

Mid-Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

1993

THE ROADSTONE PROVINCES MID TIPPERARY SENIOR HURLING FINAL



on Sunday 15th. August, 1993 (7.00 p.m.)
at Templemore.

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL



THURLES SARSFIELDS

Referee: Michael Greene (Upperchurch-Drombane).



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I extend a Cead Mile Failte to you all to our 1993 Mid Tipperary Senior Hurling Final. To-night we have the pairing of the old rivals - Thurles Sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill. This year our championship has once again produced excellent fare and I am sure that this final will be on a par with the great finals of the past in our division. To both sides every success to-night and in the culminating stages of the county championships.

In conclusion my sincere thanks to all our sponsors, patrons, spectators, clubs, players, officials, promoting club J.K Brackens and all associated with Cumann Luthchleas Gael in Mid Tipperary.

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THE CAPTAINS

JIM MOLONEY (THURLES SARSFIELDS)

Jim has been a regular half-back on the team since the Mid 1980's. In last year's county final he had the honour of captaining Sarsfields in the absence of the injured Eamon Walsh.



Aged 30 years, married to Mary they have one daughter. Jim is unique in that he played little hurling at juvenile level, having played only for his school. It was only after an injury curtailed his athletic career that he turned to hurling and is a regular on the Sarsfield's senior team since.

MICHAEL DOYLE (HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL)

Michael is a member of the senior team since 1975 and was captain on two previous occasions and led his club to a Mid victory over to-night's opponents. Played numerous times with Tipperary teams winning All Ireland medals at minor and u/21 levels and was a member of the Tipperary side that won the Centenary open draw competition. With Holycross-Ballycahill Michael has won many major honours including 4 Mid S.H titles, a county final in 1990 and at juvenile level a county U/16 medal. Married to Josie they have a family of three boys.



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SARSFIELDS BID TO END BARREN PERIOD

When Sarsfields last won the Mid Tipperary S.H final in 1980, not many would have predicted at that time that thirteen years later the Thurles men would still be looking for their next championship. For a club accustomed to success such a barren spell was unheard of, but the sad fact remains that the Blues, with more titles than any other club in the division, find themselves out of the winners enclosure since the 1980 triumph over Drom-Inch.

It is a statistic which increases the pressure on to-day's team and management to bring the Treacy Cup to the Cathedral Town. Only four of the present Sarsfield's team - goalkeeper Paddy McCormack, Michael Maher and the brothers Paddy and Connie Maher can boast of having Mid senior medals and current team manager, Tom Barry was also a member of the 1980 team.

Not alone did Sarsfields not win a title in that period, but they were very much out of the reckoning for all that time, being beaten in the final just once, by Holycross in 1985. However, the past few years have shown a sign of a revival in the Thurles club's fortunes and last year in particular they came within a whisker of the championship, losing out in extra time in the replay after they had seemed home and dry coming to the end of ordinary time.

All of this underlines the importance of this game for Thurles Sarsfields. Many have wondered at the failure of the club to stamp its authority on the hurling scene given that Durlas Og are so successful at underage level, but the fact is that the boys who have come through from Durlas Og service three adult clubs in the town, with Rahealty and Kickhams also taking their share of young players. The ensuing dissipation of talent hits all clubs, with the senior side, suffering most because of the level of competition in which it operates.

Team managers in Durlas Og will tell you how hard it is to win a county championship at any level, so one can readily appreciate how much more difficult it is to do so when a successful team is broken up, with the players going to each club, in addition to the natural fall-out there is with boys at that age.

The family tradition continues to be an important part of the club. Michael Maher is son of John Maher, the great Sarsfield's defender in the twenties, thirties and forties, while Connie and Paddy Maher are his nephews. John Dorney is son of Patsy Dorney an outstanding clubman with the Blues in the late fifties and sixties, while Graham O'Connor is nephew of Paddy Kenny, the Borrisoleigh and Tipperary star who also figured on several championship sides with Sarsfields.

Michael Dundon.

HOLYCROSS-BALLYCAHILL

(GREEN & WHITE)

	(1) Pat Slattery.	
(2) Johnny Doyle	(3) Tom Dwyer	(4) Ruari Dwan
(5) Timmy Gleeson	(6) Michael Doyle (Capt)	(7) Richard Doyle
(8) Donal Ryan	(9) Declan Carr	
(10) Paul Maher	(11) Stephen Dwan	(12) Tony Lanigan
(13) Ciaran Carroll	(14) Declan Quinlan	(15) David Burke

SUBS: Michael Ferncombe (sub goalie), (16) Phil Dwyer, (17) P.J Lanigan.
(18) Phil Cahill, (19) William Ryan. (20) Paul Slattery, (21) Alan Quinlan,
(22) Declan Ryan, (23) Pat Cahill.

