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All Ireland Hurling Championship Final 2023

Once again, Kilkenny will face Limerick in next Sunday's Senior Final with Liam McCarthy the eagerly sought after prize. The counties have met in ten previous senior hurling finals, Kilkenny winning five (1911, 1933, 1935, 1974 and 2007) and Limerick five (1897, 1936, 1940, 1973 and 2022). The game will finish on the day so extra time and penalties are possibilities.

A disciplined Cats panel delivered a stellar performance in their closely contested semi-final V Clare before a crowd of 48,360 in Croke Park. Derek Lyng, in his first year as manager, has now guided the Cats to an All-Ireland Final. Eoin Cody's contribution of 1-5 was significant on the day but, with just 3 points separating the teams in the last minute of injury time, it was Eoin Murphy's superb deflection of a Peter Duggan shot onto the crossbar (with the sliotar later got safely away) that will no doubt be considered a legendary feat. The Kilkenny defence stood out for their superb displays of marking, blocking and even scoring on the day. On the day TJ Reid converted 10 frees, 1 side line and a '65 to bag 12 points and become the record championship scorer having accumulated 634 career points.

All-Ireland Hurling Championship – Notable Scoring Records Set

Christy Ring	(33 goals and 208 points) = 307 points	– Retired 1963
Eddie Keher	(35 goals and 336 points) = 441 points	– Retired 1977
Henry Shefflin	(27 goals and 484 points) = 565 points	– Retired 2015
Joe Canning	(27 goals and 486 points) = 567 points	– Retired 2021
TJ Reid	(30 goals and 544 points) = 634 points	(as of 10/7/23)

All-Ireland Hurling Final Tickets - Application & Distribution

Paid up club members were invited to submit their application for an All-Ireland hurling final ticket (1 ticket per member) with the entries deadline set at 5pm on Sunday (July 16th 2023).

Pending receipt of allocation, tickets are expected to include a range across all stands and terraces with no concessions for this fixture. To improve administration, tickets will be drawn under supervision of the committee on Thursday 20th July and distributed from 20:00 in the Academy Hotel.

Members must be present on the night (or have a named nominee assigned to represent them) to be eligible for inclusion in the draw. In the event of non-collection on the night, a reserve list will be used for those who do not secure a ticket in original draw.

Finally, as match tickets are scarce and there is extremely high demand, the committee would be grateful if members, who have already got their hands on a ticket, can let the Chairman know so their name can be removed from the draw.

Match officials for the final.

John Keenan has been confirmed as the man with the whistle for this year's Senior Hurling Final. He is from Wicklow and a member of the Aughrim Club.

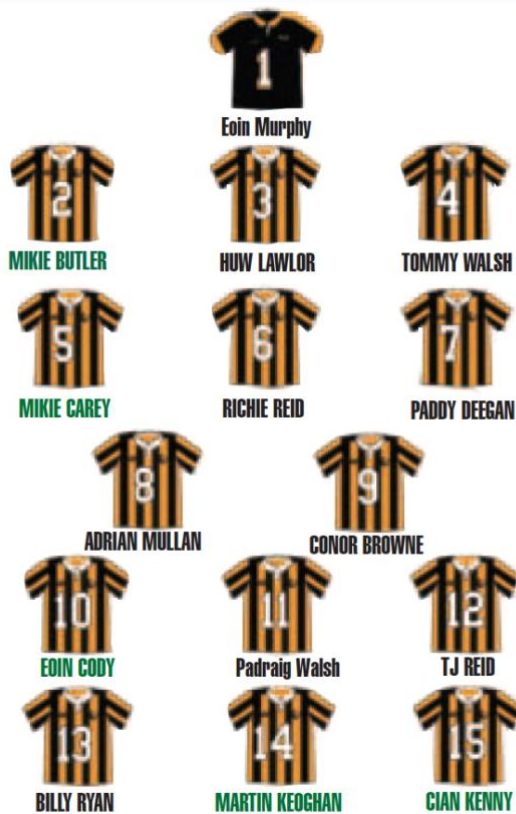
Although this will be his first Senior Hurling Final, John has a wealth of experience refereeing championship games, 21 so far since 2014. He has previously refereed the All-Ireland Minor Hurling Final in 2016, the All-Ireland U-21 Hurling Final in 2019, a National Hurling League Final in 2017, the Leinster Hurling Final in 2022 and the 2022 Munster Hurling Final.

John refereed the Kilkenny V Cork League semi-final in UMPC Nowlan Park and the 2019 Wexford Kilkenny Leinster Final in 2023. In this year's Leinster Championship, John Keenan refereed the Galway V Tipperary Quarter Final and two games in both the Leinster and Munster championships.

The other match officials are as follows:- Stand by referee and Linesman: Liam Gordon (Galway), Linesman: James Owens (Tinahely), Sideline official: Shane Hynes (Galway). Umpires on the day will be:- Tommy Redmond (Brian Dillons) and Eddie Leonard (St. Patrick's), Paul Reville (Turin) and David Clune (Delvin).

