corcaigh)



E. O' CEITHIR (Cill Chainnigh)

MIONÚIR
1.45 p.m.



D. Mac CORMAIC (Cill Chainnigh)



S. O' COILEAIN (Corcaigh)

LUACH 1/-

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME *Seán & Nochán*



Rival Captains, Eddie Keher and Denis Murphy, with referee, Sean O'Connor.



The teams paraded behind the band and after the captains and the referee Sean O'Connor were introduced to the Archbishop of Cashel Most Rev. Dr. Morris, Parton of the GAA the stage was set for the big game.

Cork started like giant killers and their early supremacy suggested an easy victory for the Leesiders.

Kilkenny were slow to settle down and after a minute and a half Cork scored a goal, in fact Cork were rampant in the early stages but their lead was only 2 points (1-2 to 0-3) at the end of the first quarter.

While having somewhat the best of the exchanges Cork were not getting the scores up to this but they pulled away with a goal in the 17th minute and had a clear 2 goal lead after 24 minutes. The tempo of the Cork effort was maintained until just before the interval when a great side line ball by Mick Lawlor dropped into the Cork goalmouth. Paddy Barry the Cork goalkeeper caught the ball but let it fall and he also dropped his hurley in the melee and Martin Brennan did not waste any time in flicking the ball to the net.

The goal came at a psychological moment. It retrieved what looked like an awkward situation for Kilkenny and despite Cork sparkling hurling in the first half they turned over with only a goal to spare.

On the restart Cork increased their lead to 4 points but by the 11th minute the sides were level.

It was from then on we saw the best of Kilkenny, and it was really good, Martin Brennan put Kilkenny in front for the first time with a point and from then to the end it was all Kilkenny.

Kilkenny added 6 points, the total by which they won in the end. It hardly reflects Kilkenny's real supremacy in the last quarter.

Cork made little or no effort in the way of switches to restore an obvious hopeless situation but it was very doubtful if anything they might have done could have stopped Pat Henderson whose performance was as good as has ever been seen in Croke Park. Martin Coogan was equally prominent and he was placing frees and 70 in the right place.

The more the game progressed the more competent Kilkenny became and the few times the ball the ball did reach the Kilkenny end the Kilkenny full-back line dealt with the situation with ease.

Cork were strong pre-match favourites and few of the critics gave Kilkenny little hope.

The loss of Justin McCarthy was severely felt by Cork, but Kilkenny were equally handicapped by the absence of Paddy Moran who could only come on in the later stages of the second half.

While every man on the side earned his laurels for courage and effort no member of the team would begrudge Ted Carroll his due honour of as the man who stood between Kilkenny and extreme danger, particularly in the first half when the Corkmen were playing with such dash and enthusiasm that they looked like sweeping Kilkenny off their feet. The Lisdowney and former St. Kieran's College star in his own inimitable and quite way helped to slow Cork's onslaught.

It is hard to say whether his performance was better than in 1963 when he completely blotted out Waterford's star forward Tom Cheasty and played a big part in Kilkenny's 1963 All-Ireland final triumph. For courage, daring and determination it would be hard to find a parallel for his performance.

Pa Dillon and Jim Treacy were a bit unsettled after the first Cork goal but both settled down well to play brilliantly and in the second half they had had the complete measure of their opponents.

There was a great assurance Kilkenny's half back line in the second half. Pat Henderson turned in a magnificent display. He caught balls with ease and supplied the Kilkenny attack with a fine service.

Martin Coogan was also in brilliant form and his free taking was excellent. Right half back Willie Murphy playing in his first All-Ireland, was another who was

SCORES BY THE CLOCK



TIME	TEAM	SCORE	SCORER
FIRST HALF			
1 min.	CORK	GOAL	C. McCARTHY
4 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
8 min.	CORK	POINT	P. HEGARTY
9 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	M. COOGAN (F)
11 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
14 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
15 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
16 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER
18 min.	CORK	GOAL	E. O' BRIEN
19 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER
22 min.	CORK	POINT	E. O' BRIEN
24 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
26 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
27 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	M. LAWLOR
28 min.	KILKENNY	GOAL	M. BRENNAN
HALF TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 1-6 CORK 2-6			
SECOND HALF			
1 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
6 min.	KILKENNY	GOAL	J. MILLEA
11 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
13 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY (F)
14 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	M. COOGAN (F)
15 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	P. KAVANAGH
18 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	M. BRENNAN
22 min.	CORK	POINT	C. McCARTHY
23 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	M. COOGAN
24 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	P. MORAN
25 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
26 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
28 min.	KILKENNY	POINT	E. KEHER (F)
FULL TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 2-15 CORK 2-9			



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slow to get off the mark, but he was ebullient in the second half, and gave Pat Hegarty little chance when he got into his stride. Paddy Moran who was selected to play but had to withdraw due to an attack of flu was replaced by Mick Lawlor to partner Frank Cummins at centre-field and although up against Denis Coughlan and Roger Tuohy who were the stars against Tipperary in the Munster final, they played the Cork men off the field.

