

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

1979



Boherlahan-Dualla GAA Club.

Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling C'ship

Final at Boherlahan on Sunday

August 5th 1979.



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MOYCARKEY—BORRIS

V

THURLES SARSFIELDS

Referee—Martin O'Grady (Moyné-T'uoohy).

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FOREWORD

The older generation will remember the many epic struggles that have taken place in the past between these two great clubs in Mid Tipperary-Thurles Sarsfields and Moycarkey-Borris.

They will recall those great games of the 'forties and 'fifties in the sylvan setting of Gaile with the hundreds of youths perched on the branches of the surrounding trees as they cheered on their heroes - names such as Maher, Ryan, Doyle, Hayes, Purcell and others. Many of whom have now become part of the hurling lore of Tipperary.

To-day we have the same teams as contestants for Mid honours in the new setting of Boherlahan. As Chairman, not only of Mid Tipperary, but also of the Boherlahan Sportsfield Committee, I welcome you all, both players and patrons to this first Mid Tipperary senior hurling final in this venue.

The field is a long wished for dream that has now become a reality through the generosity of V. Rev. Canon Morrissey, P.P. and the hard work of so many dedicated people in Boherlahan and Dualla. It is a living monument to men like the late Lar O'Dwyer R.I.P and Brian Dwyer R.I.P whose handwork is indelibly imprinted in the work already accomplished.

Tipperary's very creditable performance in winning once again League honours and her fine performance against old rivals Cork in Pairc Ui Chaoimh added to the great victory of our u/21's is ample

FOREWORD CONTD:

warning to other counties that a new resurgence is taking place within the county. Let us hope that in the not too distant future these two great clubs will once again have representatives in our senior county colours.

I wish to thank all who have been involved in the running of our games in Mid Tipperary during the year.

Ta suil agam go mbeidh sar-chluiche againn, agus go mbainfidh gach duine taithneamh agus tairbhe as.

Tadhg O'Neachair,

Cathaoirleach.

THURLES SARSFIELDS

What a wonderful record this great club has. Winners of the first county championship, their selection went on to victory in the first All Ireland of '87. Their record of 28 county finals won is unchallenged by any other club. Of the 22 senior hurling finals won by Tipperary, no less than 10 of the winning teams were captained by players from the club, with Tom Semple and Jimmy Doyle twice having the honour of leading the Premier County to Premier honours. After winning 10 county finals in 11 years from 1955 to '65 inclusive, the club was bound to fall on lean years. Yet, their victory in 1974 shows that they are never too far away from the top of the class.


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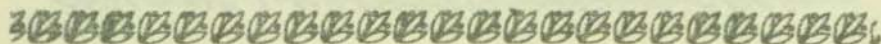
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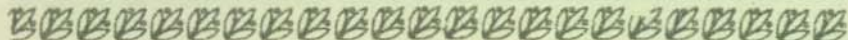
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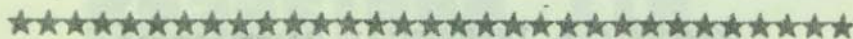
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How we looked up to them - big names, big in stature and big in our eyes. The hurling was classic, the atmosphere was electric, the excitement was soul-stirring.

To-day we have regained the glamour of the past. The earnestness and determination to win is just as strong.

The spirit of the past lives on.

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THE SPIRIT OF THE PAST

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 Our hurlers ' still the same
 They come with courage in their hearts
 To play our national game.

Moycarkey's mighty men of old
 They blazed the Gaelic trail
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The followers of Tom Semple's men
Who were seldom known to lose
Have embibed the spirit of the past
And the Immortal Thurles Blues.

Here's to Moycarkey's mighty men
The strong, the brave, the bold
To Sarsfield's swift, sweet striking team
As fearless as of old.

Then on by broad Boherlahan's banks
By green Gaile fanned of yore
We hail your name and the Gaels of Fame
In Mid Tipp ----- for ever more.

S.O Paircin.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

Just as the 1970's was a lean period for Tipperary hurling fortunes, the decade too has been rather unkind to the Moycarkey-Borris club. While some success did come through the under age teams there was little to enthuse over at adult level. The club's last appearance in a senior final was in 1972 when they failed to Moyne-Templetochy while they only brought home the Leahy Cup on one occasion, 1971, when they defeated to-day's opponents.

