

Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final  
Match Programme  
1990



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## DHOCHAS ÉIREANN

(Erin's Hope, Borrisokane/Knockshegowna)

v.

## MAINISTIR NA CROISE/BAILE CATHAIL

(Holyross-Ballycahill)

Réiteoir: **PAT LONERGAN**

4.00 i.n. Cluiche Cheannais Sinsear

## CAISEAL RÍ CHORMAIC

(Cashel King Cormacs)

v.

## MAINISTIR NA CROISE/ BAILE CATHAIL

(Holycross-Ballycahill)

Réiteoir: **WILLIE BARRETT**

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**John McCormack**  
Programme Editor.

# THAT ELUSIVE DOUBLE

**T**O contest both the County Senior and County Minor Hurling Finals in the same year is quite unique, to win both even more so.

This year sees Holycross-Ballycahill contest both finals and thereby join a somewhat exclusive group which up to now has consisted of Thurles Sarsfields and Roscrea.

Sarsfields contested both finals in 1955, 1956, 1957 and 1958. They are the only team to have won both, doing so on three occasions, 1955, 1956 and 1957.

Roscrea contested both finals on three occasions, 1963, 1967 and 1968. In 1963 and 1967 they won the minor and lost the senior. They reversed the sequence in 1968.

It's quite an achievement to have two teams from the one club contest both finals on the same day. The rarity of its occurrence demonstrates how difficult it is. For Holycross-Ballycahill it's a tremendous achievement given that they are a rural parish and therefore

would have a limited pool of players.

In most clubs senior players are normally involved in the organisation and training of the minor team. Holycross is no exception. Johnny Doyle has been the mainstay behind their Minors success this year and he is also the cornerstone of their senior defence. The time and effort put into the preparation and training of the minor panel and his own training with the senior panel calls for enormous sacrifices both by himself and his family. It's sacrifices like these that eventually guide a club to major honours.

This year sees Cashel involved in County Final day for the third year in succession. Their minors won the championship both in 1988 and 1989 and the current senior panel sees a total of nine players from those two successful minor teams involved. Proof positive that attention to under-age players will transform into senior success.

**JOHN McCORMACK**

# Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

Nollaig Ó Muirís  
Cathaoirleach an Chontae



*Cuirim fáilte ó chroí roimh gach duine go Staid Semple inniu ar an lá mór iomána seo. Lá an-tábabhtach é – La chluichí Cheannais an Chontae.*

*Táim ag siúl le cluichí breá spórtúla agus go bhfeicfimid caighdeán árd imoána. Tá an-mholadh, tuillte go maith ag na clubanna atá sna cluichí cheannais.*

*County Final day has always been a day of special importance to G.A.A. supporters in Tipperary. It is the day when the club, the most vital and important facet of our association is given due prominence.*

*I welcome and congratulate today's participants. It is a great achievement for them and the result of many hours of careful planning and training. I welcome also the referees and their officials who are in charge today.*

*I look forward to two great sporting games of top class hurling.*

*Scaoil isteach an sliotar.*

*Nollaig Ó Muirís, Cathaoirleach an Chontae*



# HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

## PEN-PICTURES

**PAT SLATTERY: (22).** Married. Cahill Cup and Mid Medals. Brother of Corner-forward paul. Pat returned from England this year to play a large part in Holycross success to date.

**JOHNNY DOYLE: (34).** Married. Has won Munster Medals in Minor and U-21 Hurling. 4 Mid-senior championships. County Championships in U-16, U-21, junior hurling and junior football.

**TOM DWYER: (24).** Single. Holds 3 Mid-senior championship medals and one county minor award.

**RUAIRI DWAN:** Single. Has won three Fitzgibbon Cup medals with U.C.C. (2) U-21 Munster Championships, County U-21 and junior football trophies.

**PHIL CAHILL: (24).** Single. Grandson of famous Phil Cahill. Moved to Holycross from Moycarkey this year. Holds Cahill Cup and Mid Medals.

**MICHAEL DOYLE: (32).** Married. Holds one National League Medal, 1979. One Munster senior championship 1987, all-Ireland and Munster medals in minor and U-21 hurling. County championships U-16, U-21, junior hurling and football and 4 Mid senior medals. Played on county senior team from 1978 to 1987. Captained the U-21 all-Ireland winning team 1979.

**PHIL DWYER: (25).** Single. Holder of 3 Mid senior medals, one Munster minor championship and one county minor medal.

**DECLAN CARR: (25).** Single. Won Munster and all-Ireland senior medals 1989. Munster and all-Ireland u-21 trophies 1985, Inter-firm all-Ireland with Dublin Fire Brigade. Mid and county minor championships 1982. All-Star Award 1989.

**TONY LANIGAN: (22).** Single. Winner of Munster and All-Ireland U-21 championships 1989, 3 Mid senior hurling medals and county final awards at minor hurling. Played on county team in 1985 and 1986.

**PADDY DWAN: (26).** Married. Brother of Stephen. Holds Cahill Cup and Mid Medals.

**STEPHEN SWAN: (26).** Single. Has won 3 Mid senior medals and one county minor award. An accurate free-taker he has con-

tributed many scores during the championship campaign.

**P.J. LANIGAN: (25).** Married. Captained Tipperary minor team that won 1983 Munster Championship. Holds 3 Mid senior and one county minor medal.

**PAUL SLATTERY: (19).** Single. Won Mid senior medal 1989 county junior hurling award 1988.

**ROBERT STAKELUM: (35).** Married. Played junior football for Tipperary 1983. Has won county championships in junior hurling and junior football. Holds 4 Mid senior medals.

**PAUL MAHER: (20).** Single. Holds Mid Senior and Cahill Cup medals. County Junior Medal, 1988.

**BENJY BROWNE: (20).** Single. 2 Mid Championships, Co. Junior, 1988.

**GERRY FENNESSY: (24).** Married. 2 Mid Senior championships. County minor 1982. County junior medal, 1988.

**MICHAEL FLEMING: (26).** Single. Played U-21 and Minor for Tipperary. Minor Co. Mid and Cahill Cup medals.

**DONAL RYAN: (21).** Single. Senior Mid championships. Mid and County U-14 medals 1982.

**CIRAN CARROLL: (26).** Married. Transferred from Sarsfield this year. U-21 and Minor medals. Cahill Cup and Mid Senior medals.

**TIM STAKELUM: (34).** Married. 4 Mid Senior Medals, Co. Junior Medals, 1988, 1989.

**PAT CAHILL: (22).** Single. Transferred from Moycarkey this year.

**JIM RYAN: (26).** Mid senior championships 1985 and 1989. County Minor 1982. County junior hurling 1988.

**TOMMY LANIGAN: (32).** Married. Has given great service to the club, winning county titles at U-16 hurling, U-21 hurling and football and junior hurling. 4 Mid senior medals.

**CHRISTOPHER CROKE: (26).** Single. Co. Minor medal 1982; Mid Senior, U-21 medals.

**MICHAEL McGRATH: (41).** Married. 4 Mid medals, Co. Junior Football.

## *Senior Final Referee*

**WILLIE BARRETT**

*(Ardfinnan)*

**W**ILLIE who is married with three children has been refereeing since 1977. He is actively involved with his own club, Ardfinnan, especially at juvenile level.

Willie refereed this years All-Ireland minor hurling Final and replay. Before that his major achievements included



county senior hurling finals, 1984 and 1988; Munster minor hurling semi-finals 1987; the Under-21 Munster hurling final 1987; Munster Under-21 football final 1988; All-Ireland minor hurling semi-final 1988.

We wish Willie the best of luck in today's final..

## *Minor Referee:*

**PADDY LONERGAN**

*(Galtee Rovers)*



**A** member of the Galtee Rovers club, Paddy who is married with 7 children is employed by Tipperary (S.R.) V.E.C. at Cahir Vocational School. He has been refereeing since 1974 and to date he has taken charge of - Vocational schools All-Ireland senior hurling finals; All-Ireland inter-firms senior hurling finals; 1990 Munster junior football final, Cork v Kerry; County Tipperary Under-21 and junior hurling finals; county senior football final 1989.



