

South Tipperary Senior Hurling Final

Match Programme

1995

SENIOR HURLING FINAL

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Today's South S.H. Final between Mullinahone and Carrick Davins has captured the imaginations of the sporting public in South Tipperary. Both sides will be meeting for the very first time in a Senior decider. For Davins who have reached the final in their first year in Senior ranks for some considerable time, today's game will evoke memories of times past when they were kingpins of Tipperary hurling. For Mullinahone, Carrick sides will hold no fears as they have proven in recent years that they can throw tradition out the window when it comes to winning championship titles. Whatever the result an enthusiastic contest is assured and one we hope which will be a great advertisement for our own games in this Division.

Our S.H. Final is preceded by the Minor A Football decider between Ardfinnan and Cahir. These two fine young teams play an attractive brand of football and patrons who arrive early will be assured of a good hours entertainment.

I extend best wishes to the 4 teams taking part in today's games, to the Referees and their officials and I trust that our loyal patrons who support our games will enjoy a spectacle of Hurling and Football benefitting the event and sportsmanship that we can all be proud of.

Seán ó Nuinseain

Cathaoirleach Coisde Tiobrad Arann Theas



WILLIE BARRETT (Ardfinnan)

Widely recognised as one of the country's top hurling referees, Willie reached a milestone and achieved a personal ambition in being appointed to referee the 1994 All-Ireland Senior final between Offaly and Limerick.

This crowned a marvellous career with the whistle that has seen him officiate in Munster and All-Ireland finals at the highest level. A top football referee also, Willie Barrett is a great clubman and served for a number of years as Treasurer of the South Board.

UMPIRES: Ritchie Boyle; N. Mahoney; Denis Whelan; Sean Barrett;

LINESMAN: Liam Barrett; Derek O'Mahoney.

Na Réiteoirí



SEAMUS ROCHE (Kilsheelan)

Seamus is a young referee who answered the call in recent years and quickly established a name for himself as one of the best new referees in the Division.

He officiated at last year's South Minor Hurling 'A' final and has been in charge of numerous other games at all levels.

He could well emulate Willie Barrett and go right to the top. A hurler and footballer with Kilsheelan club Seamus has worn the blue and gold with Tipperary Junior and Senior Football teams.

UMPIRES: Denis Lonergan; Peter Moore; Ger Hennebry; Jim Cahill.

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INTER HURLING FINAL

Mullinahone 2 - 10

Carrick Davins 2 - 8

The last occasion those two teams met in a final was in 1991 when they met in the Intermediate final.

This was a well contested game all through. Mullinahone struck the first blow when a long range free by goalkeeper Liam O'Connor was finished to the net by full forward Toss Lonergan to give his side a lead of 1 - 2 to 0 - 1. The Davins quickly replied when Ritchie Ryan had their first goal. Mullinahone were again in the driving seat when a Davins defender deflected the ball into his own net. Mullinahone went on to lead at half-time by 2 - 5 to 1 - 3.

In the second half, both sides continued to exchange points chiefly due to the marksmanship of Philip Skehan and Conor Arrigan. In a last gasp effort the Davins were awarded a free and Conor Arrigan rattled the net. It was most exciting stuff as Davins put on the pressure. Conor Arrigan pointed a '65' to leave the minimum between the sides.

It was Mullinahone who had the last word when their captain Toss Lonergan pointed. It was celebrations all round for Mullinahone when they heard the final whistle.

THE TEAMS

MULLINAHONE: Liam O'Connor; Albert Curran; Ollie Maher; Timmy O'Connor; Jackie Bolger; Michael Skehan; John McCormack; Philip Skehan (1 - 8); Thomas Tobin; Stephen O'Brien; Ray Coody; Brian O'Meara (0 - 7); Noel Leahy; Toss Lonergan (1 - 1); Peter Ryan.

CARRICK DAVINS: Sean Fleming; Dinny King; Liam Cronin; Paul McGrath; Val Cronin; Joe Kennedy; Vinny Walsh; Brendan Cronin; P.J. Arrigan; Seamus Harris; Tom Power; Conor Arrigan (1 - 7); William Loughman; Jimmy Cronin (0 - 1); Ritchie Ryan (1 - 0).

REFEREE: Tommy Lonergan, Kilsheelan.

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SNIPPETS

■ MULLINAHONE have only one previous title to their credit, they won on their first final appearance in 1993. Sunday next will mark their third successive final appearance.

■ MULLINAHONE and CARRICK DAVINS last important encounter was in the 1991 South Intermediate final played at Clonmel on 3rd November, 1991 and won by Mullinahone on a 2-10 to 2-8 scoreline.

■ CARRICK DAVINS last success in the South SHC was in 1979. In all they have won eleven titles spread over the following years: - 1965, 1966, 1967, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979.