To-day the hundreds of Moycarkey-Borris fans who cheer on their favourites in Boherlahan will hope that Jack Bergin and his 1979 team will break the losing sequence at senior level and herald a new era for one of Tipperary's most famous clubs.

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MICHAEL DUNDON (THURLES SARSFIELDS)

Michael plays at midfield for the Blues and has figured in all their Mid final appearances in the seventies, winning medals in '73 & '75. A product of Thurles C.B.S school teams, he played Harty Cup hurling and was substitute goalkeeper on the TIP Tipperary minor hurling team in 1963. when he was also on the county minor football selection. He has won football honours with the now defunct Thurles Crokes but still plays football with Sarsfields. Married with two children, he is a journalist.

JACK BERGIN (MOYCARKEY-BORRIS)

Jack has won County u/15, u/17 and minor hurling finals. He was on the Tipperary senior team which lost the league final to Galway in 1975 and rates this as his biggest disappointment while he considers Mick Brennan (Kilkenny) as the best opponent he met. The Grallagh farmer considers that Moycarkey's rise this year is due to the great spirit between the players and their dedication to training. Paying tribute to the young players on his team he thinks they will put Moycarkey back on top once more. Jack admits he loves playing against Sarsfields because they always bring out the best in Moycarkey. He believes that a captain has a big part to play in any club and must set an example in training and on the playing field. His ambitions for the future are to win a Mid and County final for Moycarkey and believes that his charges to-day can beat Sarsfields "but only just".

SARSFIELDS (BLUE & WHITE)

- (1)
P. McCormack
- (2) (3) (4)
P. Leane J. Ryan. P. Stakelum
- (5) (6) (7)
C. Maher. M. Maher. M. Gleeson
- (8) (9)
M. Dundon. J. Cahill
- (10) (11) (12)
F. Murphy. T. Barry. J. Doyle.
- (13) (14) (15)
J. Burke. P. Byrne P. McCormack.
- SUBS: (16) J O'Dwyer. (17) J. Duggan (18)
T. Doyle (19) P. Maher (20) L O'Donoghue
(21) B O'Neill (22) J. Cooke (23) P. Hoore
(24) T Ryan (25) S. Byrne (26) D. Curtis
(27) J. Barrett (28) L. Barrett (29) P. Leahy
(30) P. Coleman.
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To-day's respective trainers were in direct opposition when the sides last clashed in a Mid senior decider. Paddy Doyle lining out for Sarsfields and Tommy Lonergan, Moyearkey-Borris opposing him at midfield. Much of the credit for both sides reaching the 1979 final is due to the dedicated efforts of both and it will be interesting to see which of them win'off the field' strategy to-day.

MOYCARKEY-BORRIS

(RED & GOLD)

(1)

T. Doran

(2)

(3)

(4)

M. Ryan

W. Ryan.

J. Flanagan.

(5)

(6)

(7)

J. Hackett.

J. Bergin

T. Mullins.

(8)

(9)

E. Darnedy.

H. Purcell

(10)

(11)

(12)

J. Ryan(M)

B. Fogarty.

H. Bergin.

(13)

(14)

(15)

D. Quigley.

J. Flanagan.

T. Quigley.

~~SUBS:~~ (16) M. Clehassy (17) M. Bourke

(18) E. Power (19) T. Ryan (20) R. Hayes

(21) H. O'Meara (22) E. Clancy (23) S. Hewitt.

(24) J. Healy (25) Jim Flanagan (26) L.

Dempsey (27) T. Molloy (28) C. Kennedy.

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Thurles Sarsfields (31), Moycarkey-Borris (15), Beherlahan (8), Holycross (6), Moyne-Templetochy (4), Clonoulty, Two Mile Borris, Thurles-Moycarkey, Castleiney-Killea, Borris-oleigh and Dren-Inch one each.

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Sinne Le Meas,
Tadhg O Neachair,
(Cathaoirleach).

Tomas O hEara.

(Runaí)

Liam Mac Suibhne,
(Cisteoir).