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# Teams of Tradition All

By Liz Howard

THE county senior hurling final of 1990 and that of 1940 have significant links. Both games were postponed, Cashel contested the 1940 final and the venue was Thurles. October 13 was the date on which the 1940 final was played, the same date today's game was fixed for, following the initial postponement. However, Cashel will be hoping for a different result, on October 13, 1940 they were defeated by Moycarkey 4-7 to 4-2. Following the defeat, one report stated "that the town team is at a disadvantage when it faces tillers of the soil". Today, they face a rural club Holycross, but "tillers of the soil" are scarce among the wearers of the green and white. The way of life has changed.

It has been a good year for both Cashel and Holycross. Cashel captured the West championship in senior hurling and football, a double which was well celebrated. Holycross won the Mid Final and today contest the minor and senior final, no mean achievement in a county like Tipperary. The men from Mid-Tipperary could well be termed "the team of draws". In most cases, a late flourish gave their supporters reason for jubilation. They won the right to contest the county final by defeating a gallant Kilruane side in an exciting and competitive game. Cashel ousted the men from Loughmore in the second semi-final.

The "Cashel Sentinel" gave a list of clubs which were founded in Tipperary in 1885, Holycross was among them. In 1886 Holycross, Moycarkey, Thurles, Killenaule and Fethard travelled to Cork "to measure skill and strength with Rebel Cork in native pastimes".

Holycross defeated St. Finbarr's, their captain was Mike Ryan-Cleary. In 1889 they were still very much to the fore and met Toomevara in the final. They couldn't agree on a venue within the county, eventually they played in Dublin. "Toome" won and Holycross faded from the scene for quite a time. The golden era for Holycross was the late 40's and the early 50's. They won the county final of 1948, '51 and '54. John Doyle and Pat Stakelum became household names like the great Phil Cahill before them.

Thanks, mainly, to the urging of the "Cashel Sentinel" the club was formed in Cashel, in early 1887. They played under the name, "Rock Crackers", a name more suited to a modern day band than to a group of young Tipperary athletes. They started with great gusto but disappeared from the Gaelic scene in the summer of 1887. Following a number of abortive attempts a club was formed but little activity on the field of play ensued for some time. The late Jim Devitt and Peter O'Sullivan brought All-Ireland senior medals to Cashel, one a defender, the other a goalkeeper. Brother Noonan, Br. O'Grady, Mattie

Finnerty and John Gleeson did great work in Cashel C.B.S. to set the Cashel youth on the road to hurling success. Success at minor level has moulded the present side into an impressive team.

Cashel, with the colourful Bonnars, Cormac, Colm, Conal and Ailbe, the experienced Pat and Willie Fitzelle the solid T. J. Connolly and Pat O'Donoghue, Under-21 county men Ramie Ryan and Kevin Ryan and the Grogan brothers have a lot of talent in their ranks. Will it be sufficient to defeat Holycross, beaten in last year's final and anxious to make amends today. Theirs is an even outfit, rather than spectacular. Much will depend on Michael Doyle, who is one of the finest strikers in the game. He can turn defence into attack with a mighty clearance. All-Star and captain Declan Carr, Stephen Dwan,

Rory Dwan, Johnny Doyle and "Ton-to" Lanigan are able deputies. There won't be much between them at the call of time.

The minors of Holycross and Erin's Hope (Borrisokane/Knockshegowna) start the days hurling, another interesting clash. I wish all the hurlers a good day, the referee's also. May it be a great day for Tipperary hurling and an enjoyable one for our supporters. *Will bonfires glitter in Majestic Cashel or peaceful Holycross? Let us celebrate the game of hurling irrespective of victory.*

"Tiobraid Árann, mór a chlú  
Comhla duin ghil Eireanna gle  
Tobar fíor-ghlann gaile is gníomh  
Tearc a líon cé mór a chead"

Aine bean Uí Neill

## Profile:

# PADDY KENNY



PADDY KENNY, who is coach to the Holycross-Ballycahill senior hurling team is a man whose hurling credentials are beyond question.

A member of a great Borris-Ileigh hurling family, whose brothers Sean and Philip played with him for Tipperary, Paddy grew up in an intense hurling atmosphere, and his education in the game was furthered when he threw in his lot with the great Thurles Sarsfields teams of the fifties.

An outstanding minor, Paddy soon graduated to the county senior side and was a key figure in the Tipperary three-in-a-row All-Ireland successes of '49-51'.

The experience and knowledge gained in a great career at both club and county level, Paddy brings to bear on his coaching activities and these too have

been marked with success. He was a guiding light in Loughmore-Castleiney as they established their superiority in the Mid-division in the mid-eighties and last year he transferred his talents to Holycross-Ballycahill, steering them to the county final for the first time since 1964.

That kind of success is not accidental and comes from a very deep knowledge of the game and an appreciation of what is required of players, individually and collectively, to make a winning combination.

Tipperary and Holycross-Ballycahill are fortunate to have men of the calibre of Paddy Kenny with the knowledge and expertise to raise the standard of club hurling in the county.

Michael Dundon

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# ***FACT FILE: JUSTIN McCARTHY***

JUSTIN McCARTHY started coaching the Cashel team last April and has been a major influence on the preparation and coaching of the team for today's County Final.

Justin is 45 years of age and is a member of the Passage West club outside Cork City. He has a tremendous amount of experience both as a player and a coach.

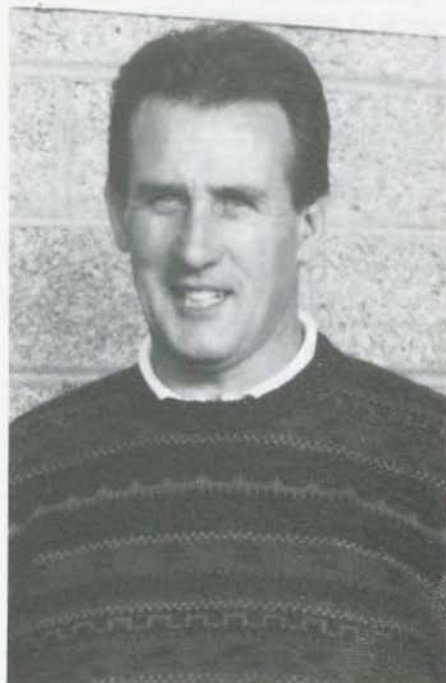
He played minor, under-21, intermediate and senior hurling with Cork. The year 1966 was a very important one for him because it brought him All-Ireland medals in under-21 and senior hurling. He also received the Caltex Award. He was also on the Cork team that lost the 1972 All-Ireland.

He won National League medals in 1969, 1972 and 1974, and Railway Cup medals in 1968 and 1969. He won his third Munster S.H. medal in 1969 and also has an intermediate medal from 1964. Cork won its first ever Oireachtas in 1973. Justin was on the team.

His coaching career goes back to 1970 when he coached Antrim to win the intermediate All-Ireland championship, the first All-Ireland hurling championship to be won by a county in Northern Ireland.

Justin was coach to Cork in 1975 when they won the Munster championship. Back to Clare in 1977 and 1978 he coached that county to two league titles and nearly a breakthrough in the Munster championship. He coached Cork to the Centenary All-Ireland and to the 1985 Munster title. In the latter year he was coach to the Munster team which won the Railway Cup.

He managed the Rest of Ireland team



*Justin McCarthy*

versus Cork in 1978 and against the All-Stars in 1985. He played with the All-Stars against Tipperary in San Francisco in 1972. He took part in the All-Ireland Poc Fada competition in the Cooley Mountains in 1983 and 1984, finishing third in the latter year.

A very impressive C.V., indeed!! he is also proud of the fact that he is still playing, in the centre-forward position, with Passage West. This is his fifth decade to play with his club! Further proof of his complete and total enthusiasm for the game of hurling.

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# Cashel's County Finals

By SEAMUS J. KING

**C**ASHEL have the doubtful distinction of lying second in the league for losing county finalists! Heading that league is Lorrha with five losses in 1905, 1948, 1956, 1966 and 1984, and no victory. Neither has Cashel won a county senior hurling final, having lost the four they've contested in 1913, 1937, 1939 and 1940.

For the 1913 final there were three divisions and Cashel were nominated to represent the south because of the delay in running off the championship. North champions, Toomevara, defeated mid champions, Boherlahan, by 5-2 to 4-1 in the semi-final and the county final was fixed for Nenagh on October 19. Cashel hurlers criticised the decision to play it so far away from Cashel and virtually in the opposition's backyard. The game was put back until November 16 and Cashel were promised they would get fair play.

