

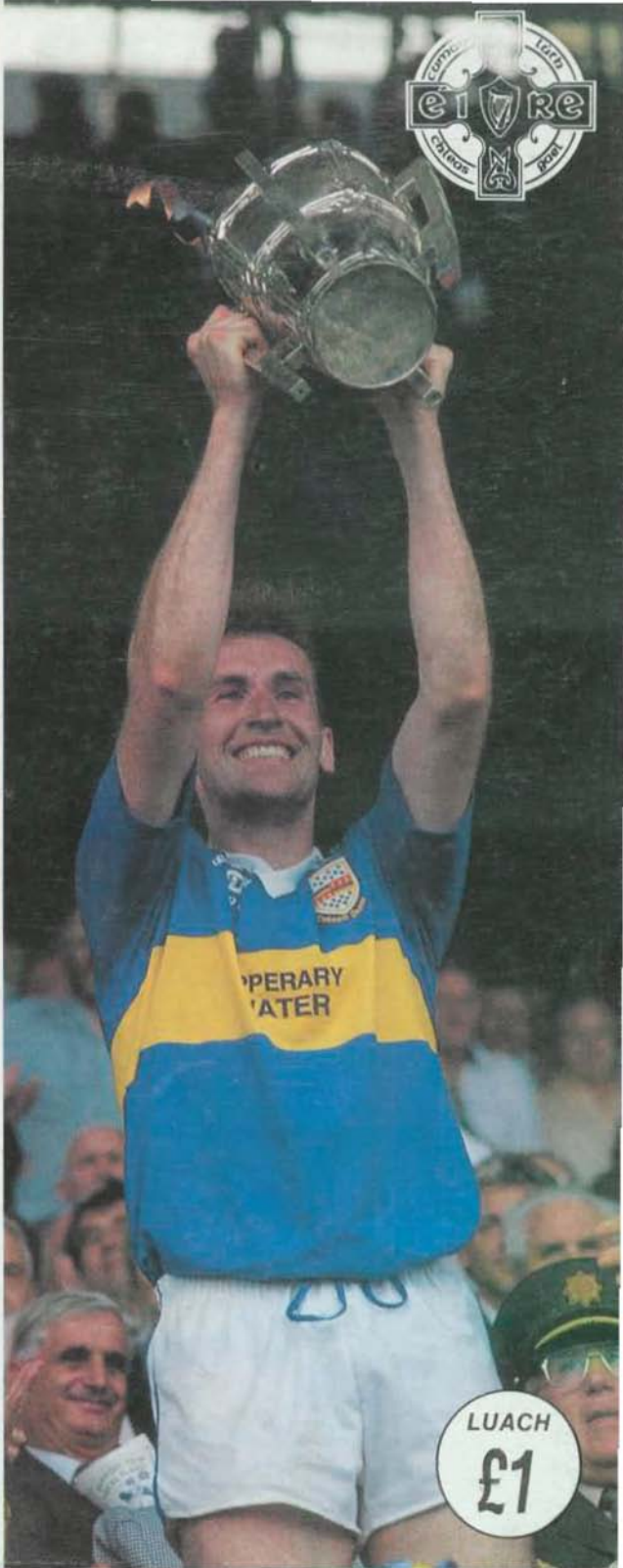
Co. Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1991



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All-Ireland Junior Hurling Champions 1991



BACK ROW (l-r): Michael Kelly, David Fogarty, Brendan Bane, Damien Quinlan, Joe Harrington, Michael Ryan (Felhard), John Leamy, Michael Ryan (Ballinahinch), Liam Sheedy, Eoin Cummins, Michael Stapleton, Liam Stokes, Murty Grace, Philip Kelly, John Ryan. FRONT ROW (l-r): Brian Leamy, Tommy Murray, Chris Byron, Pat Maguire, Sean Nealon, Gerry O'Brien, Eamon Maher, Shane McManus, Eamon Kelly, Denis O'Shea, Paudie O'Keefe, Pat Hickey (Pic: Jerry Ring)

Clár an Lae



1.00 i.n. Cluiche Cheannais Mionúir
Cnocabhile-Cunascath v. Éire Óg, Aonach
(Knockavilla-Donaskeagh) (Éire Óg, Nenagh)

Réiteoir: T. Lonergan.

2.30 i.n. Cluiche Cheannais Sinsear
MAINISTER NA CROISE-BAILE ACHAILLE
v. CAISEAL RÍ CHORMAC
(Holycross-Ballycahill) v. (Cashel King Cormacs)

Réiteoir: J. McDonnell.

Buíochas

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Liam Ó Donnchú.

John McCormack
Programme Editor

Fáilte

IS é mo phoibhléid thar cheann Coiste Condae Thiobraid Árann fíor chaoín fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir inniu. Táimid ag súil le cluichi don chéad scoth agus go mbeidh an bua ag na fóirne is fearr.

Both our minor teams — Kickhams and Éire Óg — are no strangers to Semple Stadium or county finals and the work done by the Juvenile Committees of these clubs down the years is well known to all of us.

The senior final is a repeat of last year's final. Holycross/Ballycahill were the victors last year. They have the experience and resilience to win as borne out by the testing campaign they went through to reach the final.

Cashel, too, have youth and experience and the team contains many players who have worn the county jersey at many different levels and therefore have the team talent necessary to win. So all in all a lively tussle should be the order of the day, so ar aghaidh leis na cluichi and let Hurling be the winner.



The presentation of our games within the County has been improving and I hope this trend continues. However, it's not our wish to detract from the traditional ways or indeed to impose unnecessary structures. But, we would ask officials, players and patrons to obey the stewards, who ensure our comfort and safety and also we would ask team officials in particular to play their part in helping the players to give us enjoyment on the field with the minimum of interference.

Michael Maguire

Cathaoirleach

Coiste Contae Tiobraid Árann



Cashel King Cormacs selectors Aengus Ryan, John Darmody and Brendan Bonnar with team coach Justin McCarthy (2nd from right) keeping an eye on the team as they go through their final preparations.

Na Reiteoirí

Senior: JOHNNY McDONNELL

Johnny is married to Kathleen and they have one child, John.

Johnny to-day realises one of his life-long ambitions, to referee a Tipperary Senior Hurling Final.

Johnny, who started refereeing in 1985, has to date officiated at Intermediate North hurling finals in 1986, 1987 and 1991; Under 21 North hurling final 1988; Senior North hurling final 1989; County Junior Hurling Final 1988, and County Under-21 hurling final 1989.