THEN AND NOW! - Compare these All-Ireland SH Semi-Final Teams**KILKENNY - 2019 ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL V LIMERICK**

Subs: James Maher, Cillian Buckley, Bill Sheehan, Billy Ryan, Liam Blanchfield.

KILKENNY - 2022 ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL V CLARE

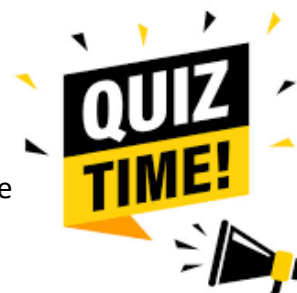
Subs: Walter Walsh, John Donnelly, Richie Leahy, Alan Murphy, David Blanchfield.

New Players in Green

Quiz Part 1 - The Panel

How well do you know the members of the current Kilkenny Senior Hurling panel?

- 1 What 2 players are the longest on the panel?
- 2 How many players joined the panel in 2023?
- 3 What member of the panel was 'Man of the match' the day he collected his first All-Ireland SH Medal?
- 4 What panel member works as a Milk Supply Manager?
- 5 Name the panel member/s who won the 'Young Hurler of the Year' Award in 2019
- 6 What panel member Captained the Minor team that won the Championship in 2010?
- 7 What current members joined the panel in 2013?
- 8 How many panel member were born in the month of March? 5? 3? or 4?



Date of Birth: 04/03/1998

Height: 6'0"

Occupation: Primary School Teacher

Joined Panel: 2017

Honours:

4 Leinster SHC (2020/21/22/23)

2 NHL (2018/21)

1 Leinster U21 HC (2017)

1 Leinster MHC (2015)

← 9 Name this member of the Kilkenny SH panel

Quiz Part 2 - All Ireland Hurling Finals

1. In the 1931 Cork v Kilkenny Final in Croke Park which was settled after two replays, what attendance milestone was broken? 10,000, 20,000 or 30,000 spectators?
2. What recent All Ireland Final had 40,000 patrons in attendance?
3. Where was the first (1887) All-Ireland Final staged?
4. What was the year of the last final to be staged outside of Croke Park and where?

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5. The 1906 All Ireland final saw Tipperary beating Dublin (3-16 – 3-08) in Kilkenny's Nowlan Park in front of how many spectators, 5,000, 6,000, or 7,000?
6. Kilkenny hold the record for championship wins at 36 and losing finalists at 28 but what county has the most:
 - a) semi-final finishes?
 - b) quarter final finishes?
7. Two counties won 4 All Ireland Finals each in the 1970's. Kilkenny won in 1972, '74, '75 and '79 with Cork winning in 1976, '77, '78 and what other year?
8. The All Ireland Final in 1904 saw Kilkenny beating rivals Cork by one point (1-09 1-08) in Carrick On Suir. What founding father of the GAA owned the farm where the match was played?
9. Kilkenny have met neighbours Carlow once in the hurling championship (1993) when Kilkenny won 5-19 to 16 points. Kilkenny have met Lancashire more times, a) how many and b) when?

Hurlers Co-op Draw 2023

Congratulations to the following Supporters Club members who came up trumps so far in the 41st Hurlers Co-Op Members Draw 2023 series:

DRAW - Thursday 15th June 2023

4 th	€500	James Cody, Enfield, Co Meath	Kilkenny Supporters Club, Dublin Branch
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DRAW - Tuesday 27th June 2023

5 th	€1,000	Eamon Purcell, Clonee, Co Meath	Kilkenny Supporters Club, Dublin Branch
24 th	€150	Colm Maher, Stillorgan	Kilkenny Supporters Club, Dublin Branch

DRAW - Tuesday 4th July 2023

13 th	€250	Sean O'Neill, c/o Seamus O'Neill	Kilkenny Supporters Club, Dublin Branch
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Kilkenny Supporters Club Membership

The Supporters Club are once again reminding members that membership fees are the life blood that gives us scope to look after Kilkenny teams and clubs playing championship games in Dublin. The Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club Dublin also contributes to initiatives supporting players and the game at home in the county.

Without your support that would not be possible and we thank you for that. The club will be delighted to facilitate members that wish to pay their membership directly to the club via Revolut. You can send €25 to our Treasurer Seamus O'Neill (087 2234789) - please include your name in the message.