A special train ran from the town and the fare was three shillings. A very large crowd witnessed a fast, exciting game. During the first half Cashel had the better of the exchanges but they were behind by 0-1 at half-time. In the second half the Toomevara performance improved and they ran out easy winners by 2-3 to nil. It is one of four county finals in which the losers failed to score. Best for Cashel were Jack Cahill, Martin Grady, Mick Dargan, Danny and Paddy Devitt and Jim Dwyer.

At the next meeting of the County Board, Cashel had an objection to the result. It stated that the match, due to start at 1.45, did not start until 2.35 because of the lateness of the opposition appearing. The referee showed partiality by giving three times to the Toomevara

shed to get them out, whereas he should have given the match to Cashel. When the Cashel players were about to score, Toomevara supporters encroached on the field and interfered with them. Also, one of the flagmen on the sideline put up the white flag before the ball was over the sideline.

After discussion, it was decided that the referee's report contained insufficient information and it was sent back to him. When the matter was discussed at the County Board meeting on January 6, 1914, Cashel's delegate, Larry Walsh, was looking for a replay of the match.

After much discussion, however, he withdrew the objection on behalf of Cashel. The south final wasn't played until January 4, 1914, and Cashel got a walkover because of the failure of Golden to field a team.

## 3 FINALS IN 4 YEARS

The west division came into existence in 1930. Cashel had a junior team in the early years and won the championship in 1933. Going senior in 1934, they won the first of five west senior hurling titles between then and 1940, and contested three county finals.

In 1937 Cashel qualified for the county final by beating Roscrea in the semi at Borrisoleigh. The final against Moycarky-Borris, which was played at Thurles on September 17, was regarded as one of the best finals ever played. Cashel were lighter, faster and more skilful than their opponents and surprised everyone by their great effort but, in the end, had to bow to the greater strength and experience of the mid champions. The final score was 7-6 to 6-2, The Cashel team



was: Davy Boland, M. McCarthy, F. McCarthy, P. Holmes, M. Murphy, S. Morrissey, E. Morrissey, J. Barrett, M. Ryan, T. Parsons, D. O'Brien, M. Burke (capt.), G. O'Shea, M. Leamy, T. Dwyer.

Cashel qualified for the 1939 final by defeating Roscrea in the semi. Their opponents in the final were Thurles Sarsfields and the game was played in Boherlahan on October 8. Cashel gave a sterling performance but they could not match the cleverness and experience of the champions. At half-time they were behind by 3-0 to 2-1 and they trailed by 5-3 to 4-2 at the final whistle. The team was: D. Boland, M. McCarthy, M. Ryan, F. McCarthy, P. Holmes, E. Morrissey, P. Maher, S. Morrissey, M. Murphy, J. Maher, M. Browne, J. Cahill, M. Burke, J. Barrett, G. O'Shea.

In 1940 Cashel's opposition in the semi-final were Kilruane MacDonaghs. The sides met in Templemore on September 15 and Cashel had two points to spare at the end of the hour. The county final was fixed for September 29 but was postponed for two weeks. Mick Davern requested the postponement because the Mission was finishing on that Sunday. In his plea to the County Board he said the closing ceremonies for the women of the parish commenced at three o'clock. The men would have to remain at home while the women were at the ceremony. That being the case they could not travel to the match. Neither could the women, who had been well represented at the semi-final, travel to the game. His plea succeeded and the match was put back to October 13. It was played at Thurles with Moycarkey the opposition. The game was spoiled by a strong southerly wind and the standard of play was not impressive. One report made this comment: 'The game was proof once again that the town team is at a big disadvantage when it faces fifteen tillers of the soil. Ball manipulation, quick

striking and nippy play, beautiful things in themselves, fail more often than not, before rugged, sturdy style which has allied to it skill and fieldcraft. One felt on Sunday that all the time the dice was loaded against Cashel, that Moycarkey's natural advantage in weight and strength would prove Cashel's undoing. And so it was.'

At half-time Cashel were behind by 3-6 to 1-0. They improved their position in the second half but were still behind 4-7 to 4-2 in the end. The team was: D. Boland, W. Moynihan, F. McCarthy, P. Holmes, J. Barrett, S. Morrissey, D. Ryan, M. Murphy, E. Morrissey, J. Maher, J. Meagher, M. Burke, D. O'Brien, G. O'Shea, D. Ryan.

Fifty years later Cashel are contesting their fifth county final and they are hoping that their long wait for county glory will come to an end and that they will become the fourth west team to become county senior hurling champions.

### THANKS

Cashel King Cormacs wish to thank the following for their most generous contributions towards their team county final fund — Allied Irish Banks, Cashel; Bank of Ireland, Cashel; Buckley's Supermarket; Cantwell's Lounge Bars; Devitt's Undertakers & Hackey; Davern's Drapers; Aidan Fogarty, Sports Shop; Garvey's Super Valu; Gleeson Concrete Products; Gleeson Lounge Bars; Grants Castle Hotel; Hannigan's Lounge Bars; Moloney Bros. Fruit & Veg.; Moore Lane Tavern; Vincent O'Connor Supermarket; O'Connor Bros. (Vets); John O'Connor (Dangan); O'Doherty & O'Dwyer; John O'Dwyer (Local Book-maker); O'Reilly's Lounge Bar; Rima Pharmaceuticals; Donal Ryan (The Rock); Matt Ryan (G.), Hymnestown; Ryan's Royal Oak; Tommy Wright, Publican, O'Connell Bridge, Dublin. Support is still sought. Donations can be lodge at A.I.B. Cashel. — *Brendan Bonnar, John Cahill, Co-ordinators.*

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# ***I REMEMBER: NEW BEGINNING***

By Paddy Doherty

Oh, cut me a hurl from the Mountain  
Ash

That weathered many a gale,  
And my stroke will be lithe as the  
lightnings flash

That leaps from the thunders flail;  
And my feet shall be swift as the white  
spin-drift

On the bay in the wintry weather  
As we run in line through the glad  
sunshine

On the trail of the whirling leather.

-From the Song of the Hurl

*By Crawford Neil*

My earliest recollection as a little garsún, of hurling goes back to the early thirties when my dad (God be good to him) cut me a hurl from the mountain ash that surely had weathered manys the gale. The mountain was Killough hill, and the place was Aughnagamaun (The Place of the hurl) and as I watched him fashion out a camán with a small axe and a piece of glass, I didn't realise it then, but it was the beginning of a life-long love of a game called hurling I- got it literally from the ash roots. When I was old enough to go to school I would carry my hurley with me all the way to Ballytarsna N.S. where Master Feehan R.I.P. was principal and father of Rev. Father James Feehan now P.P. of Boherlahan Dualla parish. I remember Master Feehan standing in the centre of the Cashel - Jockey road, whistle in hand seeing us safety across, as we ran in line through the glad sunshine to play hurling in the field which now occupies the new National School.

Having moved to Thurles, hurling continued to be my favourite pastime, I remember every evening heading for the sportsfield as we knew it then on the trail

of the swirling leather and in the summer evenings after tea up again to a very crowded practice pitch under the ever-watchful eyes of Paddy Brolan, Tommy Butler, Tommy Max, John Lanigan, and also a frequent visitor there was Father C. Lee now Monsignor in Cashel and still with us in good health T.G., the others now all gone to their eternal reward R.I.P. They had one golden rule and that was never rise the ball but to pull on it. I have a cutting from the Independent of Dec. 17th, 1952 of an article by John D. Hickey which read: "Tipperaryman who never stopped a ball in his life" and that man was Paddy Brolan known affectionately as (Daddy) Brolan - his motto was why stop a ball when you could add to its speed by pulling on it.

I had the privilege to be present on the night of Feb. 23rd, 1984, at a gathering of some of the Holycross men when they traced and raked over the history of their club, present were Michael Maher, Pat Stakelum, Bob Stakelum, Dinny Gorman, Ned Gorman.

I understand Bob Stakelum is writing the history of the club, I'll refrain from pre-empting his work by not mentioning the historical aspects.