He also officiated at the Munster Junior Hurling semi-finals in 1987 and 1989, and the Munster minor hurling semi-finals of 1990 and 1991. Impeccable credentials which will no doubt lead him to further honours in the very near future.



Minor: TOMMY LONERGAN

The referee for today's minor final is Kilsheelan's Tommy Loneragan.

Tommy is one of the most experienced referees in the County, having officiated at nearly all levels within the Association in both hurling and football.

A dedicated member of his own club, his contribution at that level has been much appreciated both as a player and as a member of the club committee.

He has also served as a County Minor Football Selector for several years.

Tommy now seems to have a great future ahead as a referee, where his star is rising fast. We wish him well in today's game.



Tommy Loneragan takes in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final day, 1984, when Tipperary played Dublin in the All-Ireland Minor Football Final.

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Semi-final action featuring Conal Bonnar (Cashel).

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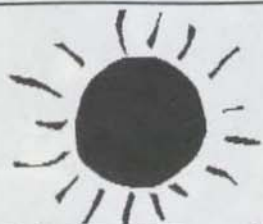
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1991

also saw the opening of the Tipperary Trading Store in Birdhill, Co. Tipperary. A beautiful 19th century building, renovated and run by Tipperary Enterprise as a showcase for high quality Tipperary products.

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To find out more information, contact:

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TOOMEVARA



The Toomevara team who narrowly lost to Cashel King Cormacs in the semi-final.

THE DAN BREEN CUP

UP to 1931 there was no trophy presented to the County Senior Hurling Champions. In 1931, when the Tipperary team returned home after an American Tour, they brought with them a cup which had been presented by Dan Breen to Tipperary County Board. What follows is a list of all those captains, to whom the magnificent trophy was presented.

1931	Martin Kennedy	Toomevara
1932	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1933	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1934	Phil Purcell	Moycarkey-Borris
1935	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1936	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1937	Paddy Ryan	Moycarkey-Borris
1938	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1939	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1940	Tom Kennedy	Moycarkey-Borris
1941	Phil O'Dwyer	Boherlahan
1942	Jim Lanigan	Thurles Sarsfields
1943	Tom Ryan	Eire Óg/Anacathy
1944	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1945	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1946	John Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1947	Willie Wall	Carrick Swans
1948	Francis Maher	Holycross/Ballycahill
1949	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1950	Sean Kenny	Borrisoleigh
1951	Francis Maher	Holycross/Ballycahill
1952	Tommy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1953	Tim Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1954	Francis Maher	Holycross
1955	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1956	Mickey Byrne	Thurles Sarsfields
1957	Larry Keane	Thurles Sarsfields
1958	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1959	Tony Wall	Thurles Sarsfields
1960	Willie Donovan	Toomevara
1961	Martin Maher	Thurles Sarsfields
1962	Michael McElgann	Thurles Sarsfields
1963	Bobby Mockler	Thurles Sarsfields
1964	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1965	Patsy Dorney	Thurles Sarsfields
1966	Richie Walsh	Carrick Davins
1967	Mick Roche	Carrick Davins
1968	John Dillon	Roscrea
1969	Patsy Roland	Roscrea



The new Dan Breen Cup

1970	Donie Moloney	Roscrea
1971	Jim Fogarty	Moyne/Templetuohy
1972	Mick Hogan	Roscrea

Due to wear and tear down the years, the cup was damaged to such an extent that by this year it was felt that a new trophy was needed. The Dan Breen Memorial Committee provided the new Dan Breen Cup. It was first presented in 1973

1973	Jack Hannon	Roscrea (New Cup)
1974	Jimmy Doyle	Thurles Sarsfields
1975	Pat Sheedy	Moneygall
1976	Mick Doherty	Moneygall
1977	Dinny O'Meara	Kilruane MacDonagh
1978	Jim Williams	Kilruane MacDonagh
1979	Liam O'Shea	Kilruane MacDonagh
1980	Kevin Brady	Roscrea
1981	Timmy Stapleton	Borrisoleigh
1982	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1983	Francis Spillane	Borrisoleigh
1984	Jack Bergin	Moycarkey-Borris
1985	Tony Sheppard	Kilruane MacDonagh
1986	Mick Ryan	Borrisoleigh
1987	John O'Neill	Cappawhite
1988	Eamon Sweeney	Loughmore-Castleiney
1989	T. J. Ryan	Clonoulty-Rossmore
1990	Declan Carr	Holycross-Ballycahill

Phil Dwyer (Holycross/Ballycahill) Captain

Phil Dwyer comes from a well known Holycross hurling family – the Dwyers of Whitfort. His father, Philly and his uncle, Jack, were members of the squad that brought the first senior hurling championship to the parish in 1948.

Phil won his first Mid medal when he played on the under-12 hurling team that won the Mid title in 1976. In 1982 he played at right half back when Mid and County Minor hurling championships were won for the first time in the history of the club. When Tipperary, captained by P. J. Lanigan, won the Munster Minor hurling title in 1983 Phil and Michael Fleming were members of the panel.



He holds four Mid senior medals – 1985, 1989, 1990 and 1991. His brother, Tom, played in the 1989 and 1990 finals and both played in last years county final win over Cashel.

Today the brothers are hoping for a victory that would bring the Dan Breen Cup to the parish for the second year in a row. That would be some feat to end a year which saw them contest no fewer than 10 championship matches.

APPEAL – BORD NA nÓG

Co. Bord na nÓg works hard every year promoting the games of the Gaels. From under-12 to under-16 there are variously graded competitions in hurling and football and particular emphasis is placed on the proper coaching of players. In addition, there are special training courses held for potential county minors in hurling and football and these residential gatherings have been very valuable since their inception.

The County Board of Tipperary G.A.A. has been very supportive of our activities and has been generous to our funds. However, the sheer volume of activity means that our outgoings are very high.

Today we will be holding a 'bucket collection' after the minor game and we look forward to a benevolent response from true lovers of juvenile games. Your help is both anticipated and appreciated. With your support we can continue to promote the G.A.A. among the youth.

DONAL SHANAHAN
Chairman
Bord na nÓg
Co. Tiobráid Árann

WHEN Colm Bonnar leads Cashel King Cormacs on to Semple Stadium this afternoon he will be the fourth Cashel man to have had the honour. The first was Michael Burke, who will be present today, and he led Cashel in their first county final appearance against Moycarkey-Borris on September 19, 1937. He did the honours again in 1940 when Cashel went down to the same opposition in the final.

