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Match Programme  
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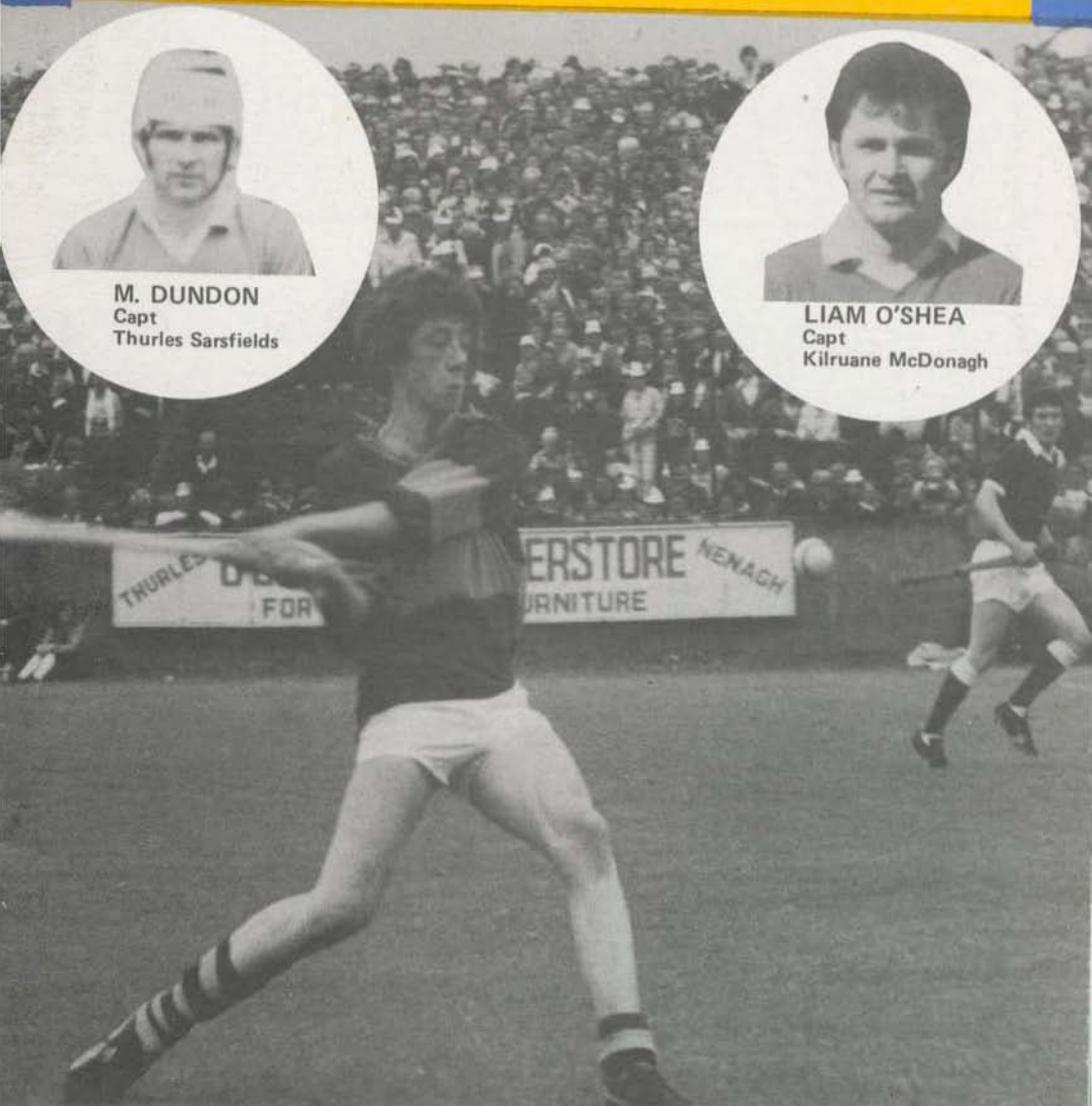
# CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS IOMÁNA THIOBRAID ÁRANN



**M. DUNDON**  
Capt  
Thurles Sarsfields



**LIAM O'SHEA**  
Capt  
Kilruane McDonagh



*Tomás Ó Baoith,  
Rínas.*

Clár Oifigiúil  
Luach 20p

Clár na gCluichí

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Today's Programme

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**Cluichí Ceannais Iomána  
Thiobraid Árann**

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Mionúir—2.00 i.n.

**Luachma—Caisleán Aoibhne**

**v.**

**Na Ciceamaigh**

Moltóir—Liam O Cearúil (St Mary's)

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Sinsir—3.15 i.n.

**Sáirséalaigh, Dúrlas**

**v.**

**Cill Ruan Mhic Dhonncha**

Moltóir—John Moloney (Bansha)

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## Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,  
Atá faoi gheall ag Eirinn,  
Buíonn dár slua  
Thar tionsc do ráinig chugainn,  
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,  
Seantír ár sinsear feasta,  
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán ná faoin tráil  
Anoch a théam sa bharna bhaoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis no saoil,  
Le gunna-scréach faoi lamhach na bpiléar  
Seo líbh, canaig Amhrán na bhFiann.

## Teachtaireacht ón Cathaoirleach



Michael Maher,  
Chairman  
Tipperary  
Co. Board

## Buíochas- Thanks

This Official Programme is produced by Thurles Sarsfields G.A.A. Club. We are deeply indebted to our writers who have given so freely of their talents. All four clubs involved in today's finals have been most co-operative and forthcoming with information on their teams etc. This has helped to make the task of compiling the programme a most enjoyable one. Finally a word of thanks to the staff of 'Wellbrook Press' for their patience and help.

Beir bua.

Liam O'Donnchú,  
Programme Editor.

### COVER PHOTO

Austin Buckley of Cappawhite in action for Tipp Minors in '78 Munster final.