But I remember Pat Stakelum telling us a few little gems. Pat recalled that the first breakthrough for the club was in 1946 when they played Boherlahan and beat them. Later they were taken by Matt Dwyer's hackney car to Littleton to play Moyne-Templetuohy and were beaten and being driven home sitting in the car and feeling very downcast "which must have shown because when I was getting out of the car on arriving home Matt noticed how sad I looked" said Pat "Matt gave me a clap on the back and said never

mind - you will wear the county jersey yet and I thought the man was made" laughed Pat. The other story Pat told was about an occasion Holycross came to Thurles with great hopes only to be defeated. So an inquest was held that night in Bohernacrusha - tears were being shed and pain expressed by everybody and it seems one man in particular went on about the whys and the wherefores of the game, when a kind lady present took pity on the group and she said "Look, wouldn't it be worse if some one got hurt, what about it, sure they will win it next year and isn't it over now! he looked at her for a moment and said . . . "Mam, you don't understand!"

But continued Pat "I realised very early in life that the hurling club in Holycross/Ballycahill was very much respected and something special, but the one thing that influenced me was that we had a man on the county team and that man was Dinny Gorman, he had a permanent place on the team at right corner back on every team from 1935 into

the forties and was also an automatic choice for the Railway cup team and holds the unique record of winning All-Ireland minor, junior and senior medals. A man surely that weathered manys the gale.

## HURLING

*Something racy of the soil  
That the foe could not erase  
Loved by young and old alike  
Our ancient game: Hurling.*

*Though a man be low in ways  
There is a tonic that will not fail  
It lifts the spirit of the Gael  
A victory in this game of games: Hurling.*

*An exile returning from afar  
Telling the things he misses the most  
Music, dance and loyla friends  
But, above all: Hurling.*

*When our finest hour was nigh  
We saw the bravest of our race  
March with hurley sticks held high  
They revelled in that splendid game: Hurling*  
Gerard Ryan



**THE BONNARS OF CASHEL**

*From left: Colm, Brendan, Ailbe, Pearse (father), Conal and Cormac.*



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## - A successful combination

**C**UIS áthais agus bróid do Dhochas Eireann (Buiríos Ui chéin agus Cnoc Si Gamlina) a bheith páirteach i gcluiche cheannais na mionúir inniu.

Erin's Hope are very proud to be participating in the Minor Hurling Final. In 1957 Borrisokane, then amalgamated with Shannon Rovers, last played in a Minor final only to be beaten by Thurles Sarsfields. The present chairman of the County Board Nollaig Ó Muiris and the chairman of Borrisokane club Pól Ó hÓgáin were members of that minor team. That team formed the nucleus of the very fine though unsuccessful Borrisokane Senior teams of the 1960's.

Over many years great work has been done in promoting Juvenile Hurling in the club. our great year in U-14 hurling came in 1986 when we won our first County Final. This team has stayed together and were beaten at U-16 level by our great rivals Éire Og. However we got back again to the top when we staged a stunning comeback to beat Éire Og in a memorable North Minor Final. This was compensation for losses in the Minor Finals of 1985 and 1986. Knockshewowna, a small but proud club, has to be admired by all. It covers a very small area but our games are promoted there as enthu-

siastically as in the biggest clubs in the county. Knockshe has a long and proud tradition and captured North Junior Finals in 1988 and 1989. No doubt the present Knockshe' players on this minor team will be the backbone of the playing membes of that club in the years that lie ahead.

Borrisokane Community College has also played a significant part in developing the skills of today's panel. Nearly all of them have played for the College at Junior and Senior level.

Previous successes for Erin's Hope were successive Under-21 County Football titles in 1980 and 1981.

Clubs like ours will continue to promote our games. The youth will always be encouraged and coached and the facilities provided. But what a bonus it would be if for the first time we became County Minor Champions and the trophy came to reside in Lower Ormond for the next twelve months.

### CLUB OFFICERS:

**Borrisokane:** Chairman, Paul Hogan; Secretary, Cecil Shanahan; Treasurer, M. Ó Cléirigh.

**Knockshewowna:** Chairman: Ger Brennan; Secretary: Joe Murphy; Treasurer: M. Murphy.

**Selectors:** Tdhg Slevin, Paul Hogan, Martin Guest, Ger Brennan.

**PAUL HOGAN**





## ERIN'S HOPE

### *Minor County Finalists 1990*

*BACK ROW (l.-r.): Brendan Reid, Michael Darcy, Henry Reid, Shay Killeen, Declan Costelloe (Capt.), Alan Carroll, Adrian Hogan, Morgan Hough. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Eoin Cleary, Keith Slevin, Jollan Slevin, Tommy Hough, Ray Killeen, Kevin Corrigan, John Egan.*

# ERIN'S HOPE

*Dhochtas Éireann*  
*Dathanna: (Saffron and Blue)*

(1)  
 S. Ó Cillín  
**SHAY KILLEEN**

(2)  
 S. Ó Treasaigh  
**JASON TREACY**

(3)  
 A. O'Cearbhiúil  
**ALAN CARROLL**

(4)  
 S. MacAodháin  
**JOHN EGAN**

(5)  
 C. ÓSléibhín  
**KEITH SLEVIN**

(6)  
 H. Réid  
**HENRY REID**

(7)  
 E. ÓDuinn  
**ENDA DUNNE**

(8)  
 A. ÓHogáin  
**ADRIAN HOGAN**

(9)  
 D. MacCoirtealbh  
**DECLAN COSTELLOE (Capt.)**

(10)  
 P. Dairrigh  
**PAUL DARCY**

(11)  
 M. Ó hEochach  
**MORGAN HOUGH**

(12)  
 E. Ó Cléirigh  
**OWEN CLEARY**

(13)  
 R. Ó Cillín  
**RAYMOND KILLEEN**

(14)  
 T. Ó hEochach  
**THOMAS HOUGH**

(15)  
 M. Dairrigh  
**MICHAEL DARCY**

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) **Brendan Reid** (B. Réid); 17. **Pat Delahunt** (P. Ó Dulchaointigh); 18. **Kevin Corrigan** (C. Ó Corragáin); 19. **John Moloney** (S. OMaoldhomhnaigh); 20. **Julian Slevin** (S. Ó Sléibhín); 21. **Barry Gohery** (B. MacGothraidh); 22. **John Norton** (S. ÓNeachtain).

**Roghnóirí:** Paul Hogan, Martin Guest, Ger Brennan, Tadgh Slevin.

Erin's Hope	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# HOLYCROSS/ BALLYCAHILL

Mainistir na Croise/Baile Ceathail  
Dathanna: (White and Green)

(1)

M. Ó Fearncome  
**MICHAEL FERNCOMBE**

(2)

T. MacGraith  
**THOMAS McGRATH (Capt.)**

(3)

A. OLoinsaigh  
**ANORÉ LYNCH**

(4)

C. Ó Riain  
**CONOR RYAN**

(5)

S. Ó Fearncome  
**JAMES FERNCOMBE**

(6)

S. Gliasáin  
**JIMMY GLEESON**

(7)

D. Ó Riain  
**DECLAN RYAN**

(8)

D. Ó hAilín  
**DENIS ALLEN**

(9)

S. Ó Riain  
**SEAMUS RYAN**

(10)

T. O'Flanagáin  
**TOMMY FLANAGAN**

(11)

T. O'Fógartaigh  
**THOMAS FOGARTY**

(12)

R. Ó Dúil  
**RICHARD DOYLE**

(13)

P. Ó Riain  
**PAUL RYAN**

(14)

L. MacGraith  
**LIAM McGRATH**

(15)

D. ÓCaoimleáin  
**DECLAN QUINLAN**

**Fir Ionaíd:** (16) **Tadhg Bourke** (T. de Búrca); 17. **Liam Bannon** (L. Ó Banáin); 18. **Pat Whelan** (P. Ó Faoláin); 19. **Michael Loughnane** (M. Ó Lachnáin); 20. **Philip Ryan** (P. Ó Riain); 21. **Seamus Bourke** (S. de Búrca); 22. **Stephen McGrath** (S. MacGraith); 23. **Joseph Bourke** (S. de Búrca); 24. **Jim Ryan** (S. Ó Riáin); 25. **Kevin Maher** (C. O'Meachair); 26. **David Bourke** (D. de Búrca).