In between these years Stedie Morrissey was skipper of the team that lost to Thurles in 1939. Last year Colm's brother, Cormac, was at the helm against today's opposition. So, Colm will be conscious of the rare honour of the occasion and hopeful that he will succeed where the others failed.

Victory today would bring something special to Colm's impressive list of achievements. Still relatively young in hurling terms, he was twenty-seven years old on July 12 last, he has an enviable collection of medals to his credit.

There is one major gap in that collection, a county senior hurling medal, and it is a gap that exists in the collections of every Cashel senior hurling player.

EXPERIENCE

Colm brings an enormous amount of experience to this game. He made his debut with the Cashel senior team in 1982 and he's been playing inter-county hurling since the same year. He won an All-Ireland minor medal in that year and went on to win an

under-21 in 1985. In between he won two other under-21 Munster championship medals before losing the 1983 and 1984 All-Ireland finals. He picked up another Munster medal in 1985, a junior, before losing the All-Ireland final by two points to Wexford. The only gap in these years is in 1986 when he made his debut with the county senior side and played in the Munster championship debacle against Clare, at Ennis.

The good times returned again in 1987 when he was part of Bab's plan for the restoration of Tipperary hurling. Since that

time he has been an integral part of Tipperary's success story and that contribution was recognised in his winning of the 'Man of the Match' award for his display in the 1988 Munster final and his winning of an All-Star Award in the same year.

His successes include four Munster final medals, two All-Irelands and a National League. To sum up his achievement: in the ten years he has played inter-county hurling to date, he has won eight

Munster medals, the two omissions being 1986 and 1990.

EARLY PROMISE

Colm did not arrive full blown to prominence at the beginning of his inter-county career. This was preceded by intensive involvement with the club and the C.B.S. During his stint at Cashel C.B.S. he won Croke, Fitzgerald and McGabhann medals but pride of place must go to his two All-Ireland Colleges 'B' hurling medals

COLM BONNAR

Captain - Cashel King Cormacs

By
SEAMUS J. KING



in 1980 and 1982.

His successes at underage are legion. In 1975 he won divisional medals in under-12 hurling and football and went on to county honours in the latter. Two years later he won county honours in hurling and football at under-14 level. He had a glorious year in 1980, winning divisional medals in under-16 hurling and football and in minor hurling and going on to gain county honours in under-16 and minor hurling. The under-16 football final lasted five hours before victory eventually went to Templemore.

Success at senior level hasn't been so spectacular. Three divisional titles were won in 1988, '90 and '91 and a county senior medal must now be the most desirable honour to be won. Other honours won include a west under-21 hurling medal in 1983, a couple of Crosco Cup medals, an O'Donoghue Cup medal and that medal that eluded Cashel for

so long, a west senior football medal in 1990.

AMBITION

With so much won, so many honours gained, one might wonder how Colm continues to motivate himself. In this he has no problem. He is probably one of the most highly motivated and ambitious players on the Cashel team. He is a model to his team-mates and is meticulous in turning up for training and for games. This involves a ninety miles round trip from his place of work, where he is a P.E. instructor with Waterford R.T.C. He is dedicated to fitness, is fearless on the field and, because of his style of play, absorbs a fierce amount of punishment. Robust he may be in his play, but totally fair and legal in everything he does.

Cashel can be proud in having a leader of such calibre and commitment in today's final. He will carry on his shoulders the hopes and aspirations of every Cashel supporter, who will wish him the very best, and will look forward to him holding the Dan Breen Cup aloft at the end of today's game.

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HURLING is a funny old game! Ten years ago when Roscrea made their way to the County Final as defending champions, one of their stars was the brilliant forward, Francis Loughnane. Among his club's victims that year were Cashel K.C. (narrowly pipped in the quarter-final) and Holycross-Ballycahill (who pushed Roscrea to a repaly before surrendering in the semi-final).

Nowadays, Francis is the Holycross-Ballycahill coach and his progress this year indicates that he is doing well in the job. Whether Cashel will agree or not is another issue! It's an interesting sideline to this final that both clubs are coached by an external club man. Justin McCarthy, the highly accomplished tactician, is in his second spell with Cashel and no doubt he has learned a thing or two from last year's big day, when Holycross-Ballycahill were winners by a 0-13 to 0-10 scoreline.

You have to go back thirty years for the last time two clubs clashed in consecutive finals — Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara 1960/61. The honours were shared in those clashes and that will encourage Cashel. They were very close to ultimate honours last year in their first final appearance for half a century. The King Cormacs have yet to put their name on the Dan Breen Cup but they will fancy their chances today. Most neutrals have installed them as favourites to succeed.

Cashel's form this season has been impressive and among their scalps are Clonoulty Rossmore (Co. Champs 1989), Cappawhite (Co. Champs 1987) and Toomevara — many people's fancy

CASHEL TO BE KINGS

By
SEAMUS O'DOHERTY

for ultimate honours. The West champions have reached the decider in the fastest way possible, which is in sharp contrast to their opponents' roundabout (three draws) arrival.

Despite that, the Mid champions have proved their worth and sent out the message to everyone that they would not surrender the Dan Breen Cup without a serious challenge. They have been lucky in places, but still one has to admire their comebacks against Éire Óg and Cappawhite, respectively, when all seemed lost. Inspired by the successful Tipperary captain, Declan Carr, at midfield, and boosted by a hardworking defence and resourceful attack, this team will take a lot of beating.

Cashel may be just the team to take them on with their Bonnar influence and the highly accomplished Ramie Ryan and T.J. Connolly from recently successful minor teams. Add in the powerful Pat O'Donoghue and Pat Fitzell along with the highscoring Tommy Grogan and you can see the strength of the challenge. Cashel's maturity in dealing with Toomevara was very commendable and they did so without conceding a goal.

There's a lot of strength and

experience in the Cashel defence and I think this could be their launching pad to victory.

The Holycross-Ballycahill defence is a solid unit, too, and could limit the King Cormacs to a modest enough score, but can the champions do it themselves at the other end? Without Stephen Dwan I doubt it, and the burden could fall mainly on the shoulders of Tony Lanigan, who has been in great form this season. Recent scoring returns of 4-6 to 1-17 have been impressive but it will be surprising if Holycross can hit such totals this time. However, the spirit of this team is incredible and everything is possible.