FAILTE GO BOTHER LEATHAN

Thar ceann Gael Bhothair Leathain cuirim failte is fiche roimh gach sinne a thagann anseo inniu. Ta suil agam go mbeidh an la go brea agus go mbeidh sar-chluiche le feiceail againn.

On behalf of the Gaels of Boherlahan-Duallag I bid everyone a hearty welcome here to-day for this historic occasion-historic because this is the first Mid senior final to be played in our 'new' Sportsfield. It is most appropriate too that for the first time in sixty years a Boherlahan man, Tim Maher is at the helm of affairs in Mid Tipp. The only other native of this parish to occupy the chair of the division was the late E?D Ryan, a native of Nedstown and a member of the famous Tubberadora team of the nineties who spent all his business life in Cashel. He occupied the chair from the historic year of 1916 to 1919.

A lot of you here to-day will have remembered stirring contests in the 'old' sportsfield in Gaile. This was the first grounds to be owned by the local hurling club and was acquired in 1930 when the Phillips Estate was divided by the Land Commission. It is rather ironic that since then only one county S.H championship has come to the parish (1941). All the other titles acquired by local clubs (14) namely Tubberadora, Suir View, Ballytarana and Boherlahan were won when the players had to depend on the generosity of farmers to provide practice ground. At this late

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stage we thank most sincerely the different landowners all over the parish who gave their fields free, gratis and for nothing so that the players could indulge in their favourite game.

Towards the end of the sixties it was felt that a more central field was needed in the parish. The present grounds were rented at first and finally bought thanks to the wonderful co-operation given by our Parish Priest Very Rev. Canon Morrissey and our esteemed Archbishop, Most Rev. Dr. Morris. The only county minor hurling title to come to the parish (1970) was the first direct result of the change of Sportsfields.

A special welcome to-day for the four teams competing, especially Knock, the newest and youngest club in the Division, which formerly competed in County Laois. The old rivals, Sarsfields & Moycarkey-Borris have contested more Mid Finals than any other two teams and are leaders too in the honours list. Sars having won 31 titles and Moycarkey 15. Two Mile Borris as a separate club won another Mid championship (1910) while a Thurles-Moycarkey combination was also successful (1920). For four years (1931-34 inclusive) Sarsfields and Moycarkey-Borris were the only two senior teams in the Mid Division, the latter winning on all four occasions. It should be remembered that there was no Mid Division 'til 1907, so the two clubs contesting to-day's final have won county honours before ever the Division took shape. For some years too there were two senior teams from Moycarkey-Borris parish - Horse & Jeckey and

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Failte go Bothar Leathan (3)

Two Mile Berris. It should also be noted that Boherlahan contested the Mid S.H C'Ship for the first time in 1910, but for 12 years - 1915 & 1924-34 inclusive, took part in the South Tipp campaigns. There was no trophy for the Mid senior hurling winners 'till 1955 when the present Corn Uí Laocha was presented to the Board by the Leahy Family, in memory of the Prince of Gaels, the late Captain Johnny Leahy, who had brought so much honour to his club and county. Sars were the first winners of this magnificent Cup and the redoubtable Mickey Byrne was the first captain to receive it, after a hectic final played in Gaile against Holycross before a crowd of 8,000.

During the past few months the Grim Reaper has bereft us of two of our greatest Gaels - Lar & Paddy O'Dwyer. Lar, only in his fifties, gave sterling service to the club as a player and as a committee member; but 'tis for his services in bringing our present Sportsfield to its present state of development that he will be remembered most. He was always ready and eager to do anything that needed doing, and no one could do it better. What a proud man he would be to-day, on such a great occasion. Paddy was the last survivor of the sextet from the club which helped Tipp win the McCarthy Cup for the first time in 1925. He toured the States in 1926 and assisted the county to its first league success in '27-'28. Solas na bhFlaitheas da n-anamacha.

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Failte go Bothar Leathan (4)

In conclusion, let us hope for a sporting contest to-day in keeping with the great finals of the past, and may the better team win and go on to bring further lustre to this great division of ours, which has fallen behind in recent years, in the race for county honours.

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SARSFIELDS - MOYCARKEY '71 FINAL GLASH

When Sarsfields and Moycarkey-Berric reach a Mid final it always revives memories of they last time they clashed in a decider. One has to go back eight years to 1971 for such a meeting and it is appropriate that these great traditional rivals should end the decade as they began it.