**Roghnóirí:** Brendan Bannon, Liam O'Gorman. **Coach:** Johnny Doyle

Holycross/ Ballycahill	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					



# CASHEL KING CORMAC'S

*Caiseal Rí Cormaic*  
*Dathanna: (Red and Green)*

(1)  
S. Ó Riain  
**JOHN RYAN**

(2)  
T. O'Conghaile  
**T. J. CONNOLLY**

(3)  
P. O'Donnchú  
**PAT O'DONOGHUE**

(4)  
S. Muineóg  
**JOE MINOGUE**

(5)  
C. Ó Cnáimhsí  
**CONAL BONNAR**

(6)  
P. MacEille  
**PAT FITZELL**

(7)  
A. Ó Slatarra  
**TONY SLATTERY**

(8)  
C. Ó Cnáimhsí  
**COLM BONNAR**

(9)  
L. MacEille  
**WILLIE FITZELL**

(10)  
R. O'Riain  
**RAMIE RYAN**

(11)  
C. Ó Cnáimhsí (Capt.)  
**CORMAC BONNAR**

(12)  
S. Ó Donnchú  
**JAMES O'DONOGHUE**

(13)  
A. Ó Cnáimhsí  
**AILBE BONNAR**

(14)  
S. Ó Grogáin  
**JOHN GROGAN**

(15)  
T. ÓGrogáin  
**TOMMY GROGAN**

**Fir Ionaid:** (16) **Michael Perdue** (M. ÓPerdue); 17. **Sean Slattery** (S. ÓSlatarra); 18. **Peter Fitzell**; 19. **Joe O'Leary** (S. O'Laoire); (20) D. MacGraith (**Declan McGrath**); (21) G. Ó Slatarra (**Gerard Slattery**); (22) D. Ó hUiginn (**Don Higgins**).

**Coach:** Justin McCarthy. **Roghnóirí:** Brendan Bonnar, Aonghus Ryan, John Dermody.

Cashel King Cormacks	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

# HOLYCROSS/ BALLYCAHILL

Mainistir na Croise/Baile Ćeathail  
Dathanna: (Green and White)

(1)  
P. Ó Slatarra  
**PAT SLATTERY**

(2)  
S. Ó Dúil  
**JOHNNY DOYLE**

(3)  
T. Ó Duibhir  
**TOM DWYER**

(4)  
R. Ó Dubháin  
**RUAIRI DWAN**

(5)  
P. Ó Ceathail  
**PHIL CAHILL**

(6)  
M. Ó Dúil  
**MICHAEL DOYLE**

(7)  
P. Ó Duibhir  
**PHIL DWYER**

(8)  
D. Ó Carra (Capt.)  
**DECLAN CARR**

(9)  
P. Ó Lanagáin  
**PAT LANIGAN**

(10)  
P. Ó Dubháin  
**PADDY DWAN**

(11)  
S. Ó Dubháin  
**STEPHEN DWAN**

(12)  
A. Ó Lanagáin  
**TONY LANIGAN**

(13)  
P. Ó Slatarra  
**PAUL SLATTERY**

(14)  
R. Ó Staicliúim  
**ROBERT STAKELUM**

(15)  
P. OMeachair  
**PAUL MAHER**

**Fir Ionaíd:** (16) **Benjy Browne** (B. de Brún); 17. **Gerry Fennessy** (G. Ó Fionnghusa); 18. **Michael Fleming** (M. Pléamonn); 19. **Donal Ryan** (D. Ó Riain); 20. **Ciarán Carroll** (C. Ó Cearbhúil); 21. **Tim Stakelum** (T. Ó Staiclióm); 22. **Pat Cahill** (P. Ó Ceathail); 23. **Jim Ryan** (S. Ó Riain); 24. **Tommy Lanigan** (T. Ó Lanagáin); 25. **Cristóir Croke** (C. Cróc); 26. **Michael McGrath** (M. MacGraith).  
**Roghnóirí:** Michael Ryan, Phil Lowry, Seamus Mackey. **Coach:** Paddy Kenny.

Holycross/ Ballycahill	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					



## CASHEL KING CORMACKS

*County Finalists 1990*

**BACK ROW (l.-r.):** Pat Fitzell, Tommy Grogan, Willie Fitzell, John Ryan, John Grogan, T.J. Connolly, Conal Bonnar, Pat O'Donoghue. **FRONT ROW (l.-r.):** Joe Minogue, Rennie Ryan, James O'Donoghue, Colm Bonnar, Cormac Bonnar, Tony Slattery, Ailbe Bonnar.





## HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

*County Finalists 1990*

*BACK ROW (l.-r.): Tom Dwyer, P. J. Lanigan, Michael Doyle, Phil Dwyer, Pat Slattery, Declan Carr, Johnny Doyle, Stephen Dwan. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Paddy Dwan, Tony Lanigan, Michael Fleming, Paul Slattery, Phil Cahill, Ruairi Dwan, Robert Stokelum.*



## HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

*Minor County Finalists 1990*

*BACK ROW (l.-r.): Declan Ryan, Paul Ryan, Conor Ryan, Seamus Ryan, Michael Ferncombe, André Lynch, Declan Quinlan, Liam McGrath. FRONT ROW (l.-r.): Timmy Gleeson, Tomás McGrath, Denis Allen, James Ferncombe, Richard Doyle, Thomas Fogarty, Tommy Flanagan.*



# HOLYCROSS MINOR PEN-PICTURES

**MICHAEL FERNCOMBE** (17). Shop Assistant. U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling and Football, U-16, Co. Hurling Mid Minor Hurling and Football Medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990. All-Ireland Voc. Schools Inter Co. 1990.

**THOMAS McGRATH** (18). (Capt.) M.I.C.E. Limerick. U-12 Football, U-16, Mid. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**ANDRÉ LYNCH** (17). St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh. U-14, U-16, Mid H&F U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F Medals.

**JAMES FERNCOMBE** (17). Thurles Voc. School. U-14, U-16, Mid H&F; U-16 Co. Hurling Mid Minor Hurling and Football medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles.

**TIMMY GLEESON** (17). Pallaskenry Agricultural College, U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling and Football, U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling and Football Medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles All-Ireland Voc. Schools Inter Co. 1990.

**DECLAN RYAN** (18). Farmer. U-12, U-16, Mid Hurling; Mid Minor Hurling and Football Medals. Rice Cup; All-Ireland Agricultural College Medal, 1990.

**DENIS ALLEN** (17). Thurles Voc. School. U-14, U-16 Mid Hurling and Football. U-16 Co. Hurling Mid Minor Hurling and Football Medals. Fitzgerald Shield, 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles.

**SEAMUS RYAN** (18). F.A.S. Recruit. U-12, Football, U-16 Mid Hurling; Mid Minor Hurling & F. Medals.

**TOMMY FLANAGAN** (17). R.T.C. Cork. U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling and Football U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling and Football Medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles. All-Ireland Voc. Schools Inter Co. 1990. South East U-16 F League Medal, 1989.

**THOMAS FOGARTY** (17). Pallaskenry Agri. College. U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling and Football U-16, Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F Medals. Fitzgerald Shield, 1990. Forrestal Cup medal. 1987. Munster Voc. Schls 1990 with Thurles. All-Ireland Voc. School Inter Co. 1990. South East U-16 Football League medal, 1989.

**RICHARD DOYLE** (16). Thurles C.B.S. U-14, U-16 Mid Hurling and Football. U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals. Forrestal Cup medal, 1988.

**PAUL RYAN** (17). Thurles Voc. School. U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling & Football U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling & Football medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles.

**LIAM McGRATH** (17). R.T.C. Waterford. U-14, U-16, Mid Hurling and Football, U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling & Football medals. Fitzgerald Shield 1990. Munster Voc. Schools 1990 with Thurles.

**DECLAN QUINLAN** (18). Plumber. U-12 Football, U-16 Mid Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling & Football.

**TADGH BOURKE** (15). Thurles CBS U-16, Mid H&F medals; Mid Minor Hurling medal.

**LIAM BANNON** (18). Farmer. U-12 Football; U-16 Mid Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**PHILIP RYAN** (16). Thurles Voc. School. U-14, (2) U-16 Mid Hurling & Football. U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals. Fitzgerald Shield, 1990.

**JOSEPH BOURKE** (16). Thurles Voc. School U-14, U-16. Mid H&F U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**STEPHEN McGRATH** (18). R.T.C. Waterford. U-12, U-16 Mid Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**SEAMUS BOURKE** (18). Building trade. U-12 F; U-16 Mid Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**JIM RYAN** (16). Thurles C.B.S. U-14, U-16 Mid H&F; U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**MICHAEL LOUGHNANE** (18). Building trade. U-12 Football, U-16 Mid Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**PAT WHELAN** (18). Welder. U-12, U-16. Mid Hurling. Mid Minor H&F medals.