■ CARRICK DAVINS are the only South Tipperary club to have won the Munster Club S.H.C. Indeed when they triumphed in the 1966 final (played on 20/8/'67 in Clonmel) they were the first Co. Tipperary club to prove successful.

■ KILSHEELAN will on Sunday host the South Tipp SHC final for the first time since Carrick Swans triumphed over St. Marys in 1985.

■ ALLIED IRISH BANKS are the sponsors of the South Tipperary SHC.

■ The South SHC has gone to Carrick in 1935 (Swans) 1945 (Swans) 1965 (Davins), 1975 (Davins), 1985 (Swans). *Will history repeat itself in 1995?*

THE TEAMS



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An Old Carrick Davins Team 1966 Co. SH Final

**Carrick Davins 2 - 12
Lorrha 1 - 3**

Amidst great excitement, Carrick Davins won their first ever County S.H. title on November 6, 1966 when they defeated North Champions Lorrha at Thurles.

The biting breeze was quickly forgotten as the huge Carrick contingent had much to enthuse about. When the final whistle sounded they spilled across the famous pitch with their flags and banners waving to celebrate a most deserving and popular victory. County star Mick Roche and captain Ritchie Ryan came in for special attention.

The game itself was remembered for the outstanding displays of Paddy Arrigan and his brother Tommy in defence, Ritchie Walsh whose goal put the issue beyond doubt. Jackie Walsh and the Ryans also played no small part.

Lorrha were very disappointing and could not match the skills of the Carrickmen. Jimmy Ryan pointed in the first minute. Lorrha were awarded a '21' yard free, Noel Lane's piledriver, Paddy Arrigan came through a crowded goalmouth to clear. Davins were now in control. A speculative shot by Mick Roche went to the net. Lorrha goaled just before the interval but Davins went on to lead by 1-6 to 1-2.

In the second half Carrick continued to dominate. Another goal this time by Ritchie Walsh and after that there was only one team in it. Final score: Carrick Davins 2-12; Lorrha 1-3.

For the record the teams were:

CARRICK DAVINS: W. Mackey; N. Walsh; T. Arrigan; B. Kenny; T. Waters; B. Arrigan; S. Kenny; M. Roche; P.J. Ryan; C. Broderick; J. Ryan; J. Walsh; T. Ryan; R. Walsh; M. Hassett; **Sub:** T. Murphy for M. Hassett.

LORRHA: G. Moylan; J. Larkin; M. O'Meara; S. O'Meara; L. King; S. O'Meara; M. Gleeson; N. Lane; J. Lane; P. Hogan; M. Kennedy; M. Liffey; W. Morris; M. Doyle; J. Ryan; **Subs:** P. Kennedy for M. Doyle. J.J. Kennedy for M. Liffey.

REFEREE: Sean Moloney.

Carrick Davins, Co. Champions 1966

Back: Jackie Walsh; Con Broderick; Noel Walsh; Tom Arrigan; Billy Mackey; Brian Kenny; Paddy Arrigan; Mick Roche.

Front: P.J. Ryan; Seamus Kenny; Ritchie Walsh; Tommy Waters; Tommy Ryan; Mick Hassett; Jimmy Ryan.

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MULLINAHONE

LIAM O'CONNOR age 26, works in the family joinery business. Mullinahone goalkeeper in their rise from junior ranks. Kept goal for Tipperary in their first Under-14 win in the Tony Forristal in 1983.

MICHAEL SKEHAN age 23, quantity surveyor in Dublin. Former Tipp minor with his twin brother Philip in 1990. Great number of underage awards with Mullinahone.

SEAN BRETT age 28, Tipp senior footballer and also member of 1984 minor football squad. Played junior hurling with Tipp in 1990 All-Ireland final. Long time servant of Mullinahone club. Sales manager with family firm "Brett Bros."

ALAN FOX age 20, one of the newer members of the squad. Clerical officer with Germinal Seeds. Winner of All-Ireland Senior Colleges "B" medal with Callan C.B.S.

JACKIE BOLGER age 33, married to Tina, works as an electrician. Has played adult hurling with Mullinahone since county junior final of 1979. Won All-Ireland Inter Firms award in hurling

KYRAN VAUGHAN age 19, farmer. Tipp minor hurler and footballer. Graduate of St. Kierans College and Piltown Agricultural College. Winner of All-Ireland Senior colleges medal "A" with St. Kierans and many other awards.

JOHN McCORMACK age 33, factory worker in Fethard, married to Catherine. Also long time servant of Mullinahone club with approximately 23 years service in the green and red. Now making his name as underage coach with St. Patricks.

RAY CODY age 28, married to Marie. Farmer has played Harty Cup hurling with De La Salle College Waterford. Has played adult hurling with Mullinahone since inter divisional junior campaign of 1985. Junior footballer with Tipp.