Eddie Keher played a captain's part in the attack. He did not have the best of luck with his shooting in the first half but he showed great coolness at the critical time.

Pat Delaney who was injured early in the first half and replaced in the second half was not as prominent as in previous games due to the early injury, and was replaced by Paddy Moran.

Martin Brennan and Joe Millea also made a significant contribution to the victory. They had a goal each and Martin also scored one of the best points of the game.

Claus Dunne never showed a glimpse of his true form and was replaced Pat Kavanagh

Tommy Murphy distributed the ball well but was closely policed by Tony Maher, one of the most consistent of the Cork's backs, and he was replaced by Sean Buckley .

Paddy Barry had a good game in the Cork goal and in addition to Tony Maher, Tom O Donoghue and Denis Murphy did good work in defence without reaching the heights of the Munster final.

Gerry McCarthy had a splendid game at left half back until the closing stages, while Willie Walsh played well until Eddie Keher moved into the centre.

Denis Coughlin also sparkled in the early stages, but neither he nor Roger Tuohy or John Murphy could match Kilkenny's



Eddie Keher, Kilkenny captain, raised the McCarthy Cup, with Uachtarán, Seamus Ó Riain.



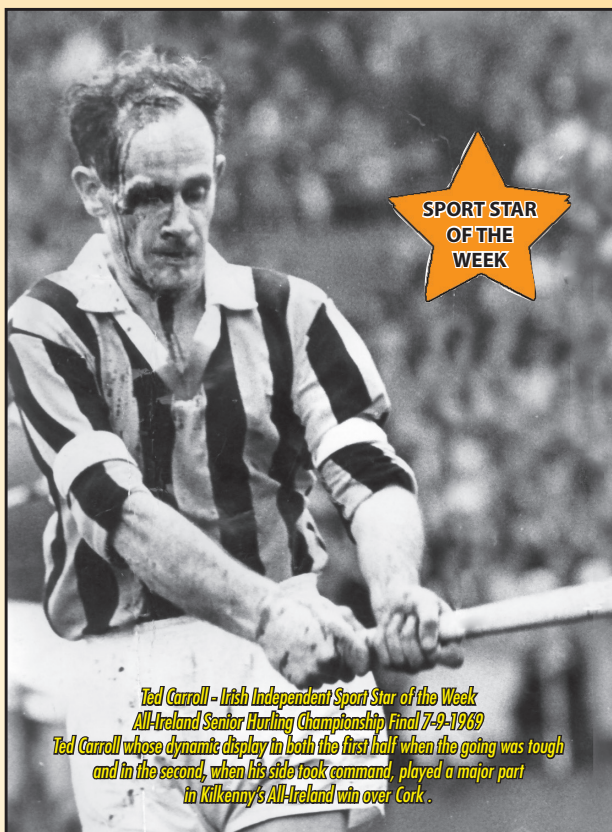
A spectacular clearance from Ollie Walsh during the final.



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Kilkenny—Ollie Walsh, Ted Carroll, Pa Dillon, Jim Treacy,Willie Murphy (Rower-Inistioge), Pat Henderson, Martin Coogan, Mick Lawler, Frank Cummins, Claus Dunne, Pat Delaney, Eddie Keher (Capt), Joe Millea, Martin Brennan, Tommy Murphy. Subs—Pat Kavanagh for Claus Dunne, Paddy Moran for Pat Delaney, Sean Buckley for Tommy Murphy, Noel Skehan, Seamus Cleere, Jim Lynch.

Cork—Paddy Barry, Tony Maher, Tom O'Donoghue, Denis Murphy (Capt), Donal Clifford, Willie Walsh, Gerald McCarthy, Denis Coughlan, Roger Touhy, Tomas Ryan, Charlie Cullinane, Pat Hegarty, Charlie McCarthy, Ray Cummins, Eddie O'Brien. Subs—John O'Halloran for Eddie O'Brien, Joe Murphy for Roger Touhy, Seamus Looney for Tom Ryan, John Mitchell, John Ryan.



