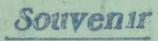
Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final Match Programme 1978

Moycarkey - Borris G.A.A Club.

Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling C'ship

Final at Littleton on Sunday

July 9th. 1978





Programme

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THURLES SARSFIELDS HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

Referee- Martin O'Grady(Moyne-T'tuohy)

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FOREWORD

Mid final day is with us once again. This is a day which represents the culmination of a number of games played with spirit, sports-manship and determination to decide the kingpins of senior hurling in Mid Tipperary.

The teams for to-day's final - Holycross-Ballycahill and Thurles Sarsfields have reached this stage on merit and are very worthy contestants for the highest honours in the division. We look forward to those keen and age old rivals to provide a game in the best traditions of both clubs, a game to bring back memories of many epic finals in this division in former years.

Tipperary may be down just now by its own high standards, but the success the county deserves and which we all desire may be just around the corner. We earnestly hope that to-days final and the hurlers of Sarsfields and Holycross will provide the signs of bigger and better days for our county in the not too distant future.

As my final term as Chairman of the Board draws to a close I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Gaels of the division :players, officials, Field Committees, referees, linesmen, umpires and all our loyal supporters for their help and co-operation at all times. A special thanks to the Moycarkey -Borris club for the splendid arrangements for to-days final. The people I have encounter ed in my three years as chairman, the amount of goodwill from so many, and the determination of all to do something positive on behalf of the Association has been a source of satisfaction to me and ample reward for my efforts as chairman. This situation more than any success on the playing fields is the true realisation of what the G.A.A is all about. Long may it continue to be so.

Tomas O hEadhre, (Cathoirleach.)



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TO THE

HOLYCROSS

TEAM



FROM

Michael & Marie

For long decades up to 1947, Sarsfields had mostly been meeting Boherlahan or Moycarkey-Borris in divisional finals that very often spelled a passport to county honours. In that year, however, fresh and new challenge stepped up in the green jerseys of Holy Cross-Ballycahill. A crop of young hurlers, mostly bred on the early period of juvenile organisation; the Rural Schools, and on what they learned at Thurles C.B.S. they had a lot of grit and tremendous evenness through the field. The youngsters were backboned by a group of older hurlers typified by the Gormans, Ned at full forward and Danny at centre back. The full flowering of Pat Stakelum and John Doyle had still to come but even in their apprentice years they were a considerable force.

Against them came out a team in blue that had the prestige of three successive county titles to put the pressure on any challengers. Practically all of them, excepting the fleet winger Tommy Ryan, were veterans of many a season at senior level and would not yield the chance of another title without a proper battle. Nor did they.

Sarsfields compiled nine scores against six but youth carried the day on the strength of Ned Gorman's personal bag of three goals against the vastly experienced Ger Cornally. By the three quarter mark the scores stood at 4-2 to 2-7 and by the end not another flag had been raised.

SARS - HOLY CROSS CLASH OF '47 CONTD:

"Pulsating" was the key word of the "Star" report and such indeed it was as the minutes ebbed and the Sportsfield air was charged with history in the making. At the end the delirious winners followers carried many players from the field, especially the skilful goalie, Jack Gleeson, John Doyle for his marking of Tommy Ryan, and of course prime scorer, Ned Gorman. For Sarsfields it proved to be a temporary loss of supremacy, an honourable abdication until the next decade brought in a group to set new records for the famous club. Rolycross were not destined to carry their 1947 Mid triumph all the way to county success, failing to Carrick Swans at Cashel, but they came even more strongly in 1948 to raise Tionerary morale and set the county on one of her greatest spoils of achievement.

TEAMS:

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL: J. GLEESON: F.BANNON, J. KENNEDY, J. STAKELUM: J. DOYLE, D. GOPMAN, P.RYAN: P. MAHER, P. STAKELUM: B. STAKELUM, F. MAHER, F. MIENZIG. DETER, E. SOCKER, F. MANGEL, Sub- J. FOLLARD.

SARSPIELDS: -G.DOYLE: W. EZRNE, G.CCHMALLY, J.RYAN: L.YAMER, J. MAG TRE, F. FUNGADL: N.COMDON, T. BOYLE: I. MASON, J. PHYER, T. REAG: A.G.LEESGN, N. POURLAE, N. 2071E.

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TIOBRAD ARANN LAR

(I)

In Mid Tipperary's hills and vales, There dwells a noble race.

As brave as any ever bred

With power and poise and pace.

'Twas here our Founding Fathers met In 1884

They knew that once the seed was sown 'Twould grow for evermore.

(2)

They knew the young and Gaelic Croke
Would lend support and aid
'Neath his great hand and princly stand
Twould never shrink or fade
Like Liberty Square 'twould stand for e'er
Unconquered be its fate
Like the winding Suir 'twould for e'er endure
Like Croke and '98.

