

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final
Match Programme
1989



Cluiche Ceannais Iomána
Thiobrad Árann Meán

**Luach Maigh-
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v.

**Mainistir
na
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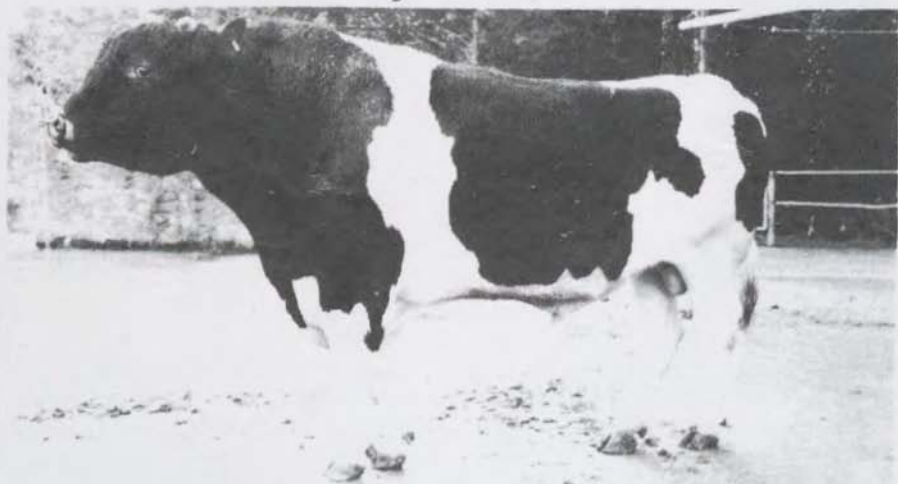
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On behalf of Mid Tipperary Board, I extend a hearty céad míle fáilte to one and all for our hurling showpiece here in Semple Stadium this evening.

The teams taking part — Holycross and Loughmore — have reached this stage on merit and are very worthy contestants for highest honours in the Division. We look forward to those very keen rivals to provide a game in the best traditions of both clubs, a game to bring back memories of many epic finals in Mid Tipperary in former years, a sporting and manly game that will embrace all that is good in the game of hurling.

We confidently look forward to a fitting climax to a well-contested and sporting Mid championship, a game that will have a lasting impression, which will bring about a greater realisation of the value of the game of hurling, how it stands apart, ideally suited to the Celtic temperament as well as being conducive to discipline, self control and physical well-being.

In conclusion, I thank all who helped in to-day's programme, all our clubs, referees and their officials, ticket sellers, gatemen, field committees and our ever loyal supporters. A special thanks to all our advertisers and our sponsors for this evening's final — Bank of Ireland Thurles, Gerry Chawke Clonmel and Derek and Eleanor O'Connell, Park Avenue House.

LIAM Ó hAONGHUSA
Cathaoirleach

C.L.G. Thiobraid Árann Meán 1907-1989

At the County Convention in 1907 it was decided that there should be three divisions in the County: North, South and Mid. — the Mid Division to comprise Thurles, Moycarkey, Two Mile Borris, Templetuohy, Gurteen, Upperchurch, Milestone, Drombane, Holycross, Clonoulty, Rossmore, Cappawhite, Cashel and Racecourse.

At the first convention of the new Division, John Cahill, Cashel, was elected Chairman; Andy Mason, Drombane, Secretary, and Micky Maher, Tubberadora, Treasurer. Since that first convention the Mid Division has gone from strength to strength, it has grown with the Association and in turn has played no small part in helping the Association's growth. Tim Condon, Moycarkey, was elected Chairman in 1908 and was followed in that position in 1912 by Tom Semple; 1916 E. D. Ryan, Cashel; 1919 Tom Kerwick, Thurles; 1924 Jim Gleeson, Drombane.

The latter was succeeded in 1927 by Rev. John Meagher and from here on the influence of the clergy became very pronounced. Fr. Meagher was succeeded in 1929 by Rev. Phil Fogarty, who was to become the Board's longest serving chairman. He was succeeded in 1948 by Rev. Patrick Lee. In 1956 Rev. Michael Russell — now Bishop of Waterford — was elected to the post and after five years he handed over to Rev. Denis O'Meara, Moycarkey.