*Ted Carroll - Irish Independent Sport Star of the Week
All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final 7-9-1969
Ted Carroll whose dynamic display in both the first half when the going was tough and in the second, when his side took command, played a major part in Kilkenny's All-Ireland win over Cork.*



Kilkenny Subs for the Final from left: Noel Skehan, Sean Buckley, Seamus Cleere, Jim Lynch, Paddy Moran, Pat Kavanagh.

TOP 8 SCORERS IN THE 1969 ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Rank	Player	County	Games	Total Scored
1	Paddy Molloy	Offaly	3	8-18
2	Eddie Keher	Kilkenny	4	1-35
3	Charlie McCarthy	Cork	4	6-13
4	Jimmy Doyle	Tipperary	3	1-18
5	Paddy Bates	Laois	2	2-7
6	Pat Delaney	Kilkenny	4	3-3
6	Michael Keating	Tipperary	3	1-9
7	Pat Hegarty	Cork	4	1-8

CILL CHAINNIGH

Dathanna : Dubh is Bui
(Black and Amber)



(1)
O. Breathnach
(Thomastown)



(2)
T. Ó Cearbhaill
(Lisdowney)



(3)
P. Ó Diolúin
(St. Lachtains)



(4)
S. Ó Treasaigh
(Bennettsbridge)



(5)
L. Ó Murchú
(Rower-Inistioge)



(6)
P. Mac Aindréis
(Fenians, Johnstown)



(7)
M. Ó Cuagáin
(Erin's Own)



(8)
P. Ó Móráin
(Bennettsbridge)



(9)
M. Ó Leathlobhair
(Coon)



(10)
P. Caomhánach
(Rower-Inistioge and U.C.D.)



(11)
P. Ó Dúláinne
(Fenians, Johnstown)



(12)
E. Ó Ceithir (Capt.)
(Rower-Inistioge)



(13)
S. Ó Maolaoidh
(Graigue)



(14)
M. Ó Braonáin
(Erin's Own)



(15)
T. Ó Murchú
(Rower-Inistioge)

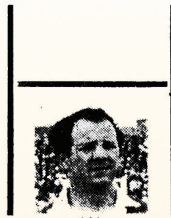
Fir Ionaid : (16) S. Ó Loingsigh (Mooncoin); (17) S. de Cléir (Bennettsbridge); (18) S. Ó Buachalla (Moondharrig, Ath Cliath); (19) N. Ó Sceacháin (Bennettsbridge); (20) C. Ó Duinn (Mooncoin).

CILL CHAINNIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	70 Sl.	Saor-Phocanna
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



CORCAIGH

Dathanna : Dearg is Bán
(Red and White)



(1)
P. de Barra
(Vincent's)



(2)
A. Ó Meachair
(Finbarrs)



(3)
T. Ó Donnchú
(Sarsfields)



(4)
D. Ó Murchú (Capt.)
(Finbarrs)



(5)
D. Ó Clumháin
(U.C.C.)



(6)
L. Breathnach
(Youghal)



(7)
G. Mac Cárthaigh
(Finbarrs)



(8)
D. Ó Cochláin
(Glen Rovers)



(9)
R. Tuathaigh
(Na Piarasaigh)



(10)
T. Ó Riain
(Inniscarra)



(11)
C. Ó Cuilleanáin
(Finbarrs)



(12)
P. Ó hEigearthaigh
(Youghal)



(13)
C. Mac Cárthaigh
(Finbarrs)



(14)
R. Ó Cuimín
(U.C.C.)



(15)
E. Ó Briain
(Passage)

Seoir :
NCHÚIR
(neach)

Se-Cúl :
Quagáin
(limh)

Se-lla Catháin
(anntáin)

Se-olla Chirce
(Macha)

Se-altún
(áirge)

Fir Ionaid : (16) S. Mistéil (U.C.C.); (17) S. ó hAllmhuráin (U.C.C.); (18) S. ó Luanaigh (U.C.C.); (19) S. ó Murchú (Passage); (20) S. ó Riain (Youghal).

CORCAIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	70 Sl.	Saor-Phocanna
1ad Leath (1st Half)					
2ad Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



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**Back: Pa Dillon, Martin Coogan, Ted Carroll, Billy Murphy, Frank Cummins, Pat Henderson, Ollie Walsh.
Front: Joe Millea, Martin Brennan, Jim Treacy, Tommy Murphy, Eddie Cheer, Claus Dunne, Pat Delaney, Mick Lawlor.
Ray McManus / SPORTSFILE**



CORK ALL-IRELAND RUNNERS-UP 1969

*Back: Denis Coughlan, Thomas Ryan, Charlie Cullinane, Eddie O'Brien, Willie Walsh, Tom O'Donoghue, Tony Maher.
Front: Roy Cummins, Charlie McCarthy, Pat Hegarty, Paddy Barry, Denis Murphy (capt), Gerald McCarthy, Donal Clifford, Roger Touhy.*



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Frank Cummins in action in the 1969 All Ireland SH Final



Pa Dillon versus Ray Cummins in the 1969 All Ireland SH Final





Kilkenny Team members celebrate in the Hogan Stand as Eddie Keher receives the McCarthy Cup



ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING FINAL, 1969.
The Pre-Match Parade. Kilkenny players led by Eddie Keher (captain), Tommy Murphy, Pa Dillon, Jim Treacy, Joe Millea, Ted Carroll, Pat Henderson, Ollie Walsh, Pat Delaney, Martin Brennan, Frank Cummins, Willie Murphy, Martin Coogan, Mick Lawlor, Claus Dunne.



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*The 1969 All-Ireland winning team are introduced to the crowd at half-time in the 1994 All-Ireland final.
Left to right: Pat Kavanagh, Noel Skehan, Paddy Moran, Sean Buckley, Seamus Cleere, Jim Lynch, Tom Murphy, Martin Brennan, Joe Millea, Pat Delaney, Claus Dunne, Mick Lawlor, Frank Cummins,
MarrinCoogan, Pat Henderson, Billy Murphy, Jim Treacy, Pa Dillon, Ted Carroll, Ollie Walsh, Eddie Keher (capt). Photo: SPORTSFILE*



Headlines from Other Newspapers

Irish Independent

Apparent Disaster Was Prelude To Victory Kilkenny Fight Back Corkmen Falter Before Determined Onslaught Kilkenny 2-15 Cork 2-9

By John D Hickey

What looked a shattering blow to any hopes Kilkenny supporters may have bravely clung to, turned out a hurling elixir to the Leinster title holders, scarcely conceded a chance outside their own county at Croke Park yesterday as they scored an All-Ireland senior hurling final victory over Cork that was far more comprehensive than the final tally of 2-15 to 2-9.....

Tonic Start For Cork

By Bob Hyland

Conditions were almost ideal when the teams took the field with the autumn sun shining into the Railway goal and a light breeze blowing downfield into the canal end. Cork won the toss and elected to play against the breeze and within 90 seconds were a goal up by Charlie McCarthy.....

The Goal that Won The day

Mitchel Cogley's View

Less than a minute to play in the first half, Cork a comfortable six points in front which should have been more. Mick Lawlor drafted in at centre-field to replace flu victim Paddy Moran lands a high ball into the Cork goalmouth, Cork goalkeeper Paddy Barry got his hand to the ball but fails to hold it and Martin Brennan dashes in to slam the ball into the net. I turned to a press colleague and said to him that goal could win the game for Kilkenny.....

The Cork Examiner.

Kilkenny Power Dream Shattered In Dramatic Second Half. Kilkenny 2-15 Cork 2-9

By Val Dorgan.

Cork must still come of age in terms of records and the immaturity of a young team. The dream of a 21st. All-Ireland crown so tangible at half-time in Croke Park yesterday, became the nightmare reality of Kilkenny's experienced resurgence. Cork's almost gay romp through the first half left Kilkenny bemused and so fortunate to be only 2-6 to 1-6 behind at half-time. They emerged belatedly to face Cork and the wind in the second half totally changed in their approach and almost unbelievably successful. Kilkenny drove up the pace of the game, tackling and marking with controlled fury and eventually they broke Cork. The team of many near veterans not alone maintained the legitimate ferocity of their assault but raised it to an inhuman pitch which young Cork could not match. The wide open spaces of Croke Park in the first half were now peopled by waspish black and amber hordes.....



ALL IRELAND MINOR HURLING FINAL 1969

CORK MINORS WERE COMPLETE MASTERS

CORK 2-15 KILKENNY 3-6

TWO GOALS and a point in the last four minutes put a face-saving look for Kilkenny on the scoreboard at the end of yesterday's AH-Ireland minor hurling championship final, but it was a flattering one, for a dashing and accomplished Cork team had dictated the trend all through a one-sided but entertaining hour, and their six points margin in no way reflected their over-all superiority.