Photo— T. Meehan (Cashel)

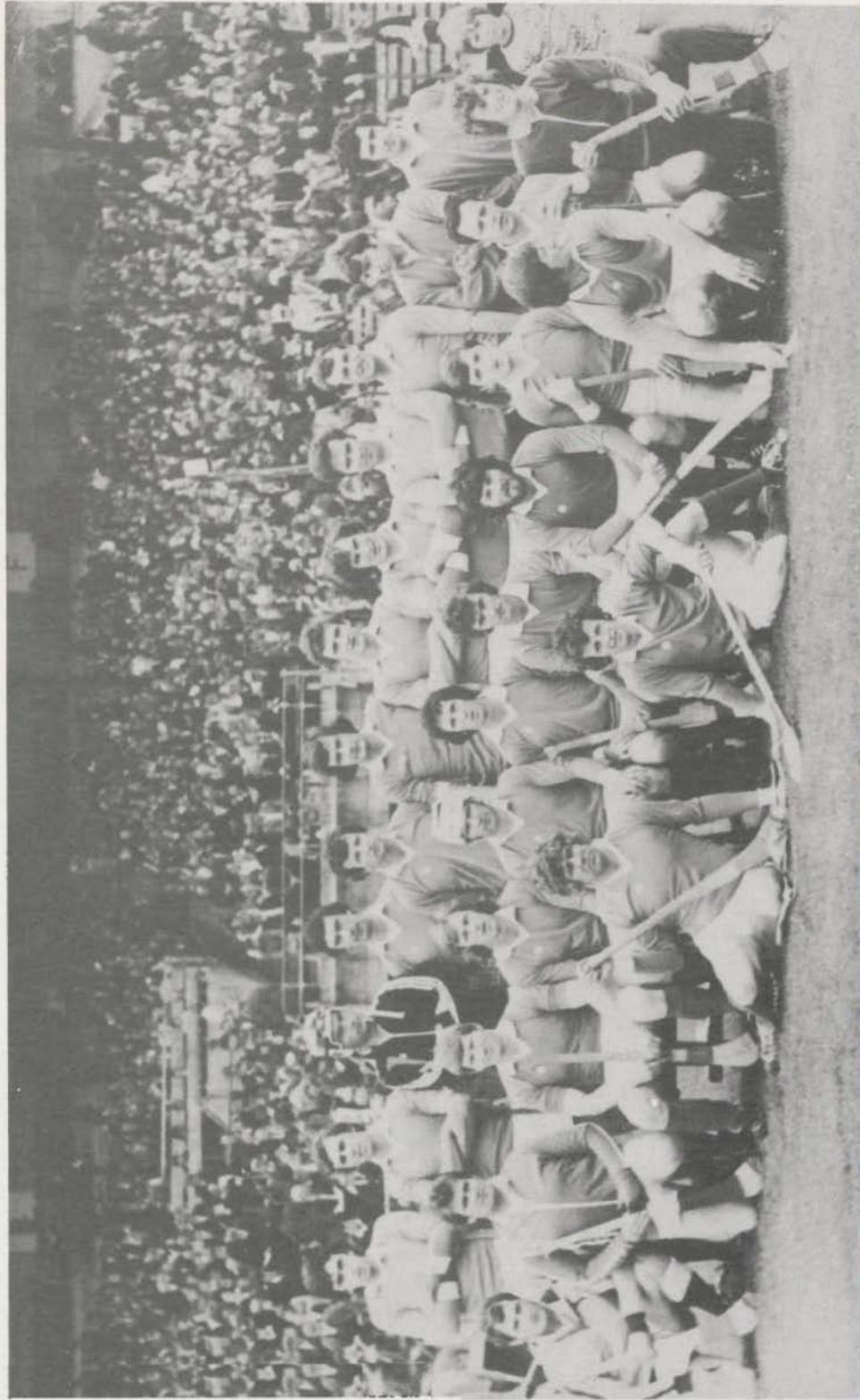
Today is a very important day for hurling within the County. It is the objective of all Senior Hurling clubs to contest a County Hurling final and our teams today are no strangers as participants at such a stage— Kilruane defending their title and Thurles Sarsfield the challengers.

For any team to reach a County final demands not only skill and expertise but dedication and sacrifice as well. The players are the important people. It's their game. They get great satisfaction in victory but must also suffer the bitter disappointment of defeat. You see and judge the players but do remember their selectors, coach, trainers and all their Committee members— who give of their time in helping to organise players and teams in their parishes. Voluntary willing helpers are needed in all parishes. You certainly can help your Club. You can at least give them your good will. You may be good with juveniles. You could help with transport. Money is needed by all Clubs. Grounds demand upkeep. You will be working for the good of our young people and providing them with a healthy and manly pastime.

Ag súil le cluiche breá spórtúil agus ag brath ar bhúr dtacaíocht go léir.

M. O. Meachair

Cathaoirleac Coiste Conndae



**SARSFIELDS WHO DEFEATED SEAN TREACYS IN THE SEMI-FINAL**

Back (l. to r.)— Pat McCormack, P. Stakelum, P. McCormack, T. Barry, P. Byrne, J. Burke, C. Maher, J. Ryan, L. O'Donoghue, J. Doyle, J. Duggan, T. Ryan. Second row— T. Doyle, P. Coleman, P. Leane, M. Gleeson, M. Dundon, S. Cahill, M. Maher, F. Murphy, L. Dwyer, L. Barrett, J. Barrett. In front— J. Cooke, S. Byrne, B. O'Neill.

# THURLES SARSFIELDS Pen Pictures

**PAT McCORMACK**, goalkeeper. Pat won a county minor medal with Sarsfields in '73 and was also on the successful senior panel in 1974. He has played for the county at under 21 level and is aged 23. Has won several Mid division medals in different age groups. Salesman.

**PAT LEANE**— One of the long-serving members of the team, Pat played on the successful '74 team. He figured on county selections for the National Hurling League some years back and last year captained the club to win the first ever Mid Tipperary senior hurling league and Cahill Cup. Aged 29. Construction Engineer.

**JIM RYAN**— A most accomplished hurler who combines strength and skill to great effect. Jim has represented Tipperary at senior level. He was on the '74 team and also won Mid senior medals in '73 and '75 and this year. He is also a very capable footballer. Aged 27. Farmer.

**PAT STAKELUM**— A member of one branch of a famous Tipperary hurling family, Pat has played for the county at under 21 level, and was on the selection which won the county senior in '74. He won Mid senior medals in '75 and this year, and a county minor medal in '73. Aged 24. Fitter.

**MICHAEL GLEESON**— Son of Eddie Gleeson who played on the Tipperary 1945 All-Ireland winning team, Michael played senior inter-county for Tipperary in the '77/'78 league. He played in the '74 county final and also won divisional medals in '75 and '79. Aged 24. Customs Officer.

**MICHAEL MAHER**, Son of the great John Maher of Killinan, who captained Tipperary to many successes, Michael looks to be following in his father's footsteps. He has played county minor and senior and is also a prominent member of the UCD club. This is his first county senior final. Aged 23. Student.

**CONNIE MAHER**— Cousin of Michael, and at 19, the 'baby' of the team. Connie this year has established himself as a regular in the sides and was a surprise omission from the county under 21 squad. He figured on the Cahill Cup winning team of last year and is a player of great promise. Aged 19. Carpenter.