In 1969 the office of Chairman was restored to the laity when Tom O'Hara became the first layman in forty-two years to hold the position. In 1973 Tom was elected chairman of the County Board and his successor in the Mid was Michael Small, Sarsfields. At this time the term of Chairman at Divisional and County level was confined to three years and when his term had expired in 1976 Michael Small was succeeded by his predecessor, Tom O'Hara, who became the first man to be elected twice to the position. Tim Maher, Boherlahan, was the next occupant of the chair and he was followed by Michael Lowry, Holycross, who went on to become County Chairman at the end of his term in Mid. His successor in the Mid chair was Pat Cullen, Loughmore, and Pat was succeeded by current holder of office, Liam Hennessy, Moycarkey.

Andy Mason Drombane was elected Secretary at the first Convention in 1907 and held the position until 1930 when he was succeeded by Phil Cahill, Holycross, who was succeeded in 1937 by Phil Purcell, Moycarkey. He was followed by 'Sweeper' Ryan, Moycarkey, 1948-1966; Seán Ryan, Loughmore, 1966-1974; Liam Ryan, Holycross (now Fr. Liam), 1974-1979, and he was succeeded by present holder, Tom O'Hara.

Although the Division has given many able and dedicated administrators to the Association the real history of the Division lies in the games and the many great players who graced the playing fields over the years and whose names will be enshrined forever in hurling annals. Of the twenty-two senior hurling All Irelands won by Tipperary, eighteen were captained by players from Mid Division:

1887—Jim Stapleton, Thurles.
1895,'96,'98—Mikey Maher, Tubberadora.
1899—Jim Condon, Horse & Jockey.
1900—Ned Hayes, Two Mile Borris.
1906, 1908—Tom Semple, Thurles Sarsfields.
1916, 1925—Johnny Leahy, Boherlahan.
1930—John Joe Callanan, Thurles Sarsfields.
1937—Jim Lanigan, Thurles Sarsfields.
1945—John Maher, Thurles Sarsfields.
1949—Pat Stakelum, Holycross.
1958—Tony Wall, Thurles Sarsfields.
1962, '65—Jimmy Doyle, Thurles Sarsfields.
1964—Mick Murphy, Thurles Sarsfields.

There are several other records held in the Division. John Doyle, Holycross, holds a record eleven National League medals and up to 1983 shared with the late great Christy Ring a record eight senior All Ireland medals. This record was beaten by Noel Skehan of Kilkenny, who won a ninth award in that year, three of which were won as a substitute.

Sarsfields are holders of twenty-eight senior hurling County titles and clubs from the Division have won a total of sixty-three county senior hurling finals.

The Gaels of Mid Tipperary can look back with justifiable pride on the achievements since 1907, the acorn that was sown over eighty years ago has certainly grown into a mighty oak.

Tomás Ó hEadhra, Rúnai

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Jim Stapleton	1887	John Maher	1945
Tom Semple	1906, 1908	Tony Wall	1958
John Joe Callanan	1930	Jimmy Doyle	1962, 1965
Jim Lanigan	1937	Michael Murphy	1964

Sarsfields Club has given to hurling some of its most legendary figures. Their story and the story of Thurles Sarsfields has been compiled by the late Donal O’Gorman. The book is an extensive account of the achievements of the club at all levels and is illustrated by a large selection of photographs.

A committee under the chairmanship of Liam Ó Donnchú — Sarsfields Chairman, has been established to publish the book. Subscribers, who wish to be associated with this publication are asked to avail of the pre-publication price of £20. Subscribers will be our guests at the launch of the book and will receive a hardback copy. Both their names and addresses will be listed in the book as patrons of the publication.

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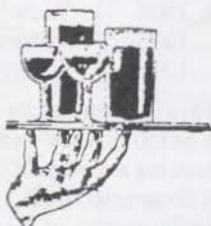
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and Loughmore



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Paths to the Final

Loughmore-Castleiney 1-14; Drom-Inch 2-11
 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-13; Drom-Inch 1-11 (Replay)
 Loughmore-Castleiney 1-16; Moycarkey-Borris 2-7
 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-17; Boherlahan-Dualla 1-11 (Semi-Final)
 Holycross-Ballycahill 2-12; Boherlahan-Dualla 4-16

Losers Group:

Holycross-Ballycahill 3-15; Drom-Inch 3-7
 Holycross-Ballycahill 4-16; Moyne-Templetuohy 2-6 (Losers Group Final)
 Holycross-Ballycahill 1-12; Sarsfields 0-12 (Semi-Final)



HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL



LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY

Pics. Brendan O'Connor

First Visit to the North

A TIPPERARY-ANTRIM ENCOUNTER

ON Saturday, December 1, 1928, the first Tipperary team ever travelled to Belfast to play Antrim in the All-Ireland junior hurling semi-final. Tipperary had qualified for this game by earlier victories over Limerick, Kerry and Waterford in the Munster final. On their way to the semi-final Antrim had a walkover from Cavan and victories over Donegal and Down.