I have seen every senior County Final from 1966 to 1990 and in that time the county title has gone to all four divisions. First ever titles were won by Carrick Davins 1967, Roscrea 1968, Moyne Templetuohy 1971, Moneygall 1975. Kilruane McD 1977, Cappawhite 1987 and Loughnane Castleiney 1988. There is no such thing as a certainty on County Final day as this list shows. After losing five previous finals, Cashel will be really keen to win this one.

So will Justin McCarthy (Texaco Hurler of the Year 1966) be able to outfox Francis Loughnane (All Star 1971/72/73) or will we have the inevitable draw in this year of equality?

Cashel have been a little more impressive all season and their hunger is certainly greater. I think the determination to make up for last year's defeat will be a major motivating force and I expect the men of the West to make history, albeit narrowly, and take their first ever County S.H. title back to the Rock.

Knockavilla-Donaskeigh Kickhams

0-5

Dathanna: BLACK & AMBER

1.

P. Ó hArgáin
P.J. HORGAN

2.

C. Ó Muirgheasa
CLIVE MORRISSEY

3.

S. Mac Cormaic
JAMES McCORMACK

4.

V. Ó Bradseach
VINCENT BRADSHAW

5.

S. O'Fearghail
JAMES FARRELL

6.

A. Ó Slattara
AIDAN SLATTERY

7.

D. O'Brien
DONAL O'BRIEN

8.

P. O' Muirgheasa
PAUL MORRISSEY

9.

A. de Buitleir
AIDAN BUTLER

10.

B. Ó hArgáin
BRIAN HORGAN

11.

S. Ó Buachalla
SEAN BUCKLEY

12.

S. Ó hAonghusa
SEAMUS HENNESSY

13.

A. Ó hÉanna
AIDAN HENEY

14.

R. hAilín
BOBBY ALLEY

15.

S. Cúirín
SEAMUS CUSSEN

FIR IONAIÐ: 16. Aidan Murphy; 17. Ger Farrell; 18. Tommy Murphy; 19. Kevin Ryan; 20. Michael O'Brien; 21. Adrian O'Dwyer; 22. Allen Hogan; 23. John Cussen.

ROGHNOIRÍ: Christy Ryan, Johnny Butler, Seanie O'Brien, Eamonn Browne.

Éire Óg - Nenagh

A-10

Dathanna: LIGHT BLUE

1

C. Mac Lochlainn

CHRISTY McLOUGHLIN

2.

R. Ó Flannghaile

RORY FLANNERY

3.

D. Créamer

DAVID CREAMER

4.

D. Mac Amhlaoibh

DAVID McAULIFFE

5.

P. Mac Craith

FRANK McGRATH

6

F. Ó hEidhin (Capt)

FERGAL HYNES

7.

S. Ó Conghaile

SHANE CONNOLLY

8.

S. Tuathchair

JOHN TUCKER

9.

M. O'Scannláin

MERVAN SCANLON

10.

R. Mac Toimlin

ROBERT TOMLINSON

11.

B. Ó Seanacháin

BRENDAN SHANAHAN

12.

P. Ó Cinnéide

PADRAIC O'KENNEDY

13.

C. Ó Tuachair

KEVIN TUCKER

14.

C. Cuanáin

KEVIN COONAN

15.

D. Ó Meadhra

DECLAN O'MEARA

FIR IONAIÐ: 16. John Manley; 17. Liam Walsh; 18. David Callinan; 19. Declan Bailey; 20. John Guest; 21. Liam O'Gara; 22. Jim McAuliffe; 23. Michael Loughnane; 24. David Sheehan; 25. Frank Shanahan; 26. Eddie Guerin; 27. John Burns.

ROGHNOIRÍ: Sean Minogue, John Tucker, P.J. Maxwell.

MINOR CAPTAINS

IN his short career to date, **FERGAL HYNES** has amassed numerous honours. These include:

Inter-county Honours: Munster minor hurling; Tony Forristal (u14); 2 Inter County under-16 1988/89; 2 Garda Cup Inter-divisional (u16); Captained Munster Inter-divisional winners 1989; under-14 All-Ireland Féile Football.

Schools' Honours: Captained Pearse Cup winning team; Fitzgerald Cup; Croke Cup and County Schools u11.

County Championships: U12 hurling and football; u14 Football; u16 Hurling and Football; Minor Football.

North Championships: U12 Hurling; two u12 Football; two u14 Football; u16 Hurling; two u16 Football; two Minor



Hurling; three Minor Football; North Tipp. Senior League 1991.

Fergal was corner back on the Éire Óg team who contested the 1980 minor hurling final.

SEAN BUCKLEY, as captain of Kickham's minor hurling side today chases the unique distinction of becoming the first from the parish to receive the Sean Treacy Cup, the prize for today's winners.

He was also a member of last year's side that ended Cashel's three year reign in the West and indeed their two year spell as county kingpins. That victory, though, was followed with a very narrow county semi-final defeat by eventual champions, Erin's Hope. Now a year later Kickhams are back in the county final for only the third time in the club's history and Sean leads the charge.

Like his older brothers, Sean's initial interest was in athletics where he won numerous awards and in the process showed tremendous promise. But in the past few years his concentration has been on the games of hurling and football.

A past pupil of Knockavilla N.S., where his teachers included former county selector, Danny Morrissey, Sean is at present attending Cashel C.B.S. with whom he has won a county football blitz and was captain of their Corn Phadraig side that lost a Munster final to Cork side Spiorad Naomh.

He has played most underage grades for Kickhams, being a member of the side that represented Tipperary in the 1986 Féile na nGael in Limerick. This year he played junior for the club and was a member of the Tipperary minor football side that lost the Munster semi-final to Kerry.

As a player he combines size and strength with a dashing spirited style of play, the type that can rouse team mates and makes him a natural captain.



CASHEL KING CORMACS

County Senior Hurling Finalists 1991



BACK ROW (l-r): Willie Fitzell, Pat Fitzell, John Ryan, John Grogan, Pat O'Donoghue, Cormac Bonnar, Ramie Ryan.
FRONT ROW (l-r): Declan McGrath, James O'Donoghue, Conal Bonnar, Michael Perdue, Colm Bonnar, Tony Slattery,
Tommy Grogan, T. J. Connolly.