**KEVIN MAHER** (17). Thurles Vocational School U-14, U-16 Mid Hurling & Football medals.

**DAVID BOURKE** (16). Patricial College, Ballyfin. U-14, to U-16, Mid Hurling & Football. U-16 Co. Hurling. Mid Minor Hurling and Football medals.



# HOLYCROSS TO CLAIM TITLE

*By: SEÁMUS Ó DOHERTY*

AT THE conclusion of the 1989 Co. S.H. Final, John Ryan, the Holycross-Ballycahill chairman visited the Clonoulty Rossmore dressing room. There, he offered his sincere congratulations and while deeply disappointed, he nonetheless represented his club in true sporting fashion. That is the spirit of Holycross and goes some of the way towards explaining the club's popularity with neutrals.

This year's unique final pairing of West champions Cashel K.C. and Mid victors Holycross-Ballycahill, has captured the interest of the hurling public and all but engulfed partisan followers. Whomever wins will have achieved something great. The Abbeysiders are seeking their fourth title in all, and a first since 1954.

Cashel, by contrast, are on the threshold of something even greater – a first ever title. One way or another it is a special day for the West men because this will be their first Co. Final appearance since 1940. The Mid champions of course ended a 25 year absence from the decider by their 1989 appearance and so it was hardly a surprise that they found their way there again this season.

The background to the final is interesting. The teams are led by 1989 All-Stars Declan Carr and Cormac Bonnar, both of whom have enjoyed excellent club seasons after a lot of disappointment with Tipperary. Both clubs have come through after much hard work at lower grades over a long period of time.

Cashel K.C. – the third west team to appear in finals in the past four seasons, have been an enigma for years. Following glorious minor days in the 1971-76 era, they looked like future senior winners, but sadly for them that hasn't come to pass. Three minor county titles in the eighties followed, but it is only now under Justin McCarthy's direction that the performance is matching the potential.

This season's team is more confident than even the '88 version, which failed to Borrisoleigh in the Co. Semi Final. Their ability and teamwork have at last been united.

Their sprinkling of blue and gold graduates makes impressive reading and on paper there is little reason to fear any opponents. Holycross-Ballycahill have developed nicely too, aided by Co. Success at minor and junior grades. Their squad has been together for a few years now and the recent victory over Kilruane McDonagh proved they were worthy finalists. Michael Doyle (man of the match in the '89 Co. Final) has been in great form for the Abbeysiders, while other brother Johnny, team captain Declan Carr, sharpshooting Stephen Dwan and the flying Tony Lanigan have been to the fore in this campaign. An example of how the team has developed under Paddy kenny can be seen in the difference between the drawn and replayed semi-final. Tony Lanigan missed a good chance to win the first game when his last minute shot went wide. In the replay he pointed near the end, from a more difficult angle into the same goal.

Opinions vary on likely winners of the Dan Breen Cup. Many fancy the family based Cashel K.C. Bonnars, Fitzelles, Grogans etc., but others expect the Dwans, Doyles, Dwyers, Lanigans and Slatterys to lift the silverware.. Both teams have impressive credentials – Cashel defeated the '88 champions (Loughmore Castleiney) and the '89 Champions (Clonoulty Rossmore) en route to the decider while their opponents also pipped Loughmore C. and added the scalp of Kilruane McDonaghs (conquers of Clonoulty Rossmore) to their list of conquests.

Kilruane had gone five games without conceding a goal, until Michael Doyle's green flag in the semi-final replay. It was the turning point in a great comeback and could ultimately prove to be the most vital goal of the season.

Tommy Grogan's accuracy has been an essential part of the Cashel success story and this game may hinge on whether Holycross-Ballycahill give him the opportunities he rarely misses. The men in green have been my fancy all season and today they should prove their worth.

# CASHEL PEN-PICTURES

**JOHN RYAN (Goalkeeper):** Age 28 years; Height: 6-1; Weight: 14St-7lbs. Occupation: Garda. Minor and U-21 County Medals with Doon.

**T. J. CONNOLLY (Right cornerback):** Age: 19; Height: 6-1; Weight 13-0. Occupation: Hospital Attendant. 2 Minor County Final Medals. Played MH, MF, U-21 H & F with county.

**PAT DONOGHUE (Fullback):** Age 24; Height: 6-3; Weight 14<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> St. Occupation: Garda. Munster M.H. Medal; All-Ireland U-21 Medal; Colleges All-Ireland; Garda All-Ireland.

**JOE MINOGUE (Left Cornerback):** Age: 33; Height: 5-9; Weight: 11-0; Occupation: Psychiatric Nurse. All-Ireland Inter-Firm medal. Munster U-21 Medal, 1978.

**CONAL BONNAR (Right Half Back):** Age: 21; Height: 5-11; Weight: 11-9; Occupation: Student. All-Ireland U-21 and S.H. Medals. All-Star Award.

**PAT FITZELL (Centreback):** Age: 33; Height: 6-0; Weight: 12-6; Occupation: Carpenter. National League Medals 1979 and 1988; Under-21 Munster Medal 1978; Munster S.H. Medal.

**TONY SLATTERY (Left Wingback):** Age: 32; Height 5-10; Weight: 11-7; Occupation: Secondary Teacher. All-Ireland M.H. and U-21 Medals.

**COLM BONNAR (Centrefield):** Age: 26; Height: 5-10; Weight: 12-7; Occupation: Coach Administrator in WRTC. All-Ireland MH, U-21 and S.H. Medals. All-Star Award. National H. League 1988.

**WILLIE FITZELL (Centrefield):** Age: 26; Height: 6-0; Weight: 12-6. National Hurling Medal, 1988. Co. I.F. Medal, 1984.

**RAYMIE RYAN (Right half-forward):** Age: 19; Height: 6-0; Weight: 12-0; Occupation: Trainee Electrical Technician. All-Ireland U-21 Medal; 2 County Minor Hurling Medals.

**CORMAC BONNAR (Centreforward [capt]):** Age: 31; Height: 6-0; Weight: 13St. 7lbs.; Occupation: Secondary

Teacher. 2 All-Ireland U-21 Medals; 1 All-Ireland S.H. Medal; 1 All-Star Award.

**AILBE BONNAR (Lefthalf forward):** Age: 19; Height: 5-10; Weight: 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St.; Occupation: Shop Manager. 2 County M.H. Medals; Munster M.H. League Medal.

**JAMES DONOGHUE (Right corner forward):** Age: 20; Weight: 12-4; Height: 5-11; Occupation: Student. County Minor Hurling Medal; Freshers Hurling Championship W.R.T.C.

**JOHN GROGAN (Full Forward):** Age: 34; Height: 6-3; Weight: 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St.; Occupation: Bank Official. 1 Munster M.H. Medal; Minor Hurling and Football Co. Medals.

**TOMMY GROGAN (Left full forward):** Age: 32; Height: 6-1; Weight: 14 St.; Occupation: Shopkeeper. All-Ireland M.H. and U-21 Medals; Minor Hurler of the year, 1976.

**MICHAEL PERDUE:** Age: 21; Height: 5-9; Weight: 12-3; Occupation: Bank Official. Munster M.H. League Medal.

**SEAN SLATTERY:** Age 26; Height 5-11; 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St.; Hospital Attendant. All-Ireland Medal M.H. Munster Medal U-21.

**PETER FITZELL:** Age: 20; Height: 5-9; Weight: 12<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St. Hospital Attendant. County J.F. Medal, 1984.

**DECLAN McGRATH:** Age 20; Height 5-6; Weight: 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St. Milkman. 1 Co. M.H. Medal

**GERARD SLATTERY:** Age: 20; Height 5-11; Weight: 13<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> St. Elect. Contractor. 1 Co. M.H. Medal, 1986.

**DON HIGGINS:** Age: 32; Height: 5-8; Weight: 11-7. Storeman. 2 Co. M.H. Medals.

**JOE O'LEARY:** Age: 19; Height: 5-9; Weight: 11-0; Farmer. 2 Co. M.H. Medals & Munster M.H. League.

**SEANIE BARRON:** Age: 19; Height: 5-11; Weight: 12 St. Factory Worker. 2 County M.H. Medals.



# FACTS ABOUT CASHIEL

**P**ATRON: Monsignor Christopher Lee, D.D.; President: Willie Ryan; Chairman: Seamus J. King; Vice-Chairman: Michael Browne; Secretary: Kevin Hall; Treasurer: John Cahill; P.R.O.: John Prendergast; Juvenile Chairman: Joe Moloney; Juvenile Secretary: Brian Clancy; Car-taker, Leahy Park: Dinny Keating; Selectors: Brendan Bonnar, John Darmody, Aengus Ruan; Coach: Justin McCarthy.