(3)

Then rise each Gael, from the Golden Vale
From Killea and Clonmore,
Moycarkey, Moyne and Holycross,
The 'Church, Drom and Loughmore
Clonakenny, famed Boherlahan
Kickhams, Fennellys and Sars.
Templemore, Suir View and Gortnahoe,
Tipperary' Hurling Stars.

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SARSFIELDS

FROM

MICHAEL MORAN



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Friar St. Thurles:

Corn Ui Laocha

The Trophy for to-day's Mid Final, the Leahy Cup, was won for the first time in 1955 by Sarsfields, when they beat Holycross. before a crowd of over 8,000, after a hectic game in Gaile. Mickey Byrne, the popular Sarsfields captain received the Cup from the late Very Rev. M.B O'Dwyer.P.P. Boherlahan . Among the spectators were Jim Hurley, the famous Cork and Blackrock midfielder, Tom Barry, leader of the 3rd (West) Cork Brigade and hero of the Kilmichael ambush, in the Anglo-Irish war and Tommy Treacy one of Tipp's greatest midfielders. Sarsfields retained the trophy for ten years in a row, a record hardly ever likely to be equalled. Moycarkey annexed it in 1965, and Holycross brought it to the Abbey parish in 1966.

This valuable Cup was presented by the Leahy family to the Mid Division, in memory of the inimitable Captain Johnny Leahy who died in 1949. Johnny is the only Tipperary man to lead his team in four All Ireland finals, those of 1916, '17, '22 and '25. The victory in the historic year of 1916 was Tipp's first with I5 a side teams. Beaten in 1917 by Dublin and in 1922 by Kilkenny, the latter final is still regarded by oldtimers as one of the greatest ever. When Johnny led his county to success in 1925, he was the first Tipperary captain to receive the McCarthy Cup. It was the first year too. that the present county jersey(Blue with gold hoop) was worn. Johnny was chairman of the Co.Board that year also.

He vacated that position in 1927 to become Co. Secretary, a position he adorned for 2I years — a record. In 1926 as captain and chairman of the Co. Board he led the county hurlers in the first ever coast to coast tour of the U.S. When Tipp won its first ever National Hurling League in 1927-28, he was again captain, in every sense of the word, as well as being Co. Sec. He played his last important game with Boherlahan, in the replay of the 1930 county final against Toomevara, when he was only a couple of months short of 40 years of age.

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I am sure nothing would have pleased Johnny more than to have the names of Moyne and Drom-Inch inscribed on the trophy in his memory, because neither of these clubs had won a Mid S.H.C when it was first contested for, in 1955.

The trophy also reminds us of the only Tipperary family, which produced four brothers to win All Ireland honours, Paddy, Mick and Tommy, all winning the Blue Riband of hurling, as well as Johnny. In fact this record is unbeaten by any county, and is equalled only by the famous Coughlans of Blackrock, who helped Cork to highest honours in the nineties and the first decade of this century.

NEVER STRIKE AN OPPONENT

"The hurler who raises a caman to strike another is unworthy to use it. The caman was never meant to be a weapon of offence".

.... Extract from an old Gaelic Annual.

Holycross-Ballycahill to-day will be bidding for their sixth Mid Tipperary senior hurling championship and last won the championship at Templemore in 1966 when they beat Moyne-Templetuohy by 4-IO to 3-8. The attendance was 7,000 and gate receipts realised £745.50.

Captain of Holycross that day was Seamus Mackey, who to-day will once more be a key man in attack. Mackey was one of the stars of that win which gave the Abbeysiders the Mid crown after a lapse of twelve years. Others to star for the men in green were Roger Dwan in goals, the great John Doyle at centre back and Liam Ryan and Larry Mackey. The Holycross line out was :- R. Dwan; N.Maher, M. Maher, M.Ryan; B.Bannon, J. Doyle, J.Ryan; L. Ryan, P. Cahill; R.Ryan, J. Kennedy, L. Mackey; S. Mackey, J. Scott, J. Hayes. Subs- R. Dwan and M. Quinlan.

MID S.H FINAL 1909

In 1909 Thurles and Holycross met for the first time in a Mid Tipperary senior hurling final and the venue was Thurles. The host team were champions and kept the honours, chiefly because the Clarke land trouble weakened their opponents. The score was Thurles 3-I2, Holycross 2-6. Jim Boyle, a citizen of Upperchurch made a world's record in a hurling puck competition held after the game with a distance of 103 yards.

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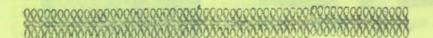
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ON SUNDAY, JULY 9th.



" BEHIND EVERY GOOD MAN THERE IS

ALWAYS A GOOD WOMAN".



Athletic Club. in the 1870's.