Cashel King Cormacs

2-8

Caiseal Rí Cormaic

Dathanna: RED & GREEN

1

Seán Ó Riain

JOHN RYAN

2

A. Ó Slatarra

TONY SLATTERY

3

P. Ó Donnchú

PAT O'DONOGHUE

4

M. Ó Perdue

MICHAEL PERDUE

5

R. O'Riain

RAMIE RYAN

6

P. MacElle

PAT FITZELL

7

C. Ó Cnáimhsí

CONAL BONNAR

8

C. Ó Cnáimhsí

COLM BONNAR Capt

9

L. MacElle

WILLIE FITZELL

10

S. Ó Donnchú

JAMES O'DONOGHUE

11

T. Ó Conghaile

T.J. CONNOLLY

12

S. Ó Grogáin

JOHN GROGAN

13

T. O'Grogáin

TOMMY GROGAN

14

C. O' Cnáimhsí

CORMAC BONNAR

15

A. Ó Cnáimhsí

AILBE BONNAR

FIR IONAIÐ – 16. Joe Minogue; 17. Declan McGrath; 18. Timmy Moloney; 19. Seanie Barron; 20. Sean Slattery; 21. Sean O'Donoghue; 22. Joe O'Leary; 23. Peter Fitzell; 24. Ger Slattery; 25. Sean Morrissey; 26. Liam Devitt; 27. Don Higgins.

ROGHNOIRÍ: Justin McCarthy (Coach).

Brendan Bonnar, Aonghus Ryan, John Dermody.

Holycross-Ballycahill

Mainistir na Croise - Baile Cathail

Dathanna: GREEN & WHITE

1-5

1

P. Ó Slattarra

PAT SLATTERY

2

S. Ó Dúill

JOHNNY DOYLE

3

T. Ó Duibhir

TOM DWYER

4

R. Ó Dubháin

RUAIRI DWAN

5

P. Ó Duibhir (Capt)

PHIL DWYER

6

M. Ó Dúil

MICHAEL DOYLE

7

B. de Brún

BENJY BROWNE

8

D. Ó Carra

DECLAN CARR

9

P. Ó Lanagáin

P.J. LANIGAN

10.

P. Ó Dubháin

PADDY DWAN

11.

P. Ó Slattara

PAUL SLATTERY

12.

P. Ó Meachair

PAUL MAHER

13.

A. Ó Lanagáin

TONY LANIGAN

14.

T. Ó Fógartaigh

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BACK ROW (l-r): Tom Dwyer, Paddy Dwan, Michael Doyle, Pat Slattery, Tony Lanigan, Ruairi Dwan, Declan Carr, Johnny Doyle. FRONT ROW (l-r): Benjy Browne, Pat Cahill, Phil Dwyer, Tomás Fogarty, Paul Slattery, P. J. Lanigan, Paul Maher.

THE NUMBER five is significant in considering today's county senior hurling final between the cham-

pions, Holycross-Ballycahill and the West Tipp challengers, Cashel King Cormacks. Holycross-Ballycahill are seeking to win the Dan Breen Cup for the fifth time, while Cashel, who have yet to inscribe their name on the plinth, are appearing in the final for the fifth time.

Holycross-Ballycahill are of course playing in their third consecutive final, having lost to Clonoulty-Rossmore in '89 before winning last year, their first triumph in the grade since the 1954 win over Roscrea. That was a good period for Holycross as they recorded their initial title win in '48 over Lorrha and were victorious again in '51 over Clonoulty-Rossmore.

The present combination is hoping to achieve something the club has never done before, put two senior championships back to back at county level. They have a hat-trick of Mid championships behind them and history beckons.

As we said, Cashel have never won the title, a surprising omission for a club with such a great tradition. Back in the late thirties Cashel had an excellent team but they lost the county final in '37 to Moycarkey; were again losers to Sarsfields in '39 and a year later failed to Moycarkey-Borris. Last year, their fourth appearance in the decider, they once more were on the losing end.

This sets the scene for what should be a great game today. Ever since last year's excellent final between the clubs, the two had been fancied to meet again and duly

obliged. Holycross have come through a most demanding campaign, playing nine games to get this far, having been involved

in three drawn ties. Cashel's route may not have been as hazardous, but they scored some impressive victories on the way, and no one will doubt the fact that both sides are in the final on merit.

Brothers figure prominently in the teams. Cashel boast the four Bonnars, Cormac, Colm, Conal and Ailbe, with another brother Brendan a selector. Then they have the Fitzells, Pat and Willie; the Grogan's, John and Tommy; and the O'Donoghues, Pat and

Jamesie. Holycross have the Doyles, Johnny and Michael; the O'Dwyer's, Phil, the team captain and Tom; the Lanigans, P. J. and Tony; and the Slatterys, Pat and Paul.

It is also worth bearing in mind that last year's win by Holycross-Ballycahill paved the way for Declan Carr to captain Tipperary to All-Ireland success. Will Declan or one of his clubmates have the honour of leading Tipperary in '92 or will a Cashelman be so honoured? That too will be decided today.

The fact that Tipperary are the All-Ireland champions adds an extra dimension to this final as attention outside the county will also be focussing on events here. It is important then that today's game be in keeping with the great tradition of finals down the years. Certainly the two clubs involved are well equipped to provide a fitting climax to what has been an exciting campaign.

Michael Dundon
Tipperary Star

THE SENIOR FINAL

A look back at the semi-finals

27-10-91 at Semple Stadium

Holycross-Ballycahill 1-17 Cappawhite 3-9

IN A thoroughly entertaining game, underdogs Cappawhite pushed defending champions Holycross-Ballycahill all the way in their County S.H. semi-final game. Cappawhite were two points in front after a fairly even first half with no side getting too far in front.

A great goal from Pa O'Neill gave the West men a slight edge. The half produced some entertaining hurling with some nice scores which delighted the fans.

The champions started the second half in determined fashion and after six minutes reduced the deficit and went in a point ahead. A goal from Pat Cahill was cancelled out by a Ger O'Neill goal for Cappawhite. A blistering shot from Anthony O'Neill found the net following a deflection by the Holycross 'keeper. The champions replied with a succession of scores from S. Carr (0-3), Paul Slattery and Tony Lanigan (one each) to go two points clear with two minutes to go. A point by Anthony O'Neill left just a point between the teams but Holycross-Ballycahill held out.

Holycross-Ballycahill: P. Slattery, J. Doyle, T. Dwyer, R. Dwan, P. Dwyer, M. Doyle, S. Browne, P.J. Lanigan, D. Carr, P. Maher, P. Cahill, W. Ryan, P. Slattery, T. Fogarty, T. Lanigan.

Subs: Robert Stakelum for P. Maher; P. Dwan for Wm. Ryan. D. Carr (0-7), T. Lanigan (0-5), P. Slattery (0-3), P. Cahill (1-0), T. Fogarty (0-2).