The 'G.A.A. History of Cashel and Rosegreen, 1884-1984', by Seamus J. King was published in 1984. It contains 567 pages and is still available.

The official Cashel colours are red and green but in the past the team was known as the Cashel reds. 'Twas a distinctive red, a darkish red,' according to Michael Leamy, long time player and official with the club. Before that it was a striped jersey, with red and green bars. At one stage the football club broke away and introduced a new jersey, black with white cuffs and Cashel King Cormac's written in white. This team won a county junior football final in the mid-twenties and went senior after it. However, a number of the team were from outside the town and when they went away the team fell apart. On one occasion Cashel King Cormac's got a set of jerseys knitted by the Presentation Convent, which had a small knitting unit. 'They were lovely jerseys, twenty-one in all,' according to Michael. They were also quite warm!

All-Ireland senior hurling medal winners from the Cashel club are as follows: Jack Gleeson, 1937; Jim Devitt, 1945 & 1949; Peter O'Sullivan, 1964, 1965, 1971; Cormac, Colm and Conal Bonnar, 1989.

National Hurling League winners: Pa Fitzelle 1979 and 1988; Colm Bonnar, 1988 All-Star Awards: Colm Bonnar, 1988; Cormac and Conal Bonnar, 1989.

Cashel have won 14 west senior hurling titles: 1934, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1945, 1948, 1965, 1971, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1988, 1990.

Before the west division was formed in 1930 Cashel played in both the south and the mid divisions.

There are five survivors from the Cashel teams that played three county finals in four years between 1937 and 1940: Michael Burke, who was captain, and who played with Tipperary in the famous game against Clare in 1938; Michael Leamy who, when his playing days were over, was a club official for many years and who is still Secretary of the Field Committee; Michael Murphy, who has a club record for the greatest number of divisional medals in senior hurling, seven in all; Father Tom O'Dwyer, who has just retired after many years as a priest in Australia; Michael Ryan (S), who is still proud of his three divisional medals and who, though recently hospitalised, is hoping to attend the county final today.





## CAUGHT IN THE ACT!

*Captured at the recent County semi-final: John Doyle, Tommy Barrett, Michael Keating, Liam Hennessy and Noel Murphy.*

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## Thurles, Co. Tipperary

A visitor attraction based on the History and Games of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

### Background

Thurles is a town which has been steeped in the tradition of Gaelic Games since the Gaelic Athletic Association was founded there in 1884. As such, it is the ideal location in which to recreate and interpret the proud history of Ireland's premier sporting association. It is estimated that at least 750,000 are actively involved with Gaelic Games and a much larger number are interested as supporters. As no national interpretive centre for Gaelic Games exists, such a centre located in Thurles, the very birthplace of the GAA, has potential to become a visitor attraction of national and indeed international significance.

A project team has been set up consisting of representatives of Thurles Development Association, Shannon Development Company and Tipperary County Board GAA, with the objective of establishing a visitor attraction based on the history and games of the GAA. A feasibility study which was carried out, concluded that the project was viable and would attract 50,000 visitors annually to Thurles.

### Location

The committee has now purchased the town's old National Bank building which is one of the finest non-ecclesiastic buildings in Thurles. Built in 1863, it is a large building with a fine cut-stone facade, and located 60 metres from Liberty Square, it is an ideal home for the project. An adjacent half acre site

provides adequate space for landscaping, coach and car parking, and any future extension of the existing building which may be necessary.

With the generous support of FAS, renovation of the building began in July 1989, with the major job of replacing the roof and securing the building. Those working on the project are all young people under 30. When complete, the project will be titled Lár na Páirce or Centrefield.

### The need for Lár na Páirce

Sporting organisations throughout the world are now recreating and reliving their historic past. Basketball, baseball, golf and soccer, are all interpreted within several exciting and imaginative visitor centres. Gaelic games do not yet benefit from the heightened awareness and prestige which a first rate interpretive centre can impart.

This need to preserve and foster the rich heritage which the games have bestowed, presents an opportunity for Thurles, a town presently without a visitor attraction. Since Interpretive Centres are really successful, only when located where the event being interpreted actually occurred, the Centrefield concept is uniquely suited to Thurles and for this reason will be developed **exclusively** as an interpretation of the heritage transmitted to us from Gaelic Games.

### How will the games be interpreted?

The plans for Centrefield envisage that



the ground floor area will consist of interactive display where light, sound, graphics and video are used to bring alive the history of the GAA and its enormous effect on Ireland's historic and cultural development. A small cinema will be included showing highlights of classic games from the past, using all-round sound to pull visitors directly into the atmosphere of the games.

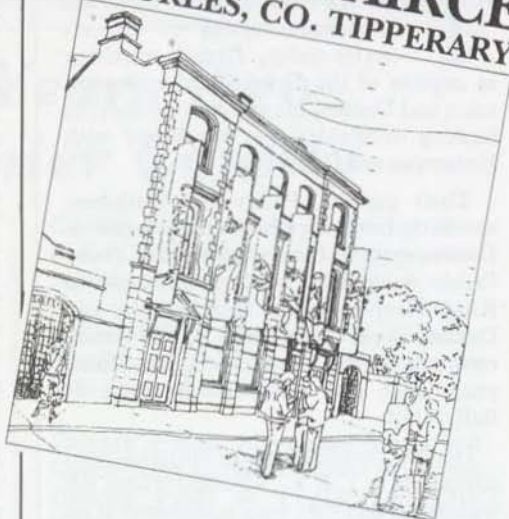
The first floor area will incorporate a standard museum display of artefacts, but with modern technology used to demonstrate the historic context and importance of the exhibits.

Here cups, medals, hurleys and programmes will be displayed along with models of how famous grounds would have looked in the past at an early stage of development. As a basis for this display the famous Sam Melbourne collection, which is now owned by the Tipperary County Board, is being made available. Finally, in the dramatic concluding exhibit, a large wrap-around screen and special effects will allow visitors to directly experience the unique atmosphere and intensity of All-Ireland Final Day.

It is also proposed that the National Archive of Gaelic Games will be located within the building. With the support of FÁS, research has been carried out to provide a centralised data-base of statistical information covering all Gaelic Games. When operational, visitors to the centre can be provided with pen pictures of each player to win an All-Ireland title, along with other statistical and historic information.

When complete, it is estimated that Lár na Páirce will have cost upwards of £0.65 million. The financial package being put in place will involve a mixture of private and public sector funding, along with a substantial GAA and community contribution. Financial projections indicate that once in operation,

## CENTREFIELD LÁR NA PÁIRCE THURLES, CO. TIPPERARY



Lár na Páirce will trade profitably, provided it is not burdened by annual repayment on substantial borrowings.

Therefore the Project Team are appealing to the many friends and supporters of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael for the assistance which will be necessary to make Lár na Páirce become a reality. In supporting this project you will help directly with the creation of six jobs, generate a large financial spin-off greatly benefiting the economy of the Tipperary area, but above all you will have assisted in the creation of a fitting tribute to great players and outstanding achievements in over 100 years of Gaelic Games.

Contributions will be gratefully accepted by any member of the project team or may be forwarded to:

**Centrefield Project,**  
a/c No. 97318264,  
Bank of Ireland,  
Thurles.



# *The Carrs . . . journeying to the top*

By Brother M. Hickey

**T**OMMY and Declan Carr are household names in G.A.A. circles today, Tommy excelling as captain of the Dublin senior football team and Declan, his younger brother, as hurling midfielder, par excellence with Holycross and Tipperary.

Their parents, Paddy and Kathleen, are both from Tipperary but moved to Dublin early in their married life. There Paddy worked as head groundsman in Kings Hospital where both Tommy and Declan went to school. The family returned to the Premier county fifteen years later and took up residence in Ballycahill.

Declan completed his secondary school education in C.B.S., Thurles, where his leadership qualities were recognised at an early stage by Brother J. Perkins who appointed him captain of the Harty Cup team. Incidentally, Tommy, while a student in King's Hospital in Dublin, played hockey with the Leinster school-boys.