**MICHAEL DUNDON**— Captain of the team. Michael is also its oldest player, at 31. He was on the Sarsfields selections which won county titles in '64 and '74 and apart from divisional hurling medals, also has a number of football medals won with Thurles Crokes. Journalist.

**JOHN CAHILL**— A member of the successful minor side of '73, John established himself on the team in '75 and has been a regular since, sharing in the club's championship league and tournament triumphs. He is equally at

## ROGHNOIRI— SELECTORS

Paddy Doyle (Team Manager)  
Michael McEigunn  
Musha Maher  
Jack Carew  
Mickey Byrne

home at halfback, and is also an accomplished footballer. Aged 24. Farmer.

**FRANK MURPHY**— Frank has played with Dublin and Tipperary and returned to Sarsfields after a spell in Dublin where he won county championship honours. He was on the Sarsfields team in '74 and played on the county team which lost to Galway in the league final in '75. Aged 28. Fitter.

**TOM BARRY**, Better-known as a defender. Tom switched to attack this year with notable success. He has played for the county at minor, under 21 and senior level and after winning a county minor medal in '73, established himself on the senior side the following year, when he won a senior medal. Aged 24. Clerical Officer.

**JIMMY DOYLE**— Son of Tommy Doyle, Jimmy is equally at home in defence or attack. He has represented the county at senior level and has been a regular on the senior side since his minor days, winning his first county senior medal in '74. Aged 29. Draughtsman.

**JOHNNY BURKE**, Johnny has played minor and senior hurling with the county, and has won a number of All-Ireland interfirm medals with Avonmore Creameries. Johnny was on the '74 team and won divisional medals in '73, '75 and '79. Aged 25. Laboratory Technician.

**PAUL BYRNE**— Son of sterling Tipperary defender of the forties and fifties, Mickey Byrne, Paul won an All-Ireland in 1971 and has had a commanding influence on the Sarsfields team this year. He has played at all levels with the club, from juvenile upwards and won several honours including a county senior medal in '74. Aged 29. National Teacher.

**PAT McCORMACK**— left corner forward—the team's free-taker, Pat is also the leading scorer this year, showing remarkable consistency from play and frees. He played under 21 for Tipperary and also won Vocational Schools All-Ireland medals with North Tipperary. He too was a member of the '74 successful championship team. Aged 23. Post Office Technician.

**JIMMY DUGGAN**— Captain of the Tipperary team beaten by Galway in the league final in '75, Jimmy, then a goalkeeper, now operates in attack, a position in which he distinguished himself with the Combined Universities and UCD. He has played a prominent part in all Sarsfields' successes over the past decade and is also an accomplished footballer. Aged 29. National Teacher.

**JOHNNY DWYER**— Johnny has played at under 21 level for Tipperary, and after a brief spell in Dublin, returned to Sarsfields this year. He has won minor and under 21 and senior medals with the club and is a forward of more than average ability. Aged 24. Publican.



Kilruane McDonagh who defeated Cappawhite in the semi-final. Front (l. to r.) J. Williams, G. Williams, J. O'Meara, L. O'Shea, S. Waters, S. Hennessy, S. Hyland. At back— P. Williams, D. Cahill, E. Hogan, S. Keogh, T. Sheppard, D. O'Meara, E. O'Shea, S. O'Meara.

(Photo— O'Shea, Thurles)

# KILRUANE MacDONAGH Pen Pictures

## ROGHNOIRI— SELECTORS

Len Gaynor (Trainer / Coach)  
Billy Meara  
Mick Meara  
Tom McLoughney  
Ned Fogarty (Masseur)



**TONY SHEPPARD**— Age 23. Winner of numerous under age honours. Former Tipperary u-21 and present senior panellist. Stores assistant.

**SEAN HYLAND**— age 37. Holder of four North Tipperary and two county medals. Captained the team in the 1973 county final against Roscrea. Carpenter.

**DENIS O'MEARA**— Age 26. Captain of the 1975 team which won county senior football honours and also captain of the 1973 team which won the county u-21 hurling title. Heating contractor.

**ENDA HOGAN**— age 21. Holder of an All-Ireland minor medal and two Munster u-21 medals. Building contractor.

**JIM O'MEARA**— Age 24. Represented Tipp. in minor, senior and u-21 hurling. Holder of four county u-21 medals. Post office employee.

**LIAM O'SHEA**— age 29, team captain. Winner of numerous under age honours. Former Tipperary minor hurler. R.T.E. Technician.

**PADDY WILLIAMS**— age 29. Represented Tipperary in minor, u-21 and senior hurling. Captained the county to this years league victory. Post office engineer.

**DENIS CAHILL**— age 24. Captained the 1977 team to victory against Borrisoleigh. Represented Tipperary in u-21 hurling. Carpenter.

**SEAMUS HENNESSY**— age 23. Represented Tipperary in minor, senior and u-21 hurling. Holder of four county u-21 medals. Farmer.

**SEAMUS 'MACKKEY' KEOGH**— Age 28. Holder of three North Tipperary and two county senior hurling medals. Farmer.

**EAMONN O'SHEA**— Age 21. Holder of an All-Ireland minor medal and two Munster u-21 medals. A member of the county team which took National League honours. Student.

**GILBERT WILLIAMS**— Age 25. Represented Tipperary in minor and u-21 hurling. Captain of the 1971 minor team which brought county honours to the club. Primary teacher.

**JIM WILLIAMS** — age 26. Represented Tipp. in minor, u-21 and senior hurling and senior football. Captained the club team to last year's victory. Mineworker.

**SEAN O'MEARA**— Age 27. Represented Tipp. in senior hurling and senior football. Captained the first Kilruane team to win a divisional u-21 title in 1972. Post office employee.

**SEAMUS 'MACKKEY' WATERS**— Age 24. Represented Tipperary in minor and u-21 hurling. Holder of county medals for u-15, u-17, u-18, u-21, Junior and Senior hurling. Gravel contractor.

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**DENIS WHELAN**— Age 23. Represented Tipperary in minor and u-21 hurling. Building employee.

**JOHN QUINLAN**— Age 24. Holder of county and divisional medals in senior hurling and football. Holder of county junior medal. Auctioneer

**LEN GAYNOR**— Age 35. Holder of every honour in the game. Present trainer and coach to the team. Farmer.

**GERRY WILLIAMS**— Age 22. First played senior hurling in 1976. A member of last year's winning junior team. Stores assistant.

**PHILIP QUINLAN**— Age 21. Played his first senior game this year. Another member of last years successful junior team. Student.