The Tipperary team left Thurles railway station at 9 o'clock on Saturday morning and travelled to Dublin where they had a break for lunch before continuing the journey to Belfast. On arrival at their destination they checked into their hotel and had a meal. No sooner was the latter over than they headed downtown to see what this 'notorious' city was like. As they wandered around looking at the sights some of the lads spotted a policeman who they recognised as a Black and Tan from earlier days in County Tipperary. He had been stationed at Sheverie, near Upperchurch, during the 'Troubles'. They became friends and he invited them to his Orange Lodge club where 'a decent attempt was made to set them drunk'. The wag with the team said the attempt failed because there wasn't sufficient whiskey in the Lodge!

The encounter doesn't seem to have had any bad repercussions. The following morning the team were taken for a three-hour sight-seeing tour around the Glens of Antrim.

The match was played at Corrigan Park in the afternoon and Antrim gave the visitors a good match. There was only a point between the teams at

half-time on a score of 2-1 to 1-3 in favour of Tipperary.

The latter added three goals in the second half and then Antrim came with a great rally that was better than the final score of 5-1 to 2-3 would give credit for.

The teams were:

Tipperary - A. Foley (Capt.), M. Matthews (goal), P. Guiry, R. Dwan, P. O'Keefe, E. Walsh, M. Wright, D. Walsh, J. Ryan, J. Maher, J. Lowry, J. Heeney, J. Maher, J. Stapleton, T. Smith.

Antrim - J. Hunter, G. McDermott, P. Butler, D. Armstrong, E. Mackin, J. McKeown, H. Reid, A. Thornbury, J. McNally, W. Mulvenna, P. Fleming, H. Hill, J. Tuohy, P. Cunning, J. McGarry.

The happiest feature of the Tipperary team's visit was the enjoyable céili held in the evening in St. Mary's Hall. The visitors, headed by Captain Johnny Leahy, received a tremendous reception from the Gaels of Belfast. A thoroughly Irish-Ireland atmosphere surrounded the function, which was most successful and enjoyable for the merry throng.

Many of the visitors were fresh to the North and pre-conceived ideas of their possible reception were happily shattered.

They left, after an entertainment in which they were made at home, to carry back the tale of the strength of the Gaelic spirit in the North.

They departed for home on Monday morning. In the All-Ireland final at Dungarvan at a later date, Tipperary lost to Kilkenny by two points.

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Senior Hurling Final Referee

Willie Clohessy
Drom-Inch



WILLIE CLOHESSY of Drom-Inch club will this evening be refereeing his first senior final. Son of the late Michael Clohessy who gave sterling service to his club as a player and to the Board as a referee. Willie has been officiating at Mid games for the past four years and has already had charge of Under-21, Junior and Intermediate hurling finals, as well as an Under-21 Football final. Willie is the youngest ever referee to officiate at a Mid senior final and is also the first to have to interrupt a honeymoon to do so.

He is looking forward to this game and hopes that it will be played in the best tradition of Tipperary hurling abounding in skill, endeavour and above all sportsmanship.

We wish him good luck in his first senior final and to himself and his charming wife Celine years of success and happiness in their married life.

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(Green and Red)

(1)

Eamonn Sweeney

(2)

Pat Cormack

(3)

Peter Brennan

(4)

Eamonn Brennan

(5)

Pat Treacy

(6)

Jim Maher

(7)

Mick McGrath

(8)

Pat McGrath

(9)

Ned Ryan

(10)

Tom McGrath

(11)

Michael McGrath

(12)

Seamus Bohan

(13)

Tom Larkin

(14)

John Cormack

(15)

Frankie McGrath

Subs: (16) John Kennedy; (17) Richard Stapleton; 18. John Treacy; (19) Seán Óg Lynch; (20) Tommy Gleeson; (21) Philip Kennedy; (22) Stephen Maher; (23) Tom McGrath; (24) Phil Morris; (25) Jimmy Nolan. *Selectors:* Pat Cullen; Mick McGrath; Joe O'Grady; Tom Egan; Jack Walsh (*Trainer/Coach*).