Cappawhite: F. Quinn, P. Buckley, M. Buckley, D. Ryan, D. Quirke, L. Cleary, G. Ryan, E. Ryan, T.J. Quinn, S. O'Carroll, A. O'Neill, P. O'Neill, P. O'Neill, G. O'Neill, M. McDermott, J. O'Neill.

Subs: J. Hickey for T.J. Quinn, Seanie

O'Neill for John O'Neill. G. O'Neill (1-3), P. O'Neill (1-2), A. O'Neill (1-1), M. McDermott (0-2), S. O'Carroll (0-1), G. Ryan (0-1).

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane).

27-10-91 at Semple Stadium Cashel 2-10 Toomevara 0-13

TOOMEVARA, once feared on the hurling fields of Tipperary, served notice that a return to former glory might not be too far away. In a tough, exciting game they made a more experienced Cashel team fight all the way for a place in the County S.H. final.

Two goals from inter-county star Cormack Bonnar, scored at crucial stages of the game, put Cashel into the final for the second year in succession.

Cashel managed to keep a bit in front of a more youthful Toome fifteen and had four points in hand at the interval.

The Northerners reduced the deficit to two points after a good second half start. Cormac Bonnar was on hand to tap home following a great Jodie Grace save from T.J. Connolly.

A 21 yards free from Michael Nolan was deflected by the Cashel defence over the bar for a point and this set the scene for a replay of the 1990 final between Cashel King Cormacs and champions Holycross-Ballycahill.

Cashel King Cormacs: J. Ryan, T. Slattery, P. O'Donoghue, M. Perdue, R. Ryan, P. Fitzelle, Conal Bonnar, Colm Bonnar, W. Fitzelle, J. O'Donoghue, T. J. Connolly, J. Grogan, D. McGrath, Cormac Bonnar, T. Grogan.

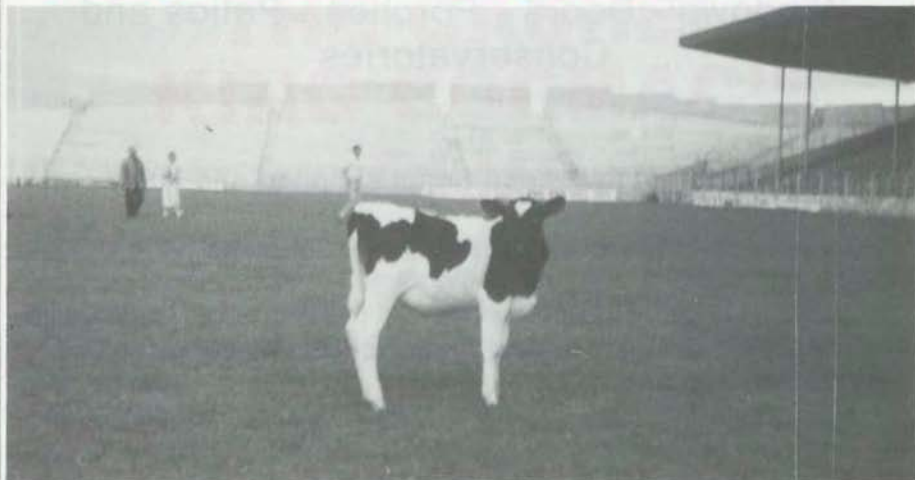
Subs: Ailbe Bonnar for T. Grogan. Cormac Bonnar (2-1), T.J. Connolly (0-4), T. Grogan 0-3, P. Fitzelle (0-1), R. Ryan (0-1).

Former Tipperary 'Greats' at the semi-finals



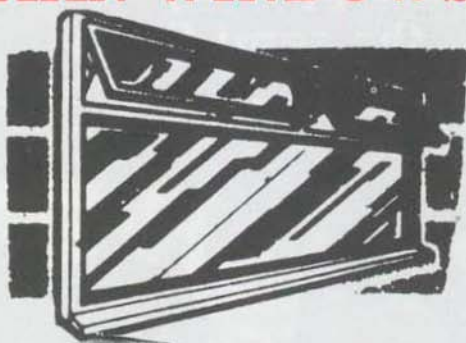
(L-r) Mickey Byrnes, Liam Devanney, Tony Reddan and John Ryan

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Tipperary — atop the hurling world

By
JOHN GUITON
Tipperary Star

WITH All-Ireland champions Tipperary recording another triumph over Kilkenny, on Sunday last, to bring down the curtain on a marvellous season at Inter-county level, we turn our attention today to the annual showpiece of the local championship scene, the eagerly awaited clash between Holycross-Ballycahill and Cashel King Cormacs.

The heady days of Summer climaxing in that great triumph in Croke Park in September may be a part of history now, but the All-Ireland win adds an extra special dimension to the championship with an impressive array of county talent on view at Semple Stadium today.

It's not surprising then that today's final, a repeat of last year's confrontation, has captured the imagination of so many hurling followers outside of the

county, with media attention firmly focussed on the outcome.

Holycross-Ballycahill, as reigning champions, will be endeavouring to hold onto their crown, and maintain the proud tradition of Mid Tipperary hurling. Central to their efforts will be Tipperary captain Declan Carr, who this year had the honour of being the nineteenth player from the division to lead Tipperary to All-Ireland victory in senior grade.

The Holycross publican is bound to have stiff opposition today, however, from his county colleagues, the Bonnar brothers, Colm, Conal and Cormac, as they form the backbone of a most talented outfit, determined to reverse the result of last year's clash. While Carr and his team-mate Tony 'Tonto' Lanigan have ensured that the Mid Division is ably represented in the Blue and Gold in senior grade, the Bonnar brothers have brought their own indelible mark of distinction to the West Tipperary

division at Inter-county level.

With Tipperary atop the hurling world again, the West is surely awake in that the division has provided Babs Keating and company with such talent, and quite obviously the eighties have produced an enormous upsurge in West-end representation.

Doubtless, then, that today's final will be a pulsating affair, with so much razor-sharp rivalry, and the clash of so many county players — and indeed ex-county representatives — is bound to raise its profile even higher.

Bearing that in mind, it ought to be a fitting climax to a year that has seen the Premier County become the chief focus of attention again in taking its 24th All-Ireland crown, and signs are that it will be a force for some time to come.

Indeed all county teams acquitted themselves will in the eyes of the hurling public this year, with our junior and minor sides also helping to keep the flag flying with their championship achievements.