Saturday Nov. Ist will go down in history as the date of the foundation of the G.A.A. The meeting at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, to set up the association was called by a circular signed by Michael Cusack, a Clareman teaching in Dublin, and Maurice Davin, a farmer from Deerpark, tarrick-on-Suir. Both men had been All Ireland champions at athletic events run by the Irish Champion

Some writers have given the number of people present at the meeting as seven. V. Rev. Canon P. Fogarty in "Tipperary G.A.A Story" (1960) calls them an "Immortal Seven " and names them as J.K Bracken and J. McCarthy (Templemore), P.J Ryan, Solicitor, Thurles, and Callan; J. Mckay, Cork, and J. W Power Naas, plus Mes rs Davin and Cusack. Mr. Seamus O'Ceallaigh in "Story of the G.A.A" (1977) gives the same names and tells that John Wyse-Power was editor of the Leinster Reader and that John McKay, a Belfastman was a correspondent with the Cork Examiner. Local tradition and general opinion in the Littleton area did not accept this list as correct as it was generally accepted that T.K Dwyer, a local athlete of the time was present at the meeting, and unless there had been two meetings someone was wrong.

A search of the local newspapers of that time gave some help. The "Chronicle" (Nenagh) gave details of the meeting and gave the names of seven people who were among those present. Three of these names were not on the Fogarty or O'Ceallaigh lists. They were Wm. Foley, Carrick-on-Suir; Wm. Delahunty, Thurles and ames Butler, Ballyhudda, A Leinster Leader of Nov. 8th, 1884 gives a long account of the meeting, but only names

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Cusack Wyse-Power and McKay. In his descript of the event, the reporter said that there was a large crowd of people present, and that there were high hopes of the organisation being successful.

The "Cork Examiner" of the same date gave a long account of the meeting but did not state how many were present; except to say that the crowd was very small in relation to the number of invitations sent out.

However in his book "Champions of the Athletic arena" (1946), Wm. Dooley the well known athletic broadcaster and journalist gives an extract from a newspaper of the time(but dosen't name the paper), naming twelve people who were present at the meeting. They were: "aurice Davin, Carrick; Ml. Cusack, Dublin; John Butler, Ballyhudda; Wm. Foley, Carrick; John McKay, Cork; Dwyer, C. Culhane, Thurles; Wm. Delahunty, Thurles; Joseph Ryan, "ol., Callan; M. Cantwell, Thurles; J. K Bracken, Templemore; and District Inspector McCarthy, R.I.C.

The Irish Sportsman" of Nov. 8th, '84 with a short statement says that a meeting was held in Hayes Commercial Hotel, Thurles on Sat. Nov. Ist., formation of a "gaelic association for the preservation of our National games and pastimes". Present were: -- and the same I2 names arewritten as published in "Champions of the Athletic Arena". In the case of Dwyer, neither publication gave a christian name or initial, or address. T.K Dwyer was mile champion of Treland in 1878 and was a friend of Maurice pavin. John Butler was a well known sportsman and writer of the period. Wm. Pelahunty was a prominent public figure in Thurles at the time. He was grandfather of Mrs. Mary Barry, chairperson Thurles U.D.C. Charley Culhane was a well known athlete. He ran a business in (now) Rossa St, Thurles.

Nov. 1884 (Contd).

Wm. Foley was in the Civil. Ser In Dublin and was a prominent allround athlete. I haven't got any information on M. Cantwell A remarkable feature of this research was the completely different views taken of the me ting by the two newspapermen present, Wyse-Power and McKay. But that is only human nature - in court under oath, no two people will give an identical account of the same incident. But, whoever they were, or how many, this group of gentlemen did a good evening's work.

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The last Mid senior final to be here at Littleton was that between home club, Moycarkey-Borris and Thurles Sarsfields on August 18th 1940. The "Tipperary Star" reported it in rather bleak terms - which may surprise those who have a mental image of great classic games at that period. The reporter may have seen it by very severe standards of quality, or he may have simply been in an unappreciative mood.

Moycarkey-Borris won by 2-6 to I-4, very much contrary to the "Star" forecast which recalled their being "routed" at Gaile the previous year and could see no better hope on this occasion. The game did not impress the writer one bit. Sarsfields, he said "flopped badly"; Moycarkey "would have to improve a lot"; "neither victor or vanquished could be termed good"; "the winners never shaped like county champions" - a judgement Which didn't stop them from becoming champions a few months later. "Mid hurling is on the slide" - how up to date this verdict of 38 years ago sounds to modern eyes! Of the Winners only centre-back, Johnny Ryan and corner forward Dick Buckley gained positive Words of praise; not one of the losing side qualified for compliments.

It is actually quite difficult to accept that teams containing so many hurlers of Proven class could have produced a final so unworthy of even mild appreciation, because they certainly hurled very well on many another day.

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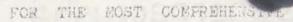
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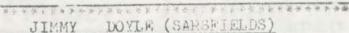
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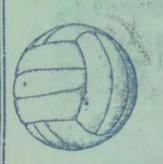
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