Selectors: Michael Ryan, Seamus Mackey, Phil Lowry. Coach- Pat Delaney,
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(BLUE & WHITE)

(1)

Paddy McCormack

(2)

Michael Maher

(5)

Jim Moloney (Capt)

(8)

John Dorney

(10)

Brendan Carroll

(13)

Paddy Maher

(3)

Tommy Maher

(6)

Seamus O'Shea

(11)

Connie Maher

(14)

Ciaran Carroll

(4)

Michael Sparrow

(7)

Clive Hanrahan

(9)

Seamus Maher

(12)

Liam Duggan

(15)

Seamus Quinn

SUBS: (16) Eddie Enright, (17) John Kennedy, (18) Ger Collins,
(19) Graham O'Connor, (20) Tony O'Meara, (21) Maurice McCormack,
(22) P.J. Kavanagh, (23) Tony Coman, (24) Jim Woodlock, (25) Declan Kehir,
(26) Michael Hanrahan.

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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
1932	Moycarkey/Borris
1933	Moycarkey/Borris
1934	Moycarkey/Borris
1935	Thurles Sarsfields
1936	Thurles Sarsfields
1937	Moycarkey
1938	Thurles Sarsfields
1939	Thurles Sarsfields
1940	Moycarkey

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

1941	Boherlahan
1942	Thurles Sarsfields
1943	Moycarkey
1944	Thurles Sarsfields
1945	Thurles Sarsfields
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
1966	Holycross-Ballycahill
1967	Moycarkey-Borris
1968-69	Thurles Sarsfields
1970	Moyné
1971	Moycarkey
1972	Moyné
1973	Thurles Sarsfields
1974	Drom/Inch
1975	Thurles Sarsfields
1976-77	Moyné
1978	Holycross
1979-80	Thurles Sarsfields
1981-82	Moycarkey
1983	Loughmore/Castleiney
1984	Drom/Inch
1985	Holycross-Ballycahill
1986-88	Loughmore-Castleiney
1989-90-91	Holycross-Ballycahill
1992	Loughmore-Castleiney

1976	Tom O'Hara, Gortnahoe
1979	Tim Maher, Boherlahan
1982	Michael Lowry, Holycross
1985	Pat Cullen, Loughmore
1988	Liam Hennessy, Moycarkey
1991	Sean Fogarty, Moyné-Templemore

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
1991	Mattie Connolly, Boherlahan

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THURLES SARSFIELDS: Back (l to R)- Connie Maher, Seamus Maher, Liam Duggan, Seamus

O'Shea, Paddy Maher, Jim Moloney (capt), Michael Sparrow, John Dorney.

Front (L to R)- Michael Maher, Clive Haurtham, Tommy Maher, Paddy McCormack, Brendan Carroll, Claran Carroll, Seamus Quinn.

SARSFIELDS - HOLYCROSS RIVALRY

When Thurles Sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill line out for to-day's Mid Senior Hurling Final it will be the seventeenth time the clubs have met at this stage of the championship. Sarsfields have won on eleven occasions. Holycross-Ballycahill have four victories to their credit and one game- 1951- was drawn.

The first meeting was in 1909 when Clodiagh Rangers - a combination of Holycross, Ballycahill and Drombane lost to Thurles Blues on the score of 3-12 to 1-6.

The Rangers panel on that occasion was Tom Cummins and Phil Fogarty (Rathkennan), Pat and Matt Butler, Pat Ryan and Jim Ryan (Mullaney) from Cormackstown, Tom and Paddy Dwan (Beakstown), Michael O'Dwyer (Skeard), Phil Dwyer (Grange), Paddy Stakelum (Ballinahow), Ned and Frank O'Meara (Holycross) and from Drombane came Tim Gleeson, Paddy Corbett, Thady Brien, Tom Dunne, Matt and Martin Gleeson.

The Dwyer brothers on today's panel are grandsons to Phil Dwyer of the 1909 team; Paul Maher, Ruairi and Stephen Dwan are grand-nephews of Tom and Paddy Dwan; Tossy Fogarty, who recently left for the U.S.A. and is missing from to-day's panel is a grandnephew of Phil Fogarty, who as Canon Fogarty P.P., held the position of County Chairman from 1948 to 1970.

In the twenty five years from 1952 to 1976 sarsfields and Holycross-Ballycahill met in the senior hurling championship on eighteen occasions and Sarsfields won every game. Since then the clubs have met eleven times. Holycross-Ballycahill won six games, Sarsfields had four victories and one game was drawn.

The teams last met in a final at Boherlahan in 1985 when Holycross-Ballycahill won on the score of 2-8 to 1-9. Ruairi and Stephen Dwan, Michael and Johnny Doyle, Pat and Tony Lanigan, Phil Dwyer and Declan Carr who played in that game are members of to-day's panel.

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The popular Drombane-Upperchurch official is to-day refereeing his second senior hurling final having charge also of the 1991 decider. Michael has officiated at games since the 1970's and has refereed finals at other levels.

Michael is also a vice-chairman of the Mid Board and is wished every success in this final.

Music this evening is supplied by the Templemore Pipe Band.

Amplification by Paddy Prior & Pat Houlihan.

*This evening's programme was compiled by Bob Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill), John McCormack (Thurles Sarsfields) and Jimmy Fogarty (Moycarkey-Borris).
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