Loughmore/Castleiney	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Holycross/Ballycahill

(1)
Michael McGrath

(2)
Johnny Doyle

(3)
Tom Dwyer

(4)
Rory Dwan (capt.)

(5)
Phil Dwyer

(6)
Michael Doyle

(7)
Bengy Browne

(8)
Declan Carr

(9)
Jim Ryan

(10)
Tony Lanigan

(11)
Pat Lanigan

(12)
Stephen Dwan

(13)
Paul Slattery

(14)
Richard Stakelum

(15)
Paul Maher

Subs: 16. Tommy Lanigan; 17. Donal Ryan; 18. Gerry Fennessy; 19. Timmy Stakelum; 20. Jim Butler; 21. Phil Lowry; 22. Francis Maher; 23. Jim Fitzpatrick; 24. David Browne.
Selectors: Michael Ryan, Phil Lowry, Paddy Kenny (*Trainer/Coach*).

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

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Loughmore-Castleiney Team of the Eighties

By Michael Dundon

THERE is no doubt about it, when the history of the Mid Division comes to be updated, Loughmore-Castleiney will go down as the team of the eighties in senior hurling. The club won its first senior title in 1983, the year it lost to Borris-Ileigh in the county championship, but for the past three years they have reigned supreme and are today attempting to win their fourth consecutive Mid senior hurling title.

By any standards it is a great achievement, and when taken in conjunction with the club's continuing success in football, it is nothing short of marvellous. It all started for Loughmore-Castleiney back in the early seventies when, having dominated juvenile ranks, many of the current squad began to break on the adult scene.

They had to be patient for the breakthrough, and lost three county minor hurling finals, once to Cashel and twice to Nenagh, before they recorded their only county title in the grade in 1979 when they beat Knockavilla Kickhams. Players from those teams now form the backbone of the current side whose greatest moment was last year when they defeated Borris-Ileigh to capture the Dan Breen Cup for the first time.

Part of the secret of the Loughmore-Castleiney success is that the team is very much a family unit. Families like the McGraths, McCormacks, Treacys and Brennans supply the nucleus of the team and the close bonds that have been formed over the years bind them together into a most formidable combination. Now that they have served their apprenticeship in the senior hurling trade and emerged triumphant, they look set to be the masters for some time to come.

However, the real key to the club's success has been the great belief the players have in their own ability. In view of the individual achievements of the players, with so many representing the county at various levels, this is not surprising, and anyone who follows the games in Mid Tipperary will tell you quickly enough that you never have Loughmore-Castleiney beaten until the final whistle sounds.

At present Pat McGrath and John Cormac are part of the Tipperary squad preparing for the All-Ireland but others such as Michael McGrath, Tom McGrath, Peter Brennan and Jim Maher have also worn the county senior hurling jersey while Seamus Bohan is a member of the Tipperary under-21 team. Together they represent a vast wealth of talent and experience, ingredients so vital to the winning of championships.

The club is also fortunate in the calibre of the men behind the scenes, who have given unselfishly of their time and talent for the sake of "their little village". Jackie Walsh, the current coach and the man who steered them to that memorable first county title last year, has served the club well both as an outstanding player in his younger days and now in his new rôle is quickly building up a considerable reputation for himself.

Overall though, it is the togetherness of Loughmore-Castleiney that is their outstanding feature and which makes them such a difficult side to overcome. The loyalty of their supporters is widely recognised too, and it is a loyalty that has been repaid handsomely by the parish's hurlers in recent years.

The current club officers are: President, Bill Ryan; Chairman, Seán Mockler; Secretary, John Treacy; Treasurer, Eddie Webster; P.R.O., Pat Healy.

MID TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS

1907 Thurles
1908 Thurles
1909 Thurles
1910 Two-Mile-Borris
1911 Thurles
1912 Sarsfields
1913 Boherlahan
1915 Thurles Sarsfields
1916 Boherlahan
1917 Boherlahan
1918 Boherlahan
1919 Boherlahan
1920 Thurles/Moycarkey
1921 No Championship
1922 Moycarkey/Two-Mile-Borris
1923 Moycarkey
1924 Moycarkey
1925 Thurles Sarsfields
1926 Moycarkey/Borris
1927 Clonoulty
1928 Castleiney/Killea
1929 Thurles Sarsfields
1930 Moycarkey/Borris
1931 Moycarkey/Borris
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1946 Thurles Sarsfields
1947 Holycross
1948 Holycross
1949 Borrisoleigh
1950 Thurles Sarsfields
1951 Holycross
1952 Thurles Sarsfields
1953 Boherlahan
1954 Holycross
1955-64 Thurles Sarsfields
1965 Moycarkey
1968-69 Thurles Sarsfields
1970 Moyne
1971 Moycarkey
1972 Moyne
1973 Thurles Sarsfields
1974 Drom/Inch
1975 Thurles Sarsfields
1976-77 Moyne
1978 Holycross
1979-80 Thurles Sarsfields
1981-82 Moycarkey
1983 Loughmore/Castleiney
1984 Drom/Inch
1985 Holycross-Ballycahill
1986-88 Loughmore-Castleiney