NOEL LEAHY age 24, apprentice carpenter and qualified butcher. Younger of two brothers. Played junior football with Tipperary in 1994 and 1995. Member of Mullinahone hurling squads since minor of 1987 and Under-21 "B" of 1988.

THOMAS CAHILL age 22, bar manager in family business. Has played all grades of hurling and football with Mullinahone. At the age of 16 played in Mullinahone full back line which held out against Dan Quirke, Declan Ryan and Co. to win the 1989 Tipp U-21 "A" hurling final.

JOHN LEAHY age 26, sales rep. with United Beverages/Finches. No underage awards with Mullinahone. Current hurling All Star. Has played championship minor, under-21 and senior football and hurling with Tipperary. First represented Tipp in minor football.

EDDIE CAREY age 17, student. Many underage awards with Mullinahone, Callan C.B.S. and Ballingarry Convent. First season with senior hurlers. Excellent showing against Swan in first round.

GER DALTON age 20, third level student in Waterford R.T.C. All-Ireland Vocational Schools junior medal with Scoil Ruain Killenaule. Second season on senior team.

MOSSIE TOBIN age 29, computer operative with Avonmore. Comparative latecomer to Mullinahone hurling. Nephew of Kilkenny legend Mick Brophy.

PAT CROKE age 20. Munster hurling medals with Tipp at both minor and Under-21. Also with Scoil Ruain Killenaule. Another player who has come up through the ranks with Mullinahone. Played in county minor semi-final in 1990 at age of 15. Apprentice steel fabricator.

TERRY O'BRIEN age 29, forestry worker. Has played hurling and football with Mullinahone since juvenile days.

JOHN O'SHEA age 22. Third level student in University of Limerick in equine studies. Past pupil of Callan C.B.S. and St. Kierans College.

SEAN WALZER age 31, married to Rosie. Garda sergeant. The only member of the panel not to come through the Mullinahone ranks. Learned hurling with Eire Og (Ennis) and later with St. Marys, Clonmel. Currently on a high over Clare hurlers success.

GERRY BRETT age 29, farmer, married to Rebecca. Older brother of Sean. Gerry also has been a long time servant of Mullinahone hurling and football going back to 1989 county junior hurling win.

KEVIN O'MEARA age 19, third level student at University of Limerick. First year in senior panel. Played both hurling and football for club since 1985.

KIERAN KENNEDY age 19, student. First year in senior panel. Like Kevin O'Meara has played hurling and football for Mullinahone in all under-aged grades.

BRIAN O'MEARA age 22, civil engineer. Has played minor, Under-21, junior and senior championship hurling with Tipperary. Plagued with injury. In 1988 at the age of 15 played on Mullinahone Under-21 hurling side which won Tipp U-21 "B" hurling title.

SEAN O'MEARA age 20, garda trainee. Regular footballer and hurler with club since Under-12 days. Numerous awards. Also represented Scoil Ruain, Killenaule.

JIM O'NEILL age 26, master of Ag. Science. Won Fitzgibbon with U.C.D. also represented St. Kierans, Kilkenny. Cousin of Kilkenny's Pat O'Neill. Regular campaigner with Mullinahone in minor, Under-21, junior and intermediate campaigns of 1987 - 1991.

PAUL KELLY age 16, student. Played in 1995 All-Ireland Vocational Schools final with Scoil Ruain. Captain of Mullinahone U-14 team which won Tipp U-14 R H championship in 1993. First time in senior panel.

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SPORTS GENTLEMAN

P.J. Ryan - Carrick Davins

The above caption is borrowed from an article by the legendary G.A.A. correspondent J.D. Hickey on the occasion of P. J. being honoured by the South Board for his contribution to South Tipps hurling folklore.

It aptly sums up a quiet, unassuming character whose mastery of the caman and love of the game was often submerged by a personality that embraced anonymity and eschewed the trappings of sporting fame.

Not for P.J. the plaudits of the "hurlers on the ditch" but a single minded dedication to the passtime he loved, as was witnessed by superb physical fitness to the present day and the aplomb and panache with which he strode the Hurling Scene from Juvenile to Senior Inter Co. Level enthraling spectators from The Davin Park to Croke Park, New Eltham to New York and all the great arena's where hurling is played.

To chronicle his illustrious career would need a tome of greater proportions than is available here but the most momentous chapters would include his captaincy of the Tipperary Senior team to National League success, captaining the U/21 team in 1967 culminating in being the very first recipient of the magnificent Celtic Cross Trophy awarded to the All Ireland U/21 Champions. He also captained Munster in the Railway Cup.

If the accumulation of medals etc. were the criteria for a successful career then P.J.'s would stand comparison with any of the greats, his selection as Sportsman of the Week on occasions underline his country wide recognition and acceptance as a true ambassador of hurling.