**JOHN CAHILL**— Age 22. Played his first senior game in 1977. Captained last years u-21 hurling team which captured divisional honours. Haulage contractor.



# SENIOR CAPTAINS



Michael Dundon (Sarsfields)

Michael, who plays at midfield for the Blues is already the holder of a senior championship medal won with Sarsfields in '74. He has figured in almost all their appearances in the seventies and has won senior mid championship medals in 1973 and 1975. Michael featured in goal for Thurles C.B.S. Harty Cup teams and he was also the substitute goalkeeper on the Tipperary minor hurling team in 1963— a year which also saw him on the county minor football selection. He has won many football honours with the now defunct Thurles Crokes. Michael who is a journalist with the Tipperary Star is married with two children.



Liam O'Shea (Kilruane MacDonagh)

Liam, who is 29 has represented his county in minor hurling. He was one of the best juveniles ever produced by the club and at the age of 16 he won his first North Tipperary senior hurling medal when he was a sub on the 1965 team. He played for a number of years and won Mid. championships with Thurles Sarsfields. Liam is married with four children and works as a Technician with R.T.E.



## TIPPERARY WINNERS 1979

Rinncé Fólra (Figure Dancing)	Moycarkey—Borris
Ceol Uirlis (Instrumental Music)	Silvermines
Amhránaíocht Aonair (Solo Singing)	Mary Hogan (Shannon Rovers)
Nua chluas (Novelty Act)	Portroe
Tráth na gCeist (Question Time)	Newport
Aithrisaíreacht (Recitation)	Mahon O'Keefe (St Mary's)
Bailéad Grúpa (Ballad Group)	Arravale Rovers
Rinncé Set— (Set Dancing)	New Castle

# KILRUANE MAC DONAGH

This is Kilruane's fifth appearance in the county final in six years, which in itself is an indication of the strength of the club, and four years ago, they won the county senior football crown. In that year, they were deprived of a county double by Moneygall hurlers.

The Kilruane MacDonagh club was formed in the early 30s and when the seniors line out against Sarsfields today they will be making the eighth appearance of the club in a county senior hurling final. They suffered defeat in the final on four occasions, going under to Moneygall in 1975 after a replay, losing to Roscrea in 1973 and to Sarsfields in '59 and '44. The MacDonaghs have savoured victory on two occasions '77 and '78 and are now bidding for three in a row.

A list of the achievements of this great club in 1978 include the following:

- u-12 hurling divisional champions
- u-14 hurling divisional finalists
- Intermediate hurling 1978 champions of county
- U-21 football 1978 champions of county
- North Tipperary senior hurling champions

All the club's social activities take place in the Father O'Meara Memorial Centre and club training is carried on in the Tomas MacDonagh Memorial Park and Pavilion in Cloughjordan.

The club's predecessors in the Cloughjordan area, Lahorna de Wetts, won the senior county title in 1902 by defeating Carrick 7-10 to 1-2 and it is interesting to note the recurrence of names of people who took part in that victory in today's lineout.

The Lahorna team was: Jack Dwan, Jim and Martin Darcy, Dan and Tom Ryan, Rody Nolan Con Brewer, Din Whelan, Pat Williams, Mick Conway, Mick Moloughney, Jim Connors, Jack Meara, Mick and Paddy Kennedy, Mick Maher, Tim Carr, Mick Cleary and Paddy Behan.



Kilruane's Jim Williams in action for Tipp. in the League final earlier this year.

## KILRUANE MacDONAGH CLUB OFFICERS 1979

President: Very Rev. J. Hayes, P.P.

Vice-Presidents: Very Rev. E. Whyte, Adm.; Rev. L. Murray, C.C.

Chairman: Patrick Quinlan

Secretary: Gilbert Williams

Treasurer: Michael Hennessy

Football Chairman: Jim McLoughney

Football Secretary: Michael Cahill

# Sáirséalaigh, Dúrlas



Gorm agus Bán  
(Blue and White)

(1) P. Mac Cormaic  
Pat McCormack

(2) P. O Laighean  
Pat Leane

(3) S. O Riain  
Jim Ryan (A)

(4) P. de Stacalúm  
Pat Stakelum

(5) M. O Gliasáin  
Michael Gleeson

(6) M. O Meachair  
Michael Maher

(7) C. O Meachair  
Connie Maher

(8) M. Dundon  
Michael Dundon (Capt)

(9) S. O Cathaill  
John Cahill

(10) S. O Dúill  
Jimmy Doyle

(11) T. de Barra  
Tom Barry

(12) P. Mac Cormaic  
Pat McCormack

(13) S. de Búrca  
Johnny Bourke

(14) P. O Broin  
Paul Byrne

(15) P. O Murchú  
Francis Murphy

Fir Ionaid: (16) Tommy Doyle; (17) Jimmy Duggan; (18) Johnny O'Dwyer; (19) Tony Ryan; (20) Liam O'Donoghue; (21) Brendan O'Neill; (22) Jackie Cooke; (23) Sean Byrne; (24) Paddy Moore; (25) Pat Coleman; (26) Joe Barrett; (27) Larry Barrett.

Thurles Sarsfields	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Seor-Pucanna
1ú Leath					
2ú Leath					
Iomlán					

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(1) Antóin Mac Aoire  
Tony Sheppard

Dubh agus Bán  
(Black & White)

(2) S. O hAoláin  
Sean Hyland

(3) D. O Meara  
Denis O'Meara

(4) E. O hOgáin  
Enda Hogan

(5) S. O Meara  
Jim O'Meara

(6) P. Mac Uilliam  
Paddy Williams

(7) D. O Caithill  
Denis Cahill

(8) S. Mac Aonghusa  
Seamus Hennessy

(9) S. Mac Eochaigh  
Mackey Keogh

(10) E. O Sé  
Eamonn O'Shea

(11) L. O Sé  
Liam O'Shea (Capt)

(12) G. Mac Uilliam  
Gilbert Williams

(13) S. Mac Uilliam  
Jim Williams

(14) S. O Meara  
Sean O'Meara

(15) S. O Tuaraisc  
Seamus Waters

**Fir Ionad:** (18) Denis Whelan; (16) John Quinlan; (19) John Cahill  
(17) Phil Reddan; (20) Len Gaynor; (21) Philip Quinlan; (22)  
Jim Reddan; (23) Michael Hogan; (24) Michael Cahill; (25) Ger.  
Williams.