Mid Board Chairmen

1907 John Cahill, Cashel
1908 Tim Condon, Moycarkey
1912 Tom Semple, Thurles
1916 E. D. Ryan, Cashel
1919 Tom Kerwick, Thurles
1924 Tim Gleeson, Drombane
1927 Rev. John Meagher C.C., Thurles
1929 Rev. Phil Fogarty, C.C., Moycarkey
1948 Rev. Patrick Lee C.C., Templemore
1956 Rev. Mick Russell, St. Patrick's
1961 Rev. D. O'Meara, C.C., Moycarkey
1969 Tom O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1973 Michael Small, Sarsfields

1976 Tom O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1979 Tim Maher, Boherlahan
1982 Michael Lowry, Holycross
1985 Pat Cullen, Loughmore
1988 Liam Hennessy, Moycarkey

Mid Board Secretaries

1907 Andy Mason, Drombane
1930 Phil Cahill, Holycross
1937 Phil Purcell, Moycarkey
1948 Paddy Ryan, Moycarkey
1966 Seán Ryan, Loughmore
1974 Liam Ryan, Holycross
1979 Tom O'Hara, Gortnahoe

Holycross-Ballycahill

*By John Guiton
Tipperary Star*

WITH many illustrious names such as Doyle, Stakelum, Maher, Gorman, and many more springing to mind, it's easy to see why Holycross-Ballycahill has been synonymous with the Gaelic Athletic Association since its foundation.

In its 104 year history it has been to the forefront in the game of hurling not just in the Mid division, but indeed at county level, and has won the admiration of hurling followers everywhere for its wholehearted contribution.

In its long history the club has had the distinction of being the first Tipperary team to defeat a Cork side. It happened in 1886 when Holycross travelled to Cork for a monster tournament and defeated St. Finbarr's.

After some defeats in early years the club disappeared from the senior ranks until 1914 but Clodiagh Rangers — a combination of Holycross-Ballycahill and Drombane — won the 1913 Mid Junior title. A Mid Junior title came to the parish in 1922, and the club rejoined the senior ranks in 1923 but without success. The following year it transferred to the South division but here a heavy defeat at the hands of Coolmoyné provided a major setback and sent the club back to the Mid again.

1941 marked the beginning of a new era for Holycross-Ballycahill with the annexing of the first county title. This was at junior level and with Dinny O'Gorman the leading figure they defeated Clerihan.

Success at senior level was to follow six years later when the first Mid title came to the parish, at the expense of Sarsfields, but Carrick Swans put an end to county championship hopes. Glory was just around the corner however, despite that setback, for the following year Holycross captained by Francis Maher won the

county senior crown. Pat Stakelum led the Tipperary team to All-Ireland and National League victories the following year and John Doyle won the first of his eight All-Ireland medals.

In that same year the Dr. Harty Shield for the county U/15 hurling championship was won for the first time and the senior county championship was won again in 1951 and '54. The records show that the Mid championship was regained in 1966, and while the late sixties and early seventies saw a decline in fortunes 1973 brought the county U/16 championship and the junior county title arrived in 1974.

Holycross exacted revenge on Sarsfields in '78 and in that same year their younger players showed great promise by capturing the county U/21 crown.

The eighties started off on a bright note for the club with no less than three titles going their way in '82. County championships were won in minor hurling, junior football, and urban/rural under-14 football.