Declan has now become an established member of the Tipperary hurling team and today he is hoping to lead Holycross to their first senior hurling title since the fifties. He readily admits that his biggest disappointment as a player was when he was substituted after eight minutes against Limerick in the Munster semi-final of last year in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. However, being the great player that he is, he confounded his critics by giving an outstanding performance in the All-Ireland final against Antrim in September, which earned him the B + I 'Man of the Match' award. That display helped Tipperary to bridge a seventeen year gap between that and their previous All-Ireland success. He would dearly love to be the next Tipperary captain to bring

the McCarthy cup back to the Premier County.

To date Declan has won, among many other awards, All-Ireland medals at both Under-21 and Senior level. He was nominated as an All-Star midfielder last year and he is also the proud possessor of three Mid-senior hurling medals and he is hoping to add a senior county medal to that collection to-day. He is also, like his brother Tommy, whom, along with Cormac Bonner, he admires enormously. 'For their sheer dedication to the games' - an accomplished footballer having won an All-Ireland Inter-Firms medal in that code.

Asked what he considers are some of the important qualities that go to make up a successful hurler he lists a high fitness level and an ability to read the game as being two of the more important ones. As a hurler he certainly has proven over the last number of years that he has both of these qualities in abundance.

Declan has very strong views in regard to the whole question of professionalism within the G.A.A. Whereas he would not favour full-time professionalism within the Association he certainly does feel that players should be adequately embursed for any financial shortfall they may experience as a result of their involvement at inter-county level. He feels it should not be left to Supporters' Clubs to meet that shortfall as he thinks the Association is well fixed financially to meet such payments to players.

His advice to young budding hurlers is that nothing can be achieved without commitment and dedication be that on or off the field. Certainly, as a hurler, Declan Carr, along with his footballing brother Tommy, are shining examples to young players in this regard and no doubt these qualities will lead to many

more successes for both of them on the playing fields in the years go come.

Whitney Houston is the person Declan would most like to meet but one gets the impression from talking to him that he

would willingly forego such a privilege if he could be guaranteed he'd be meeting Peter Quinn on the platform of the Hogan Stand, McCarthy Cup in hand, come September next year. Cork, watch out!

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## 1940 - 50 Years Ago in the Premier County

The Munster Council Convention was held in Thurles on 18th February.

Dundrum in the West Division was the venue for the County Convention on January 28th.

Tipperary lost the N.H.L. Final to Cork in a game which produced 14 goals. The game was played in Cork on 7th April and the rebels scored 8-9 to 6-4 for Tipperary.

Munster had a narrow victory over Leinster in the Railway Cup Final, winning by 4-9 to 5-4. Four Tipperary hurlers were on the victorious team, Ger Cornally, Willie O'Donnell, Dinny O'Gorman and John Maher.

### **Divisional Finals:**

**North Final:** Kilruane-MacDonaghs 2-5; Kiladangan 3-1 at Borrisokane on 11th August.

**South Final:** Killenaule 7-2, Carrick Swans 1-3 at Clonmel on 11th August.

**Mid Final:** Moycarkey-Borris 2-6, Thurles Sarsfields 1-4 at Littleton on 18th August.

**West Final:** Cashel King Cormack's 5-1, Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-3 at Dundrum on 25th August.

**County Semi-Finals:** Moycarkey-Borris 4-5, Killenaule 3-1, at Clonmel on 8th September.

Cashel King Cormack's 3-4, Kilruane MacDonagh's 3-2 at Templemore on 15th September.

**County Final:** Moycarkey-Borris and Cashel King Cormack's lined out in the County Final at Thurles on 13th October. The Mid champions had five points in hand at the final whistle winning by 4-7 to 4-2. The game was hard fought and several players picked up injuries. The quality of the play was spoiled by the wind. Each side had a player dismissed. Tom Kennedy was the winning captain that day.

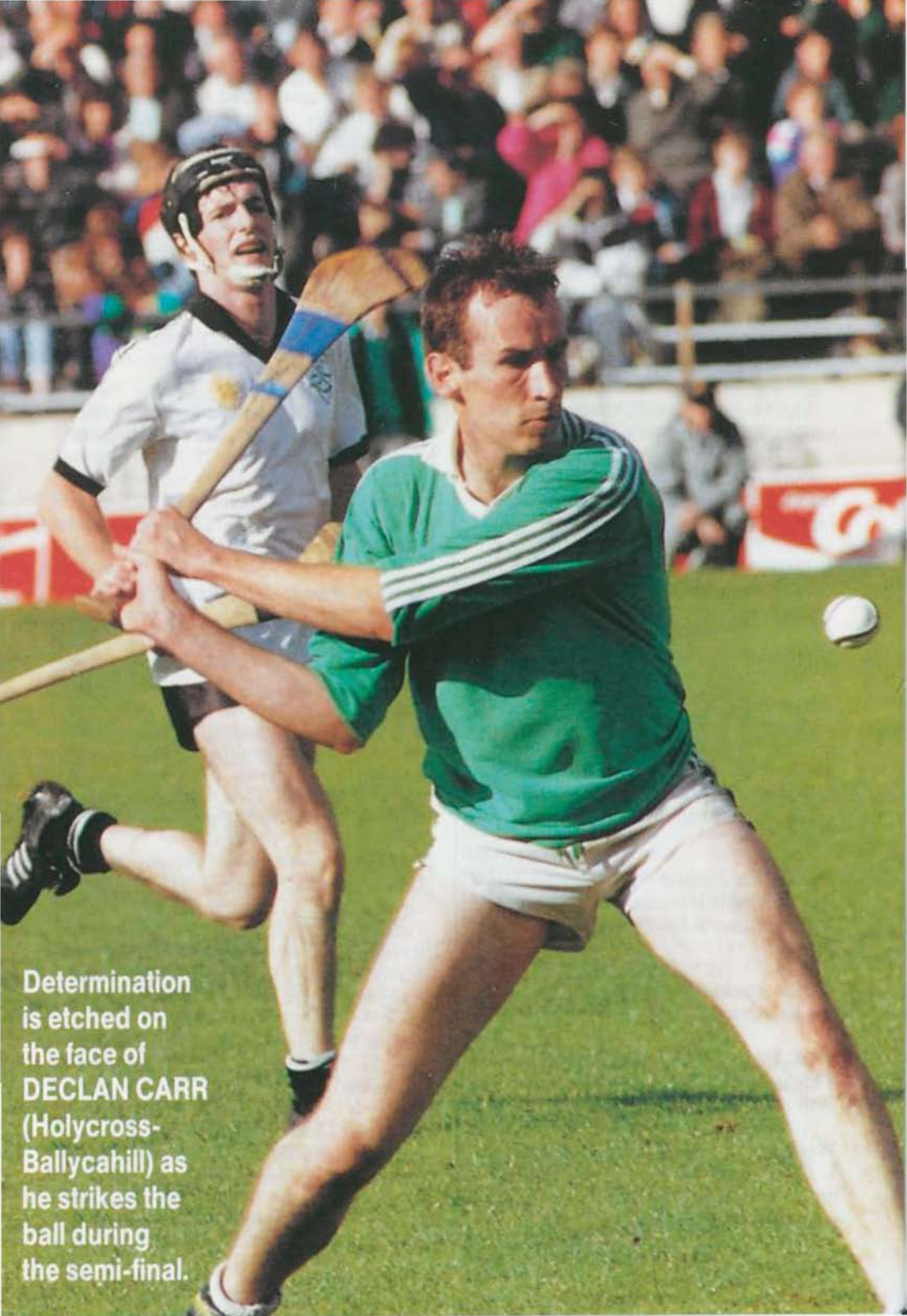
**Moycarkey-Borris:** Tommy Kelly, Jimmy Maher, Tommy Hayes, Dick Grant, Mick Dempsey, Johnny Ryan, Paddy Maher, Martin Healy, Paddy Ryan, Tom Kennedy, Willie Ryan, Matty Ryan, Tom Hayes, Dick Buckley, Jim Duggan.

Rev. Fr. J. J. Meagher of Thurles was County Chairman for the fourteenth successive year.

Johnny Leahy of Boherlahan was serving in the office of County Secretary for a similar period.

*Seán O'Driscoll*





Determination  
is etched on  
the face of  
**DECLAN CARR**  
(Hollycross-  
Ballycahill) as  
he strikes the  
ball during  
the semi-final.



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