Kilruane Mac Donagh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor-Pucanna
1ú Leath					
2ú Leath					
Iomlán					

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# LUACHMA—CAISLEAN AOIBHNE

## Mionúir

Dearg agus Glas  
(Red & Green)

(1) P. Mac Craith  
Francis McGrath

(2) T. Mac an Ghaoil  
Tim Stapleton

(3) P. O Braonáin  
Peter Brennan (Capt)

(4) D. O hAilín  
Declan Allen

(5) R. O hAogáin  
Dick Egan

(6) S. O Meachair  
Jim Maher

(7) P. O Cormaic  
Pat Cormack

(8) P. Mac Craith  
Pat McGrath

(9) G. O Gaoithín  
Gerard Geehan

(10) Lorcán O Cearbhail  
Lant Carroll

(11) P. O Treasaigh  
Pat Treacy

(12) P. O Gliasáin  
Pat Gleeson

(13) L. O Cormaic  
Liam Cormack

(14) S. Mac Suibhne  
Joe Sweeney

(15) S. O Loinsigh  
Sean Lynch

Fir Ionaid: (16) Joe Carroll; (17) John Cormack; (18) John Egan; (19) Joe Kiely; (20) Conor Eviston; (21) Donal Dwyer; (22) Pat Dwyer; (23) Tim Connolly; (24) Pat Hennessy; (25) Joe Brennan.

Luachma— Caisleán Aoibhne	Cúil	Cpuilíní	Seacháí	65m	Saor- Pucanna

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Hayes's Hotel, Thurles

Every Saturday Night

# NA CICEAMAIGH

(KNOCKAVILLA—DONASKEIGH)

Dubh agus Buí  
(Black & Amber)

## Mionúir

(1) S. O Fearghail  
J. Farrell

(2) S. O Slattara  
J. Slattery

(3) M. O Súileabháin  
M. Sullivan

(4) M. O Cinnéide  
M. Kennedy

(5) T. O Dochartaigh  
T. Doherty

(6) D. O hAodha  
D. Hayes

(7) L. O Dochartaigh  
L. Doherty (Capt)

(8) M. Mac Craith  
M. McGrath

(9) D. O Muiríosa  
D. Morrissey

(10) M. de Buitléar  
M. Butler

(11) G. O Muiríosa  
G. Morrissey

(12) P. de Buitléar  
P. J. Butler

(13) S. Mac Aonghusa  
J. Hennessy

(14) M. Mac Aonghusa  
M. Hennessy

(15) P. O Cearúil  
P. Carroll

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) P. O'Dwyer; (17) P. Slattery; (18) W. Hayes;  
(19) M. Buckley; (20) M. Hennessy; (21) D. Ryan. (22) M. Hanley

Na Ciceamaigh	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pucanna

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The Sean Treacy Pipe Band Moycarkey—Borris and  
Thurles Silver Band

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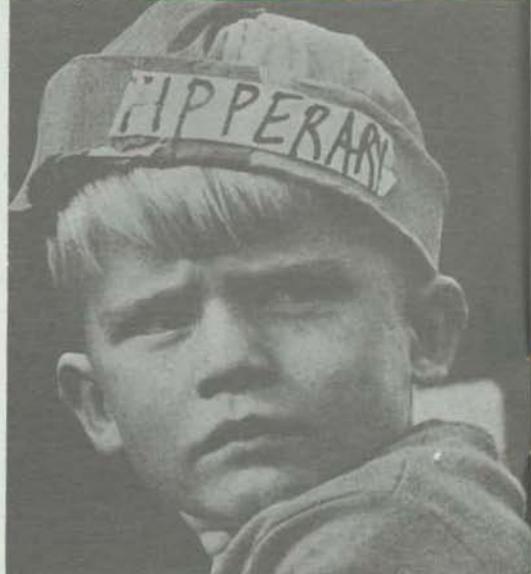
## Bliain Idirnáisiúnta an Linbh Year of the Child

*J. Duggan*

At first glance a contribution in a county final programme on the theme 'The Year of the Child' may seem most inappropriate but on reflection, surely nothing can be so intertwined with growing up in Tipperary than the game of hurling with its widespread popularity and all its private joys, sorrows and celebrations. Indeed not only is it the outstanding feature of our childhood but by virtue of the thrill and excitement that the game for ever evokes, our childhood has been a very long and extended one. The annual pilgrimages to county finals and all Ireland's, while never matching the intensity of the first occasion, are still tinged with the wide eyed wonder of our early years.

Close your eyes today for some few moments and seek again the child within yourself and allow the memories to come flooding back—for me the 1961 All-Ireland, where a square foot of Cusack Stand between my fathers knees was the dress circle to the most intense theatrical experience I have ever felt—Pope John Paul's triumphant cavalcade never quite matched the journey on the top of Matt Treacy's car with the Street League Cup to the bonfires under the water tower and not even the Archbishop's Coat of Arms holds the same constant gleam as my first medal in fifth class. The roar of the crowd has never supplanted the satisfaction of scoring the winner in "six goals in" and the sometimes bitter shriek of the final whistle has never evoked the unspoken thoughts that greeted "Mammy wants you for your dinner" as the hurleys smash on the concrete . . .

Today the gleam of flashing traffic and the coloured patterns of the one eyed monster in the corners of our homes tend to dazzle the young eyes, Tipperary have been out of the honours list for most of the decade, hurling talk does not permeate household conversation to such a degree as heretofore—yet anyone who has seen the range of skills displayed by such as the juveniles of Toomevara, the earnest determination of the boys of Knockavilla Donaskeigh or the reappearance of hurleys on the streets of Thurles cannot but



feel reassured—our juveniles have attained a higher standard of juvenile hurling than at any other time.

Despite this most welcome development it is to the images presented by the adult game we must look if hurling is to be an integral part of the young Tipperary child's life. On the debit side we have the linking of our games with men of violence, if only in a very slight way, the exaltation of the 'hard man' into a hero figure for our youth, the parish rivalry that boils over into naked hate and foul language and the suppression of flair and skill by fair means or foul devoured by a win at all costs mentality, the absence of christian and moral standards in the headlong drive for success and the formation of playing elites within clubs while others less skilful are left uncatered for.

The wide eyed child at your side today will gaze at the easy stroke of a Pat McGrath, the deft control of Pat McCormack, the efficiency of Paddy Williams, the clever control of Paul Byrne or the movement at speed of Eamonn O'Shea. The roar of the crowd, the waving flags, the music of the sticks, the shouts of encouragement—all will be absorbed and brought to bear at street corners, school fields, meadows, back yards etc. But let us not forget that the young mind is an open lense with no filters. That leaves us, the adults of Tipperary with a frightening responsibility in the imparting of our games—let's hope in this year of the child that we are equal to it.