Cork had more than a slight edge in every department, not only through their own individual skills, but more through the surprising and quite untypical ineptness of far too many on a Kilkenny team that fell very far short of the standard expected from black-and-amber minors.

Here and there on the losing team, one saw the county's typical clever stick-work and crisp striking, but for the most part there was untidiness, fumbling and foostering, mishitting, and complete lack of team-work.

It was just too easy for the Cork team, with no apparent weaknesses, a better than average all-round standard, and one quite outstanding individual performance which alone made the occasion a memorable one.

This came from left half forward Tom Sheehan, whose ten points, five from frees, were all straight out of the text-book, and whose general play was that of a born hurler. Too often, perhaps, has a minor player been over-praised, to his own detriment, but it must be said that in young Sheehan yesterday I saw sheer brilliance, a forward in the mould of Tip-perary's Timmy Doyle and Kilkenny's Tom Walsh, destined

to make his mark in the game if he can preserve a sense of values.

Others to shine in the Cork attack yesterday were Sean O'Leary in the left corner, and Gerald Hanley, an accomolished full forward, but their colleagues, Seamus O'Farrell, Tom Crowley, and Frank Coughlan, also made a valuable contribution towards making the play for many of Sheehan's and Hanley's scoring tally.

Pat Kavanagh was the best of the midfielders on view and in occasional spells of Kilkenny pressure, Cork were oarticularly well served by defenders, John Rothwell, Pat Casey and Martin Doherty.

Glaring weaknesses in the Kilkenny defence were often sealed off through the industry and skills of Ger Burke, Tony Teehan and Derry McCormack. while Tom Cordon, in goal, helped to keep the score down. Tom Phelan and Tom Waters at midfield produced touches which indicated they might be very good players having a bad day, but none of the forwards made any real impression, two of the goals coming from the midfielders, and the other from Dick O'Shea who came on as a sub.

In a tame opening, Sheehan pointed a Cork free in the 4th minute, and Bollard had a similar Kilkenny score in the 6th. A minute later Hanley restored Cork's lead with a point and in the 15th minute Bolland, again from a free, equalised. In the next minute Cork worked through for a well-taken goal, O'Leary positioning himself on the edge of the square to slam a pass from Hanley on the end

line to the net.

Kavanagh had a long range point for Kilkenny, but after two good saves by Cork goalkeeper Lawton, Cork finished the half through for a well taken goal, Sheehan from a free and two more from Hanley.

Half-time—Cork, 1-6; Kilkenny, 0-3. Sheehan had a quick point for Cork on the restart, but in the 3rd minute a ground shot by Phelan from 25 yards found the net for a Kilkenny goal; but Sheehan tacked on five points for Cork, one from a free, against Kilkenny points by Bollard (free) and Waters.

O'Leary, Hanley and Sheehan added further Cork points and then a low shot by Coughlan was deflected to the net by Hanley and Cork led by 2-15 to 1-5 with four minutes to play.

Kilkenny put in a belated flourish that brought goals from long range by Waters (free) and R. O'Shea and a point by M. O'Shea.

Cork: P. Lawton; P. Casey, J. Rothwell, G. O'Sullivan; K. Murray, M. Doherty, S. Collins (Capt.), N. Crowley, P. Kavanagh, S. O'Carroll, T. Crowley, T. Sheehan, F. Coughlan, G. Hanley, S. O'Leary.

Sub: S. Buckley (for Murray).

Kilkenny: T. Condon; P. Borden, P. Butler, T. Teehan; D. McCormack, G. Burke, G. McCarthy, T. Phelan, T. Waters, P. Bollard, M. O'Shea, M. Buggy, T. Neary, M. Carroll, D. Corcoran.

Sub: R. O'Shea (for Neary) F. O'Brien (for Corcoran).

Referee: J Rankin (Laois).

Mitchel Cogley



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Back: Jimmy O'Brien James Stephens, Tom Townsend John Lockes, Tony Teehan Coon, Ger Burke Dickshoro, Gerry McCarthy St Lactains, Mick O'Shea Ballyroget, Tom Phelan Durnamoggin,

Paddy Bolland Dickshoro, Tommy Neary Dickshoro, Dick O'Shea Durnamoggin, John Prendergast Clara, Eamon Cody James Stephens,

Front: Tommy Waters Rower histige, Marty Buggy St Lactains, Paddy Butler Griguge Ballycallan, Deidan Corcoran Gahnoy, Brendan Fitzpatrick Dickshoro, Dinny McCormack James Stephens,

Peter Boran Erin's Own, Tony Condon John Lockes, Michael Carroll Canahy Shamrocks.