All in all, it is a very healthy state of affairs, that is the envy of many other counties, and let's hope that today's minor and senior finals will enhance that image even further.

All-Stars Competition

The 1991 Bank of Ireland Hurling All-Stars will be announced on Saturday, 21st December. In association with the Bank of Ireland we are offering four prizes of £50 each to the first four entries opened from persons who have correctly predicted all 15 Hurling All-Stars. The closing date for receipt of entries is Friday, 29th November 1991. Entries should be on official form only and envelopes should be marked "All-Stars Competition". Judges decision is final.

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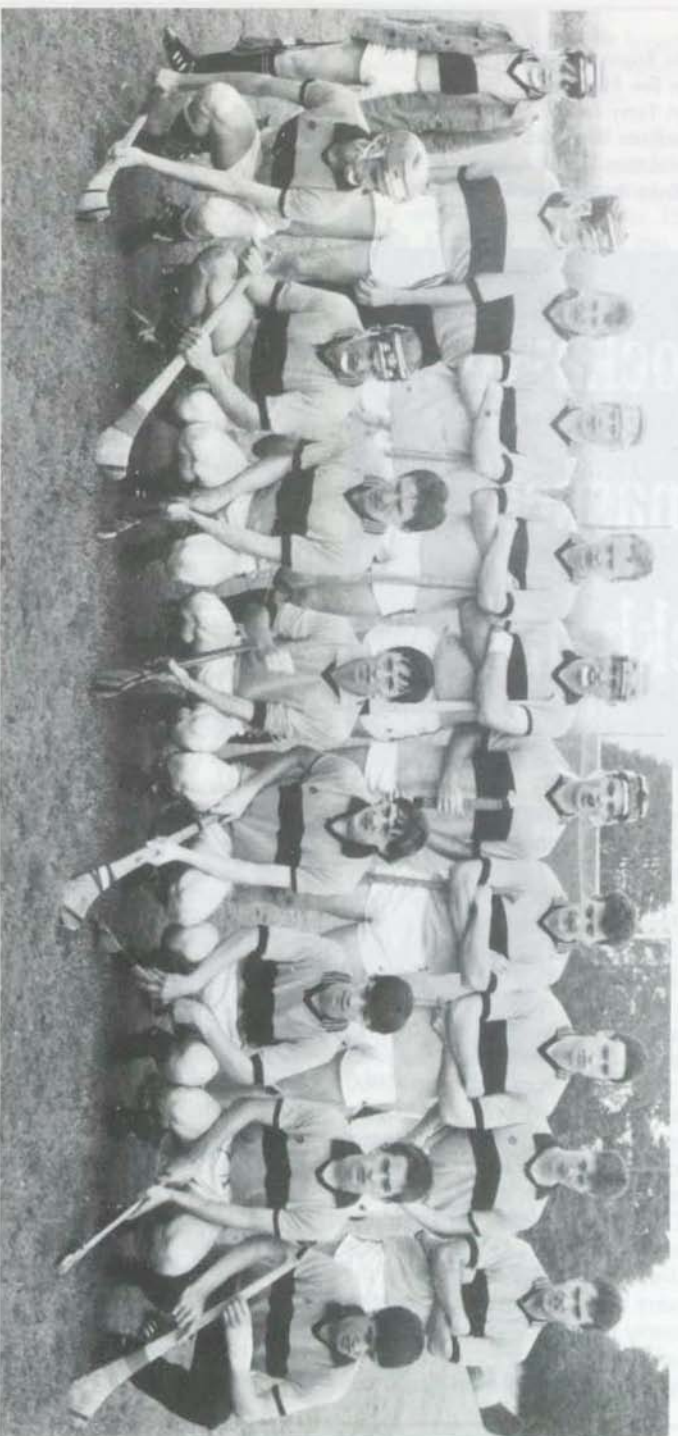


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County Minor Hurling Finalists 1991



BACK ROW (l-r): John Cussen, Aidan Heney, Tommy Murphy, Jim Farrell, Vincent Bradshaw, James McCormack, Paul Morrissey, Sean Buckley, Clive Morrissey, Adrian O'Dwyer, Allen Hogan. **BACK ROW (l-r):** Ger Farrell, Donal O'Brien, Aidan Slattery, P. J. Horgan, Kevin Ryan, Seamus Hennessy, Aidan Butler, Brian Horgan. **Missing from photo are:** Bobby Allen, Seamus Cussen and Aidan Murphy.

Chairman: Roger Kennedy.
Secretary: Joe Mulooly.
Treasurer: Tony Farrell.
P.R.O.: Eamonn Browne.
Minor Selectors: Eamonn Browne, Christy Ryan, Johnny Butler, Seanie O'Brien.

Knockavilla/ Donaskeagh Kickhams

IT was in 1935 that Knockavilla and Donaskeagh twinned in parochial unity to form the Kickham club, named after the 19th century patriot-writer Charles Kickham. That same year the new club marked its birth with its first West senior hurling title. By 1960 the haul of such titles had reached fourteen, a record only this year surpassed by Cashel.

But for all its divisional dominance in the 25 year spell from 1935 to 1960 Kickhams appeared in only one county senior final. The year was 1949, remembered for Tipperary's 14th All-Ireland. Kickhams' Paddy Furlong was a member of that Tipperary panel and captained the Kickham side that beat Golden/Kilfeacle in the West final and Ballingarry in the county semi before losing to Borrisoleigh in the county final.

The only Kickham team ever to play in a county senior hurling final lined out

against Borrisoleigh on October 30th, 1949 as follows: Peter Cussen; Jack O'Dwyer, J. J. McCormack, Dick English; Tim Ryan (Lar), Paddy Furlong (capt.), Paddy Morrissey; Dinny McCormack and John Farrell; Seamus O'Dwyer, Michael McCarthy, Mick Wade; Jimmy Hennessy, John Ryan (Ballymore), Patrick O'Brien.

While Paddy Furlong was the first from the club to win an All-Ireland senior hurling medal with Tipperary, Donal O'Brien has the greater distinction of playing on two Tipperary All-Ireland winning sides, in goal against Dublin in '61 and Wexford in '62. His is the perfect record of never having lost a championship game with Tipperary in two years. But for early emigration to America his sideboard collection might have been much greater.

From 1949 until 1960 Kickhams won ten out of twelve West senior hurling championships. But then came a senior slump that still lasts, thirty one years later.