# Loughmore - Castleiney



Loughmore-Castleiney minors who defeated Eire Og, Nenagh in the semi-final.  
 Back row: Pat Treacy, Dick Egan, Jim Maher, Gerard Geehan, Declan Allen, Seán Og Lynch,  
 Pat McGrath, Pat McCormack.  
 Front row: Liam Cormack, Lant Carroll, Joe Sweeney, Timmy Stapleton, Peter Brennan,  
 Francis McGrath, Joe O'Connell.

Today Loughmore-Castleiney contest their 4th consecutive minor hurling final and their 5th in the past 6 years. So far all they have managed is one victory that being in 1976 when they defeated Cashel in a most exciting final. Prior to that they had failed to Cashel in the final and since then have been beaten by Eire Og Nenagh in the 1977 and 1978 deciders. Loughmore-Castleiney will field 13 of the team which played in last years final and most of the team which won the county u-16 championship in 1977. The record of Loughmore-Castleiney in under age competition is well known and in this decade no less than 16 county championships have been won from u-21 down. These titles are:

- u-21 football 1970, 1974, 1976 (3)
- Minor football 1976, 1977 (2)
- u-16 football 1977
- u-14 football 1974, 1975 (rural & urban rural), 1976 (4)

- u-12 football 1973 (1)
- Minor hurling 1976 (1)
- u-16 hurling 1977 (1)
- u-14 hurling 1975 (rural & urban rural), 1976 (3)

In addition to those listed above the club has won the county senior football championship in 1973, 1977 and 1979 and won the junior football championship in 1978 for the first time ever.

On their way to the final Loughmore Castleiney are unbeaten but were given a close run by Thurles Sarsfields in the Mid final and by old rivals Eire Og Nenagh in the county semi-final. The care and selection of this team is in the hands of Philip Gleeson, Tom McGrath, Joe Grady, Sean Mockler and John Fitzpatrick.

Officers of the Loughmore-Castleiney G.A.A. club are:

- Chairman: Pat Cullen;
- Treasurer: Eddie Webster;
- Secretary: Tom McGrath.



# KICKHAMS (Knockavilla-Donaskeigh)



The Kickhams minor team which defeated Ballingarry in the semi-final by 4-10 to 2-3.

Photo includes: J. Farrell, J. Slattery, G. Morrissey, M. Kennedy, T. Doherty, D. Hayes, L. Doherty, M. McGrath, D. Morrissey, P. J. Butler, M. O'Sullivan, M. Butler, P. Carroll, M. Hennessy, J. Hennessy.

Kickham Club was formed in 1935. The club came into being with the coming together of sister parishes Knockavilla and Donaskeigh where there had been separate clubs up to then. First Chairman and Secretary of the club were Jack Dwyer (S) and Bill Dwyer (N.T.) respectively. The club has had many successes down the years. The senior hurling team has won 12 west titles and achieved the distinction of winning these in the 50s and early 60s powered by the McCormacks, the Farrells, Clearys, W. Hayes, J. Hennessy, J. Mulooly, D. Browne etc, most of whom wore the county singlet at various grades. These players also represented the club in several county semi-finals with distinction.

Donal O'Brien another clubman won 2 All-Ireland medals as county goalie in the early 60s. Paddy Furlong also holds an All-Ireland senior medal won in 1949. Several clubmen hold All-Ireland minor medals won with the county, notably J. J. McCormack, John Farrell (selector of today's team), M. Ryan (T), M. Ryan (C), D. Browne, J. Mulooly.

Several minors have won Munster medals

but were unsuccessful in attaining All-Ireland medals. Three of today's team represented the county in this year's championship — John Farrell, Donal Morrissey and Dominic Hayes.

The club also won county u-21 final in 1967 and were beaten a point in the 1966 final. Dan Morrissey selector-trainer cum coach of today's team was also a selector on this year's All-Ireland u-21 winning team.

Foundation for today's team was laid in the early 70s by Fr John McGrath now in St Patrick's College, then curate in the parish and who took an active interest in the under age players in the club. This team captured the West title after a long wait, were beaten in 2 county finals at u-14 by today's opposition, but a win today would gladly compensate for this.

**Club Officers:** Chairman Eamonn Browne; Secretary Paddy Hayes; Treasurer John Keane; Hon Presidents Fr O'Mahoney; Fr O'Connell, John Crosse; Vice President Tom McCormack. **Minor Selectors:** Danny Morrissey, John Farrell, Christy Ryan, Tom Fahery, Tom Touhey.

# Songs of Our Premier County



## 1930 ALL-IRELAND

The 7th of September being the date of the year  
When Tipperary and Dublin once more did appear  
In the All-Ireland final in Old Dublin Town,  
When the laurels of Dublin old Tipp did pull down

About 2 o'clock at the venue we found  
30,000 spectators had gathered around,  
When Dublin came on for to die or to do,  
And the colours they wore were the famous  
light blue.

Next came Tipperary, those boys of great fame  
Through the States and old Ireland they've  
earned their name

Led in by their captain both fearless and bold,  
And the colours they wore the blue and the gold.

The teams were lined up and the backs were sent  
out

The bookies grew hoarse as for bets they did shout  
Even money Tipperary we soon heard them say  
And the champions of Munster will carry the day.

The ball was thrown in and they started to play  
For the hurling blue ribband in battle array  
The old Dublin mountains re-echoed each clash  
Every whiz of the ball, every clash of the ash.

A foul on the right brought Tipperary a free  
And the ball it was placed by the bold referee,  
Phil Cahill rose and struck it, Lord how it did soar,  
Over the bar for Tipperary's first score.

The work done at midfield by Treacy was grand,  
And the cheers for that hero that came from the  
stand

Will live in our memory until we are dead,  
And the crimson stained bandage he wore round  
his head.

Good luck to you Kennedy and long may you reign  
You're the star of all Munster and the pride of  
the game,

And you Tommy Leahy we'll never forget,  
When you slap banged off Callanan right into the  
net

Two goals seven points when the long whistle blew  
To the spot where our flag was unfurled we flew  
We marched round our heroes and wished them  
good cheer,

To be All-Ireland champions for many a year.

## TIPPERARY FAR AWAY

The sun had set with its golden ray,  
And the bitter fight was o'er.  
Our brave boys sleep beneath the clay,  
On this earth they are no more,  
The moon-beams shone o'er the battlefield,  
Where a dying rebel lay;  
His arms were crossed and his body was stretched  
His life's blood flowed away.