Selectors: Mick O'Neill, John Roughan John Lockes, Jim Cuggy St Lactains, Ned Curran Emeralds, and Georgie Leahy James Stephens.

Trainer: Georgie Leahy James Stephens.



DOWN MEMORY LANE

ENTERTAINMENT ON SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 1969 IN KILKENNY AND SURROUNDING AREAS.

CINEMA

REGENT Kilkenny	Rio Conchos	Stuart Whitman, Richard Boone, Tony Franciosa
SAVOY Kilkenny	Fitzwillie Strikes Back	Dick Van Dyke, Barbara Feldon
BRANDON Graignamanagh	Crooks Anonymous	Leslie Phillips, Julie Christie, James Robinson Justice
ODEON Freshford	The Far Country	James Stewart, Ruth Roman
GRENNAN Thomastown	Love Me Tender	Elvis Presley, Debra Paget
DEEN Castlecomer	Blindfold	Rock Hudson, Claudia Cardinale, Jack Warden
ASTOR Bagenalstown	The Stand At Apache River	Stephen McNally, Julia Adams,
CYMS Johnstown	Sergeant Ryker	Lee Marvin, Bradford Dillman, Vera Miles



DANCING DIARY

MAYFAIR BALLROOM	THE TIMES
ROYAL OAK MARQUE	THE MIGHTY BARROW BOYS
DREAMLAND	THE ROYAL SHOWBAND
LAS VEGAS	THE BUCKAROOS
ARCADIA	PREMIER ACES
OLYMPIA	COLLEGE BOYS
MULLINAVAT HALL	THE COLOURS SHOWBAND
ABBEYLEIX	MAJORCA SHOWBAND
BARROWLAND	THE VIRGINIANS
ATLANTIC	CHESSMEN
FOX AND GOOSE	BILLY STONE
ADELPHI LOUNGE	THE HYMILERS AND SEAN CROSBY

COME TO THE CEILI MOONCOIN HALL, FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
MUSIC BY THE MOONCOIN CEILI BAND
FEATURING BREDA KINSELLA AND BILLY KELLY
DANCING 9 - 1 ADMISSION 7/6

EXCURSION TO DUBLIN

ON SUNDAY, 7th September, in connection with the All-Ireland Hurling Final, Cork v Kilkenny, special trains will be provided as follows:

FROM KILKENNY			
Depart			s d
Kilkenny	09.10	09.30	24 0
Heuston Station			
(Kingsbridge) arr	10.45	11.05	—
Return trains to Kilkenny at 18.15 and 18.30 (non-stop).			
FROM MUINE BHEAG			
Depart			s d
Muine Bheag	08.35	20 0	
Carlow	08.48	18 0	
Athy	09.04	16 0	
Kildare	09.26	11 0	
Heuston Station			
(Kingsbridge) arr	10	—	
Return train to Muine Bheag at 19.00.			
FROM WATERFORD			
Depart			s d
Waterford	08 50	30 0	
Thomastown	09.21	26 0	
Kilkenny	09.39	24 0	
Heuston Station			
(Kingsbridge) arr	11.25	—	

Return train from Heuston Station, Kingsbridge, at 18.45.





BACK HOME

DISAPPOINTING END TO GREATEST RECEPTION

No Kilkenny hurling team were ever given such a tumultuous welcome as were the All-Ireland champions as they arrived in the city on Monday night.

And no reception ever ended as dismally.

An enormous crowd of up to 20,000 men, women, and children, many of them wearing Kilkenny hats and waving black and amber flags turned out to greet the champions.

But their unbounded enthusiasm gave way to considerable disappointment when the team arrived on the Parade for a civic reception from the Mayor and Corporation.

The reception platform was in complete darkness and there was no public address system for speakers to address the huge crowd, which stretched down the Parade into High Street and Rose inn Street.

It was regrettable that the biggest reception ever seen in Kilkenny should have ended so disappointingly.

The hurlers themselves were denied the opportunity of thanking their supporters for an unprecedented turnout.

The Mayor, Miss Margaret Tynan was unable to welcome the team and congratulate them.

And the many thousands who came to greet the champions were denied the opportunity of seeing and listening to their heroes and getting involved in the infectious excitement that normally accompanies the civic welcome on the Parade.

However up to then the reception was all that any hurler could wish for.

Bonfires blazed all over the city. Flags precluded from many windows.

Shop windows were decorated with black and amber dolls.