On that day in Thurles Sportsfield Sarsfields were hot favourites to chalk up another success with Moycarkey unfancied to regain the championship they last held four years previously. Sarsfields were the more experienced team going into that game with such greats as Jimmy and Paddy Doyle, Sean McLoughlin giving experience to great clubmen such as Patsy Butler, T.J Semplo, & Dick Callanan, plus a back up group of young stars who were expected to carve further honours for the Blues in the years ahead.

Moycarkey too had their tried heroes- Mickey and Tommy Lonorgan, Donald Ryan, Pat Barry and John Flanagan. Seven of their side that day had collected Mid U/21 medals a few weeks previously - Michael Clohessy, Jim Flanagan, Dan Hayes, Willie Ryan, Matty Bourke, John Ryan and Mickey Ryan.

Sarsfields started off smartly and a drive from Liam O'Shea was flicked to the net by goalpeacher supreme, Sean McLoughlin but with John Flanagan having one of his best ever hours in the red and gold Moycarkey led at the interval by 0-12 to 2-3.



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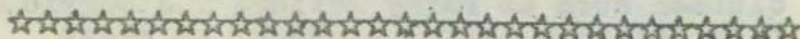
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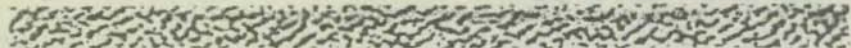
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Sarsfields tried very hard in an exciting second half to reduce the deficit but heroic work by the Moycarkey defence beat them off time after time. Moycarkey went on to add a further 2-8 to their first half total with the townsman held to 1-5 leaving Moycarkey easy winners by 2-20 to 3-8 to give them their 15th Mid title. Moycarkey's brightest stars that day were Mickey Lonergan (captain), Willie Ryan, Donal Ryan and John Flanagan with each other member playing their hearts out for a memorable victory. Sarsfields were closely marked in most departments and got little room to open up the play. With Jimmy Doyle and Sean McLoughlin closely marshalled their stars were subdued with Pat Leane, Jimmy Doyle (Jnr.), T.J Semple, and to a lesser extent Jackie Cooke, Paul Byrnes, Jimmy Duggan and Liam O'Shea doing best for them.

The day's top scorer was John Flanagan with 0-11.

Teams - Moycarkey-Berris:- M. Clohessy; Jim Flanagan, M. Lonergan, J. Purcell; D. Hayes, W. Ryan, M. Bourke; T. Lonergan; P. Barry; B. Gooney, D. Ryan, John Flanagan; J. Ryan (M), J. Healy, M. Ryan
Sarsfields: P. Butler; P. Leane, D. Callanan, P. Dwyer; J. Doyle (Jnr.), M. Collins, B. O'Neill; P. Doyle, T.J Semple; P. Byrnes, J. Doyle, J. Cooke; J. Duggan, S. McLoughlin, L. O'Shea.
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TO-DAY'S SENIOR
FINAL REFEREE

Martin O'Grady

Martin O'Grady of the Moyne-T'tuohy Club will to-day be refereeing his second Mid Senior Final, having charge last year between Holycross & Sarsfields. The popular Moyne official is one of the best known G.A.A personalaties in the Division. Still an active playing member of his club, he has won many honours in both hurling and football. With his brothers Bill, Michael and Tom he played with Moyne-Templetuohy in their historic and only county senior success in 1971. Martin has also collected county junior hurling medals in 1961 & 1966 and an All Ireland Intermediate medal also in '66. He is the holder of four Mid senior medals- 1970, '72, '76 and '77. In football he helped to win two Mid junior titles.

Martin was first introduced to the whistle in 1974. He was then an County U/21 selector and when no one was available to referee challenge games in the grade between Tipp and Waterford and Galway that year Martin filled the breach. So well did he perform that Paddy Maher of Moneygall, now North Board Secretary encouraged him to continue. In the intervening five years he has made a big name for himself as a referee. While he does not mind abuse given hastily on the spur of the moment he would like to see players and spectators showing more sympathy for the referee. Whoever wins to-day Martin O'Grady is sure to do an impartial job as the man in the middle.

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