Our comrades in silent ambush laid,  
For the evening sky was clear,  
Yet not one man was then afraid,  
Our brave boys knew no fear.  
Few people in the city streets,  
Had heard of that fierce affray,  
Of that valiant youth whose home was set,  
In Tipperary Far Away.

There were none to weep for you, Sean Tracy,  
asthore!  
Or a caoine to sing in your praise,  
To recite your deeds, like the Gaels of yore:  
On your dear face no longer we gaze!  
"In that kingdom of love may your dear soul rest"  
Are the words that we fervently pray,  
That we all meet above the old friends we loved best  
In Tipperary Far Away.

A volunteer passing heard poor Sean moan,  
As the wounded man lay on the ground:  
For his comrade knew well Sean was one of his own  
As he warily looked around.  
"Lift me gently" he whispered "no more shall I  
roam"  
For no longer on earth can I stay.  
I shall never return to my own native home,  
In Tipperary Far Away.

"A lock of my hair I implore you to take  
To that mother I love tenderly.  
I implore you to give to her for my sake,  
Then I know she'll think fondly of me  
Tell her that here, in the battle of life  
For the dawn of bright Freedom's Day.  
I prayed for my home in the thick of the strife  
In Tipperary Far Away.

"Tell Mother we fought for Granuaile,  
As our patriots did of yore,  
For Ireland's cause that shall not fail,  
But shall win from shore to shore!  
And heroes brave, our land to save,  
Shall sail o'er the ocean spray,  
To view my home across the wave,  
In Tipperary Far Away."

The Soldiers of Ireland bore him on high,  
On their shoulders with solemn tread:  
And many a heart, with tearful sigh,  
Wept over our patriot dead,  
In silence they lowered him in the grave,  
To rest till the reckoning day:  
Sean Tracy, who died his home to save,  
In Tipperary Far Away.

I'm sure most of our young readers will be surprised to learn that we had nine Senior Hurling All-Irelands and all of our four Senior Football Championships won before our present county jersey (blue with gold hoop) was adopted in 1925.

I'm not too sure if the Thurles selection won that historic first All-Ireland Hurling final of 1887 in their shirts or not. The photo of that team which appears in Canon Fogarty's monumental "Tipperary's G.A.A. Story" has printed underneath "photographed about 1910" which would be over 20 years after the final was played. I read somewhere that this photo was taken on a Fair Day in Thurles and the jerseys worn by most of those in the group were those of Tom Semple's 'Blues'. But in dealing with the county final of 1887 which Thurles won from North Tipperary, Canon Fogarty refers to "The Mid men proudly happy, in jerseys of green and gold." So its more than possible that Tipperary won an All-Ireland in green and gold long before Kerry made those colours so decidedly their own.

I have never seen a photo of the Tubberadora selection which won for Tipp. its second hurling title, for 1895. It was as a result of winning this final that Tubberadora were presented with a set of blue and gold jerseys by the Tipperary Grocers' Assistants in Dublin and they were worn for the first time in the County Championship of 1897 against Killen-aule. So, what jerseys if any, did the Champions of '95 wear in the final. The first club game for the County Championship ever played by Tubberadora was against Rockwell Rovers in 1895 and the Canon refers to them as "the black and ambers from Tubberadora." Although born and reared in the latter townland and knowing several of the old hurlers, I never heard mention of those colours and I cannot say where the Canon got this information. It was a Tullaroan selection that Tipp. beat in that final of '95 and the late Danny Brennan, N.T. Tullaroan told me that he was present at that final and that Tipp played in their shirts. Well there is no doubt about the colours worn by the Tubberadora selections in winning the '96 and '98 titles. The Canon's book contains a photo of each team, wearing the blue jersey with the gold sash referred to above.

I have never seen a photo of the Horse & Jockey selection which won the All-Ireland for 1899. There is general agreement that it was a jersey with a sash. Of the five 'Jockey players who assisted the 'Borris selection in the 1900 final, four of them wear different jerseys from the rest of the team in the photo of that team. These four players have a Shamrock on the sash also.

In the photo of the Two-Mile-Borris selection (which won the 1900 All-Ireland), in the

Canon's book the jersey worn has a sash but what were the colours. I think it was a red jersey with a white sash. In dealing with the County semi-final of 1910, in which 'Borris were defeated by Toomevara, he quotes from the "Nenagh News"— "Two-Mile-Borris marched out from the village in the well known colours of red and white."

There is no doubt about the colours worn by the Thurles 'Blues' in their victories for 1906 and 1908— blue with a narrow white band— but Tom Semple, the Captain, seems to have worn a distinctive jersey of his own. The photo of the '06 team in the Canon's book shows Paddy Riordan of Drombane in a black jersey, while the photo of the '08 team taken on the field at Athy where the final was played has Jimmy Burke wearing a sashed jersey. If this was the 'Borris jersey of that period, it does not appear to be red with a white sash. Maybe the colours were reversed— white with a red sash. I do not like to see a break with tradition. That's why I regret the change made by Sarsfields after winning the 1929 County Championship when the white band was discarded.

I am indebted to Phil O'Neill's "History of the G.A.A. 1910—1930" in whose account of the Munster Senior Hurling final 1913 played at Dungarvan, when Tipp (Toomevara) beat Cork says: "This was the first occasion on which distinctive county colours were worn. Cork had saffron jerseys with blue collars and cuffs and a large C on breast. Tipperary wore bright crimson, with gold collar and sleeve bands and on the breast were the crossed keys of the Kings of Cashel."

I cannot say if Tipp wore those colours in 1914 or 1915 but when the Boherlahan selection triumphed in 1916 it was back again to club colours. Let me quote again from Canon Fogarty when dealing with Tipp's first victory that year over Kerry— "In their first appearance as custodians of Tipperary's honour, the Boherlahan men took the field in the caps and colours— the well known blue and gold of their invincible predecessors of Tubberadora— safely stored since '98 to await this big occasion"

1925 saw the introduction of the County jersey as we know it now, blue with a gold band. It too had the gold Shamrock with 'Tiobrad Arann' over the band. It had a round neck and for the first time had a number on the back— in black on a white background. It was a thick woollen jersey and when the Tipp hurlers toured the States in 1926, a new set of lighter material was used. The Shamrock was replaced by a small Tricolour but neither the Shamrock or Tricolour has appeared on any of the sets used since except for the 1957(?) trip to New York when the Tricolour appeared again. Nach fada go mbeidh an Gorm agus an tOrga in uachtar aris.