Thousands greeted the team at the Railway station and formed an enormous procession when the hurlers moved away on black and amber bedecked lorries led by the St. Patrick's Brass and Reed band who were making their first public appearance in two years

As the lorry moved through thronged streets the procession grew rapidly, toilet rolls became huge streamers and the crowd chanted When the Champs Come Marching In.

By the time the Parade was reached the lorries had slowed to almost snails pace as they inched their way through the solid throng.

Many people coming behind found considerable difficulty in even getting within sight of the Parade.

When the team reached the reception platform there seemed to be much confusion.

The players were introduced individually to the crowd but only spectators close to the stand knew what was happening.

The Mayor Miss Margaret Tynan had prepared the following welcome.



Mayor Margaret Tynan

"As Mayor of Kilkenny I am very proud to welcome home our great team this evening. They have done honour to Kilkenny city and county and we are all extremely proud of them.

It was a match I personally will long remember and I know there are thousands who will reindorse my feelings

One of their finest hours was yesterday and I may say as Mayor of Kilkenny in Croke Park yesterday that it was one of my proudest hours.

There may have been one or two unpleasant incidents but the Kilkenny team can hold their heads high.

Their clean play, skill, and sportsmanship was a joy to watch and an example to exponents of all games.

May I say hard luck and well played to the minor team. There must be losers in everything but the really important fact is how you play the game, win or lose

There is next year to look forward to.

I should just like to say how pleased I am to see Pat Delaney and Ted Carroll here this evening. We had a few anxious moments yesterday but thank God nothing serious materialized. I should like to offer my condolences to Cork-a great side. They fought well but Kilkenny just had that little bit extra which mattered in the end.

We are always assured of a game of great craftsmanship when Kilkenny and Cork meet and yesterday we were not disappointed.

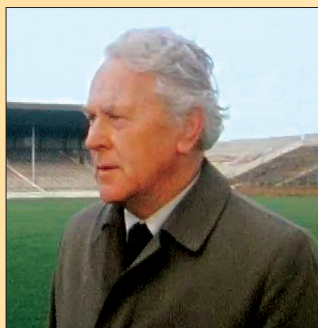
Hard luck to Cork but no doubt they will have their moments of glory in the not too far future."



VICTORY DINNER



History Made At Welcome Home Dinner



Seamus Ó Riain



Seán Ó Siochán

The first time in the history of the GAA the President and the Secretary of the association attended an official welcome home reception for a victorious All-Ireland hurling team on Monday night.

Seamus O Riain, G A A President and secretary Sean O Siochan were guests of the Kilkenny County Board at a dinner for the team in the Metropole hotel.

Referring to Sunday's Final Seamus O Riain said: "We were looking forward to a display that would put hurling back to where it should be. You the Kilkenny senior hurling team did that with a resounding display. There has been much talk of fire in Kilkenny recently. There was fire in the Kilkenny hurlers yesterday and they set Croke Park ablaze with their second half display, which was one of the best seen for many years. It was the type of display you can get only from All-Ireland champions".

Mr. O' Riain referred to the importance of encouraging young people to take up hurling and said it was at this level that the winners of All-Irelands were made.

Kilkenny had something special with which they imbued their young boys. They gave them the spirit and an extra special craft that was so evident on Sunday.

As well Kilkenny carried their honours very lightly with grace and with simplicity of character that seemed to go with hurlers.

He thought the huge crowds in Kilkenny were an indication of the spirit which helped Kilkenny sweep all before them in the final.

Sean O Siochán praised the manner in which Kilkenny had won and the sportsmanship they had shown in winning.

Although they had a few extra years in age over the Cork team they pulled out all the stops and showed that when Kilkenny set out to do a job they did it thoroughly.

By winning the team were now on a pedestal. They were the heroes of all hurling lovers and as such leadership was expected of them.

It was now their duty to promote the game among the young people and Kilkenny in the years ahead would be equal to Kilkenny in the years past.

"Hurlers are the finest people in Ireland", he went on. "There is something fine and grand about them-even more so than about footballers.

They are the type and they are in ideal positions to give leadership and I would ask the Kilkenny hurlers to give leadership not just in GAA matters but also in social fields in their own parishes.

You are natural leaders and you should give leadership wherever there is the need."

Mr. O Siochan then referred to a curious coincidence. The descendants of two people from the parish of Ballingearry in Cork had won All-Irelands medals on different sides on Sunday.