The senior void has been to some extent filled by underage success. The Mid-sixties brought Under-21 prominence under the coaching of Dundrum station master, Patsy Fitzgerald, father of Limerick hurler, Danny Fitzgerald. In '66 there was a county final defeat by Lorrha but in '67 (final played in '68) came the first county success to the club with an U-21 win over Toomevara. That historic side lined out as follows: Christy Ryan; Michael Morrissey (Knockavilla), Willie Ryan (P.), Donal Kennedy; John Ryan, Willie Morrissey, Seanie Kelly; Connie Hayes and Eamonn Browne; Vincent Taylor, Don Fahy, Tom Touhy, Philly Taylor; Michael Morrissey (Ballywalter), Christy Taylor; sub: Vinny Ryan (last year's county junior selector) for Christy Taylor (injured).

But U-21 success never extended to senior ranks. Instead in the seventies the juveniles became the most productive element in the club and have since remained consistently prominent. There have been county titles in U-21 hurling and U-14 hurling and football as well as

Féile na nGael success in '86 when the club represented Tipperary in the annual festival held that year in Limerick. At adult level there was a county junior football success over Burgess in 1981.

Administratively the club for many years held a pivotal position in West Tipperary. Geographically central the board was founded in Dundrum in 1930 and immediately a Knockavilla man, Bill Dwyer (Sonny) became its first chairman. He was replaced after five years by his brother, Jack, who remained for a 34 year term until retiring in 1969. Jerry O'Dwyer of Dundrum became West secretary in 1935 and remained at the post until 1959 when another Kickhams' administrator, Jimmy Hennessy, took over for the next ten years. Later the present club chairman, Roger Kennedy, was West secretary from 1977 to 1981.

The first treasurer of the board was Bill Dwyer (C) of Donaskeagh, who held the post from 1930 until 1959.

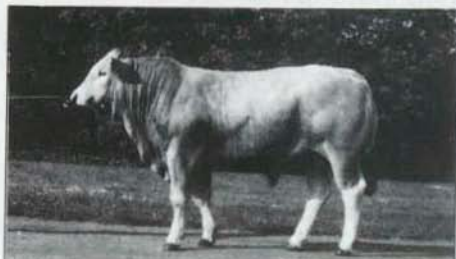
He was then replaced in the finance department by Jerry O'Dwyer for the next ten years; then Jimmy Hennessy took over fiscal matters from 1971 to 1973 and Roger Kennedy managed the finances from 1983 to 1985. It was regular musical chairs with club members on the board so that unbroken from 1935 to 1970 Kickhams held the three positions of chairman, secretary and treasurer without interruption.

Today Kickhams chase their first minor success having lost their two previous final appearances against Loughmore in 1979 and Roscrea in 1984.

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Liam Prút

ÉIRE ÓG, NENAGH

County Minor Hurling Finalists 1991



BACK ROW (l-r): David McAuliffe, Declan O'Meara, Rory Flannery, David Creamer, Christy McLoughlin, Mervin Scanlon, John Tucker, Kevin Coonan. FRONT ROW (l-r): Paudie O'Kennedy, Frank McGrath, Brendan Shanahan, Kevin Tucker, Fergal Hynes, Shane Connolly, Robbie Tomlinson.

Mackey's present jerseys to Holycross-Ballycahill



Larry Mackey, Mackey's Lounge, Botharmanaomh, Thurles (third from left) presenting a set of jerseys to the Holycross-Ballycahill senior hurling team for to-day's county final. The jerseys were accepted by Phil Dwyer, captain of the team (fourth from left), on behalf of the club. Also included in the photo are (left to right): Seamus Mackey (selector), John Ryan (club chairman), Francis Loughnane (coach), Mick Ryan (selector) and Francis Maher (club treasurer).

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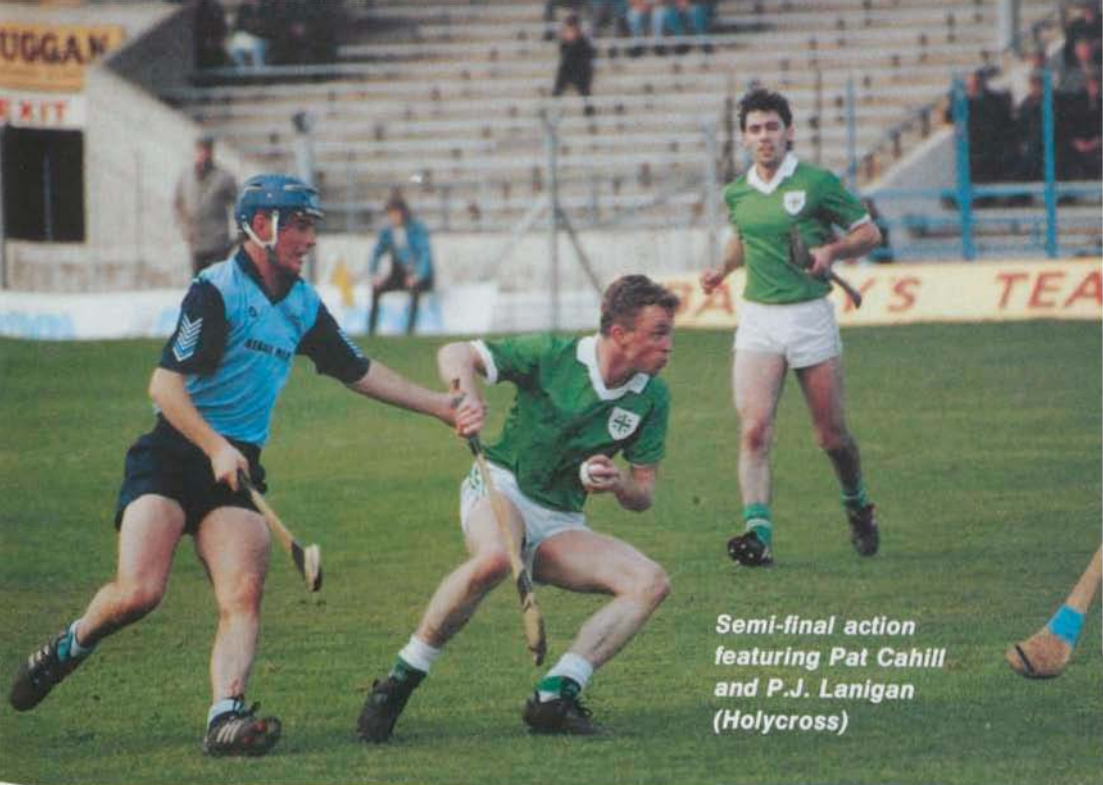
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