#### SARSFIELDS TWENTY YEARS AGO

Back row: T. Butler, J. Lanigan, N. Murphy, M. McElgunn, T. Semple, L. Leane, S. McLoughlin, M. Craddock, G. McEntee, B. Maher, D. Tynan, G. Doyle, R.I.P., M. Byrne, M. Callanan, R.I.P.  
 Front row: E. Gleeson, T. Barrett, P. Dorney, M. Maher, Tony Wall, J. Doyle, M. Keane, B. Mockler, J. O'Brien, R.I.P., J. Connors.

## WHEN LAST THEY MET

...COUNTY FINAL 1959

It is twenty years since today's rivals met in a county final. That game was played on 23rd August 1959 at St Cronan's Park, Roscrea. Sarsfields on that day were aiming for the record breaking five-in-a-row while Kilruane were appearing in their first Senior County final since '44. It was a very keenly contested game throughout, with Sarsfields leading by one point at half-time. Centre-back Ray Reidy was starring for "the Blues" while G. McCarthy was having one of his best games for Kilruane. As the game drew to a close the craft experience and the fact that they were playing so long together stood to Sarsfields. The final score read: Sarsfields 3-12, Kilruane 2-6. Tony Wall, commenting later said that it was Sarsfields toughest game since 1955. Scorers that day were:

**Sarsfields:** P. Dorney 1-2; J. Doyle 0-4;  
 M. McElgunn 1-0; S. McLoughlin 1-0

L. Keane 0-3; M. Maher 0-2;  
 R. Reidy 0-1.

**Kilruane:** G. McCarthy 1-4;  
 T. McLoughney 1-0;  
 S. Williams 0-1;  
 G. Hogan 0-1.

**Sarsfields:** M. Keane, M. Byrne, B. Mockler, B. Maher, M. Murphy, R. Reidy, N. Murphy, T. Wall, C. Keane, J. Doyle, M. Maher, P. Dorney, L. Keane, M. McElgunn, S. McLoughlin.

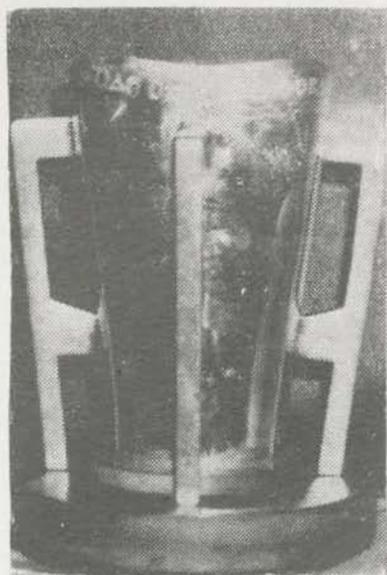
**Kilruane MacDonagh:** M. Ryan, P. Ryan, J. Williams, T. Hensey, B. Gibson, J. Gibson, S. Ryan, G. McCarthy, D. Gaynor, N. Tierney, G. Hogan, J. McCarthy, S. Williams, H. Tooher, T. Moloughney.

**Referee:** Seamus Dwyer (West).

## DAN BREEN CUP

The Dan Breen Cup was first presented to the County Senior Hurling Championships in 1931. The wear and tear of victory, celebrations over the years, however, damaged the Cup to such an extent that by 1972 a new trophy was needed. It was fitting that a new Dan Breen Cup was provided by the Dan Breen Memorial Committee. The new Cup has the design of an ancient Irish drinking vessel—the Mether—and is similar to, though slightly smaller than, the Liam McCarthy Cup for the All-Ireland Championship.

It is of solid silver with a unique base in that the conventional type base is abandoned and in its place is a two-tiered mahogany plinth manufactured specially by a Moneygall craftsman.



The new Dan Breen Cup



## Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions

1887—Thurles	1915—Boherlahan	1942—Thurles Sarsfields	1968—Roscrea
1888—Clonoulty	1916—Boherlahan	1943—Eire Og, Annacarty	1969—Roscrea
1889—Moycarkey	1917—Boherlahan	1944—Thurles Sarsfields	1970—Roscrea
1890—Toomevara	1918—Boherlahan	1945—Thurles Sarsfields	1971—Moyne-Templetuohy
1891—93—	1919—Toomevara	1946—Thurles Sarsfields	1972—Roscrea
1894—Drombane	1920—21 —	1947—Carrick Swan	1973—Roscrea
1895—Tubberadora	1922—Boherlahan	1948—Hollycross	1974—Thurles Sarsfields
1896—Tubberadora	1923—Toomevara	1949—Borrisoleigh	1975—Moneygall
1897—Suir View	1924—Boherlahan	1950—Borrisoleigh	1976—Moneygall
1898—Tubberadora	1925—Boherlahan	1951—Hollycross	1977—Kilruane MacDonagh
1899—Horse & Jockey	1926—Moycarkey	1952—Thurles Sarsfields	1978—Kilruane MacDonagh
1900—Two-Mile-Borris	1927—Boherlahan	1953—Borrisoleigh	1979—?
1901—Ballytarsna	1928—Boherlahan	1954—Hollycross	
1902—Nenagh De Wets	1929—Thurles	1955—Thurles Sarsfields	
1903—Two-Mile-Borris	1930—Toomevara	1956—Thurles Sarsfields	
1904—Thurles	1931—Toomevara	1957—Thurles Sarsfields	
1905—Two-Mile-Borris	1932—Moycarkey-Borris	1958—Thurles Sarsfields	
1906—Thurles	1933—Moycarkey-Borris	1959—Thurles Sarsfields	
1907—Thurles	1934—Moycarkey-Borris	1960—Toomevara	
1908—Thurles	1935—Thurles Sarsfields	1961—Thurles Sarsfields	
1909—Thurles	1936—Thurles Sarsfields	1962—Thurles Sarsfields	
1910—Toomevara	1937—Moycarkey-Borris	1963—Thurles Sarsfields	
1911—Thurles	1938—Thurles Sarsfields	1964—Thurles Sarsfields	
1912—Toomevara	1939—Thurles Sarsfields	1965—Thurles Sarsfields	
1913—Toomevara	1940—Moycarkey-Borris	1966—Carrick Davins	
1914—Toomevara	1941—Boherlahan	1967—Carrick Davins	



**TIOBRAD ARANN – ALL IRELAND u-21 CHAMPIONS 1979**

[Photo— Meehan Cashel]

Back row: Pat Ryan, J. Ryan, T. Slattery, V. Mullins, E. O'Shea, G. Stapleton, P. Power, P. Loughnane.

Front row: B. Heffernan, P. Looby, T. Grogan, M. Doyle, M. Murphy, E. Hogan, G. O'Connor