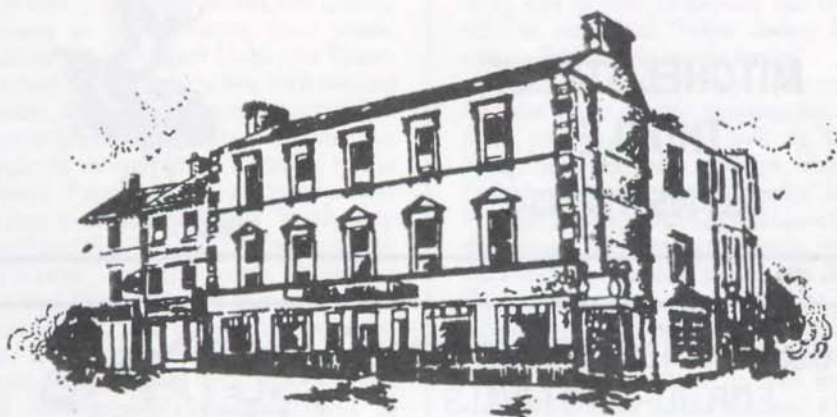
Although they did capture the Mid pennant in '85 Holycross would be the first to admit that a great deal more success might have come their way. They have been something of an enigma, so authoritative in their play and yet unable to deliver the killer punch in many vital matches. Indeed in many ways they were the better side in last year's decider between the same clubs but their score-taking ability, or lack of it, let them down. How determined they are now to avenge for that defeat and with quality players in the side who can turn in an inspired display they must feel very confident now of ending the champions reign. Trainer Paddy Kenny and the backroom team have left no stone unturned in trying to achieve that goal.

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By
Tom O'Hara

ON Sunday, August 2nd, 1959, the old field in Gaile was the setting for a much awaited Mid Final clash between those keen and sporting rivals Thurles Sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill.

Contested in glorious weather and on a pitch that was a credit to the Boherlahan club, the opening thirty minutes brought back memories of the great struggles between those teams in the 1947-1953 period. Sarsfields fielded a star studded team who had won divisional and county honours in the previous four years, however an exuberant Holycross fifteen matched them for forty-five thrill-packed minutes, lash for lash, score for score, but eventually went down by twelve points — a margin of victory rather flattering to the winners. Prior to the game rumour was rife that the champions were "on the way down" and that "there's nothing coming in Holycross". Both teams however scotched those rumours in no uncertain fashion when, with the sun blazing down from a clear blue sky those two sides entered into the fray with gusto to show that hurling was far from dead in Mid-Tipperary.

The champions won and no one present could say it was the victory of a team on the way out. Holycross went down to defeat with heads unbowed — they just "ran out of steam" in the closing ten minutes, but the younger members of the side showed that they were determined to regain for the little village the glory that was its own less than a decade previously. They fought for every ball with tenacity, and although they lacked the polish which is only gained with experience they could feel proud of the fact that with the aid of their older and more experienced comrades they were in the game with a chance up to the last ten minutes.

A surprise placing on the Holycross team was that of John Doyle at centre forward. In 1958 Doyle surprised the hurling world when moved out to left half

back on the Tipperary team, where the Holycross Hercules proceeded to give a hurling lesson to some of the best half forwards in the country. In the 1959 Mid Final he sprang another surprise when in the new position of centre-forward he hurled with great enthusiasm to have the better of the tussle with the great Tony Wall. An ardent Holycross fan on the sideline remarked "What Jimmy Doyle can do John Doyle can do better".

Whether or not John heard this remark he went on to display amazing accuracy from placed balls. As well as Doyle, Holycross had great displays from Pat Stakelum at centre-back, "Bowler" Doyle, Michael Maher, Liam Quinn, Liam Skelly and Roger Dwan played soundly in goal. Sarsfields outstanding player was Jimmy Doyle. Regarded as Sarsfields and Tipperary's best forward his display in this game fixed the crown more firmly on his head. Others to show up well for the champions were goalie 'Blackie' Keane, veteran defender Mickey Byrne, Connie Keane and Noel Murphy in the half-back line, Ray Reidy and Mick Murphy had their moments at mid-field and Larry Keane was the most dangerous forward after Jimmy Doyle.

The game was contested in a grand sporting spirit, and it was a credit to both teams that there was not one incident to mar a thrilling hours hurling.

Final score: Sarsfields 3-15; Holycross 2-6. Ref. Gerry Fitzgerald, Limerick.

The teams lined out as follows:

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

Holycross: R. Dwan, E. Ryan, M. Maher, F. Bannon, G. Doyle, P. Stakelum, C. Moloney, J. Ryan, B. Bannon, L. Quinn, J. Doyle, T. Kelly, L. Skelly, M. Ryan, L. Dwan.

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