Sean O Leary whose father was from Ballingearry won a minor medal with Cork and Pat Kavanagh whose mother was also from Ballingearry won a senior medal with Kilkenny.

Mr. O Siochan paid tribute to all the Kilkenny officials particularly Father Tommy Maher who had done so much for hurling over the years.

Kilkenny Co. Board chairman Michael O' Neill said Sunday was a great day for the GAA and particularly for Kilkenny . The team won against all the odds, no one had had given them the least chance of winning.

"For some time past", he said, "people have been saying that hurling is on a decline, but the display in Croke Park yesterday gave a lie to those statements.

As long as there are Kilkenny and Cork men in Ireland hurling will not die."

He paid tribute to Eddie Keher, the captain of the team and all the officials who had contributed to the win.

Referring to the minor team he said half of the team would be eligible for next year's championship and with training and determination they could help bring home a minor title.

Rev J. Holohan Adm. St. Marys representing Bishop Birch, who was out of the country, said that Kilkenny's win reminded him of a piece of music that started softly, developed and came to a fortissimo that blasted everything out of the way.



Trainer Fr. Tommy Maher said he was never more anxious to win a match than he was on Sunday. No one deserved the win more than captain Eddie Keher he said. He was symbolic of the best in hurling and he was glad that he had now received the top award. He paid tribute to the whole team for the way they had knuckled down to training.

Congratulating the team he praised in particular the centre-field pairing of Frank Cummins and Mick Lawlor who had thundered into the game.

He thanked Dr. K. Cuddihy and Dr. J. Hindle for the services they gave to the team often at considerable inconvenience to themselves.

Footnote: Interestingly, 1969 was probably the only year in which the two contesting teams held a joint reception on All Ireland night. The Kilkenny and Cork teams both met in the Green Isle Hotel on the Sunday night, and by all accounts, a most enjoyable night was had by all.

KILKENNY ABU

The sun did shine in sixty nine on a sod well known to me
 The Noreside men did challenge then the champions from the Lee
 The whistle's whet the stage is set to start the mighty fray,
 The backs are back, the camans crack and the Corkmen break away

A major score soon brought a roar and shook the railway net
 'Twas plain to see 'twixt you and me that Cork would test us yet
 Now fast and true the leather flew and caused our hearts to pound
 Kilkenny's skill and fighting will regained some useful ground

Keher the star sent o'er the bar, a wizard so men say,
 I've seen him dash through groves of ash on many a hard fought day .
 The half time score a story bore, and Cork were not so sure
 Ah Father Maher, our guiding star, your training will endure.

They're off again, those thirty men, the doyens of our land
 To carve their name on the scroll of fame, the hurling blue ribband,
 McCarthy's brow is furrowed now, as the noemen forge ahead,
 Delaney's down he's on the ground , but still no angry words were said

A sound defence did recompense and spike the rebel's gun
 And gallant Cork, though hard did work admit their race is run
 The day being done, Kilkenny won as the evening sun went down,
 The trophy bright goes home to-night to famed Kilkenny town.



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TEAMS PREVIOUSLY HONOURED ON COUNTY FINAL DAY

- 1989 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1939**
- 1990 Carrickshock Senior Hurling Team 1940**
- 1991 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1947**
- 1992 Éire Óg Senior Hurling Teams 1939 & 1947**
- 1993 James Stephens Senior Hurling Teams 1935 & 1937**
- 1994 Thomastown Senior Hurling Team 1946**
- 1995 Tullaroan Senior Hurling Team 1948**
- 1996 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1946**
- 1997 Graigue Senior Hurling Team 1949**
- 1998 Dicksboro Senior Hurling Team 1950**
- 1999 Carrickshock Senior Hurling Team 1951**
- 2000 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1950**
- 2001 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1951**
- 2002 Bennettsbridge Senior Hurling Teams 1952, 53, 55, 56, 59.**
- 2003 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1956**
- 2004 Slieverue Senior Hurling Team 1954**
- 2005 John Lockes Senior Hurling Team 1955**
- 2006 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1957**
- 2007 Tullaroan Senior Hurling Team 1958**
- 2008 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1960**
- 2009 St. Lachtain's Senior Hurling Teams 1961 & 1963**
- 2010 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1961**
- 2011 Bennettsbridge Senior Hurling Teams 1960, 62, 64, 66, 67**
- 2012 Kilkenny All-Ireland Minor Team 1962**
- 2013 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1963**
- 2014 Mooncoin Senior Hurling Team 1965**
- 2015 Rower Inistioge Senior Hurling Team 1968**
- 2016 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1967**

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