Members can now renew their club membership via their committee representative or: click the following link to renew membership:

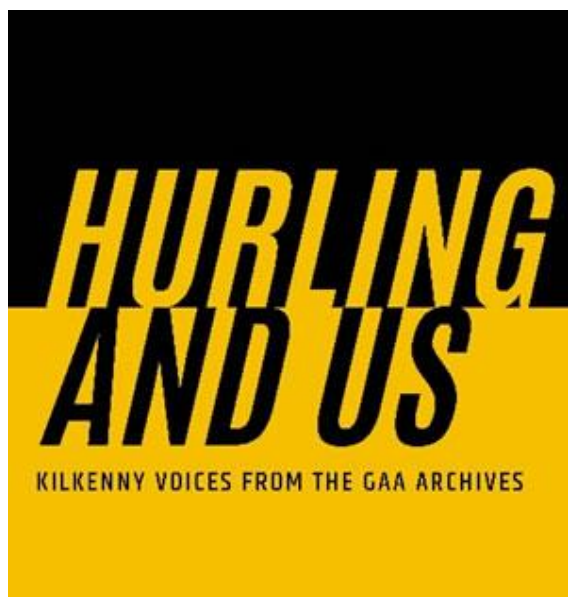
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Quiz Part 1 - Answers

- 1 Richie Hogan and TJ Reid who both joined the SH panel in 2007
- 2 Derek Lyng has brought 14 players onto the panel in 2023
- 3 Walter Walsh was Man of the Match the day he won his first senior All Ireland medal following a replay against Galway (2012). Walter scored 1- 03 from play in a game which also marked his first appearance on the senior hurling team.
- 4 Tom Phelan
- 5 Adrian Mullen
- 6 Cillian Buckley
- 7 Eoin Murphy
- 8 Four , Michael Carey, Denis Walsh, Adrian Mullen and John Donnelly
- 9 John Donnelly.

**Quiz Part 2 - Answers**

- 1 30,000 patrons - First replay game had 33,124 spectators.
- 2 2021 – attendance restricted/capped due to Covid 19 Healthcare regulations
- 3 Game took place in Birr Sports field on April 1st 1888 (Thurles Blues of Tipp were victors over Meelick of Galway) in front of an estimated 3,000 patrons.
- 4 1984 – Cork V Offaly final – staged in Semple Stadium Thurles. This was the first time since 1937 when Tipp overcame Kilkenny in the final, held that year in Fitzgerald Stadium Killarney
- 5 5,000
- 6 a) Galway - 64 b) Antrim – 13
- 7 1970 (Cork 6-21 Wexford 5- 10) Refereed by Jimmy Hatton from Wicklow. Mr Hatton had announced his retirement from refereeing in 1969 but was persuaded to change his mind.
- 8 Maurice Davin
- 9 a) Twice b) 1905, 1913.

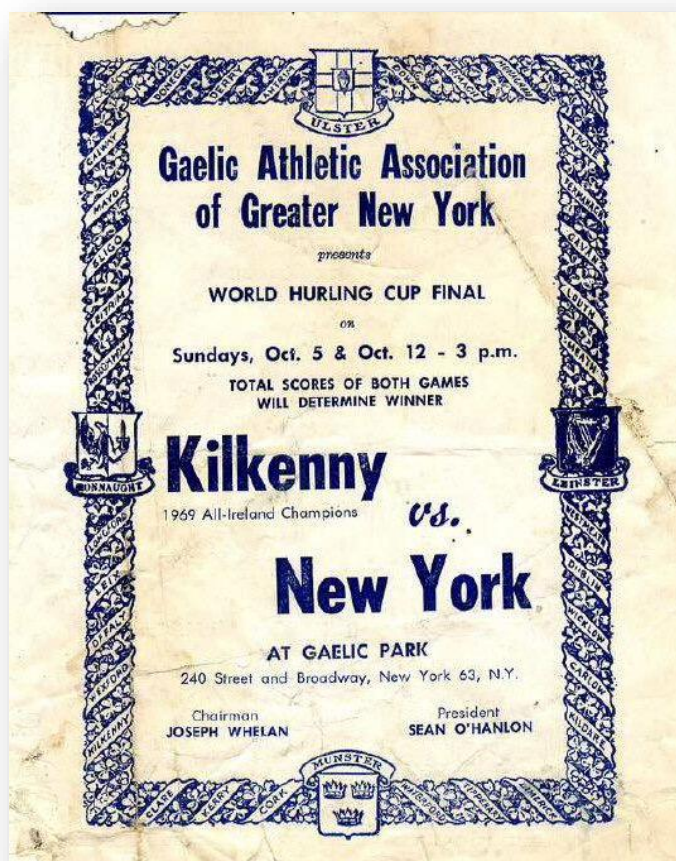


Hurling and Us - GAA Voices from the Archives

Hurling and Us is a podcast series about Kilkenny hurling, commissioned by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council and produced by Conor Sweetman and Oral Historian Regina Fitzpatrick from Galmoy. Each episode comprises interviews and memories of people from Kilkenny about hurling – from the 1910's to 2012. The series is based on extracts from the original interviews conducted for the GAA Oral History Project, commissioned from 2008 to 2012 by the GAA to mark its 125th Anniversary.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to encourage members who have not already done so, to tune in to the excellent podcasts. The decade old series brings treasured GAA interviews, for you to enjoy, on the Kilkenny Co Council website and may be accessed via the following link:- https://kilkennycoco.ie/eng/news/council_news/hurling-and-us-gaa-voices-from-the-archives.html

Image from the Archives – a real World Cup Final!



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