To try and encapsulate the career of P.J. Ryan is akin to trying to squeeze a quart of milk into a pint bottle, it just keeps overflowing. A quote from a Sasanach by the name of Shakespere, seems apt in describing the nature of the man "P.J. Ryan".

"Some people are born to greatness,
Some people achieve greatness,
Some people have greatness thrust upon them".

I cannot decide which description best fits P.J. or if he is the enigma who embraces all three.

Go raibh mile maith agat a Padraig, mar thug tu athas do na milte Fíor Gael thar na blianta.

DAVINS ABU

P. J. Ryan - Roll of Honour

All-Ireland Senior Hurling - 1971
Munster Senior Hurling '67, '68, '71
National League
U/21 All Ireland, '67
Munster U/21, '65, '67
Railway Cup
Oireachtas
Munster Club Senior Hurling 1967
Tipperary Senior Hurling Champ. '66, '67
Sth. S.H.C. '65, '66, '67, '69, '70, '71, '73, '75, '76, '77, '79
South U/21 Hurling '64, '65, '66, '67
South Minor Hurling '60
South Junior Football '65, '67



A SWAN OR A DAVIN!

There is no doubt at all but that clashes between those great Carrick Clubs, Swan and Davins create an interest and enthusiasm that borders on the unique. We know well that the very young in Carrick are caught up in the rivalry that exists between the Clubs almost from the cradle. We would not have been at all surprised therefore had the following story originated in Carrick. It did not, however, it happened in Fethard, a fact which really shows as we have often said that these Carrick Clubs have a wide audience.

The Story goes and we are assured that it is a fact, that young boys were being asked in school questions relating to the families of various animals, etc. You know the style - What would you call a young goat etc. All went well until this particular boy (obviously well versed in South Tipperary Hurling) on being asked how to describe a female SWAN, paused for a moment and replied, quite seriously - A DAVIN!

"MEASURE OF A MAN"

IT IS not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or how the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat, who strives valiantly; who errs and may fail again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who does know the great enthusiasm, the great devotion; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best, knows in the end triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither Victory nor Defeat.

HURLING IN THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY

Looking through the records of some hurling matches of the eighteenth century, we find that hurling in Ulster is not a modern sport. Two centuries ago Antrim had hurlers. It is recorded that in the severe winter of 1740 there was a hurling match in the ice on Lough Neagh.

We find, however, that about this period the game was more extensively played outside of Ulster. Records exist of strenuous contests like the "grand match of hurling in May 1748, on Crumlin Commons between the Provinces of Leinster and Munster, in which the former came off victorious. Munster unsatisfied with the result sought a replay, and about a week later they met on the same grounds. Keen on winning Munster picked "a chosen set" but "their utmost efforts were all to no purpose, for Leinster after about an hour's struggle, gained a complete victory." Not yet satisfied, Munster asked a further trial, and "the greatest match of hurling ever played in this Kingdom" was promised, but after the necessary preparations were made, "Munster thought it proper to decline the combat."

HATS WERE LOST.

In September, 1775, there was a match between Co. Tipperary and the Lower Ormond "band of hurlers" on the Commons of Ballingarry, near Borrisokane, when after an hour and fifteen minutes, trial the "invincible Lower Ormonians, according to their usual methods, put out a fair and undisputed goal." It was computed that there was 10,000 spectators at this match "who quietly separated in the evening without the least accident or irregularity, except a few hats that were lost in the huzzaing."

In September, 1755, there was a hurling match at Lyons, Co. Kildare, between the gentlemen of Kildare and Dublin, at which the Marquess of Hartington (then Lord Lieutenant) and "a most brilliant appearance of nobility and gentry were present. Yes, the Gentry played the game of hurling then, for it is recorded that in a match about this period between the Counties of Kilkenny and Tipperary the teams were mainly composed of "gentry of the highest respectability from both Counties."

HORSEMEN AS STEWARDS.

"In honour of their illustrious country, and to encourage reward and honour, bravery and hardihood from whatever part of Ireland they might come." a hurling match was played in July, 1814, on Kensington Commons, London, by some gentlemen of Ireland, the teams (18 a side) being named St. Giles and Wapping. The Duke of Wellington and staff formed portion of 20,000 interested spectators. Gentlemen on horseback acted as stewards, and the dexterity of the players amazed the onlookers. The match was for 200 guineas, and the result was a draw.

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In July, 1792, a cricket match, held in the Phoenix Park, was described as a form of Irish hurling, but the latter "was much more strenuous." It was not safe to be a spectator at these strenuous matches, for in September, 1756 a woman got her eye knocked out at Crumlin, and another got her leg broken. Nor was it advisable to interfere between players, for at a match at Glounanere, near Cashel, in 1774, James Raighelly (was he the referee?) in attempting to make peace between two players, was killed with a stroke of a hurley.

PHOENIX PARK "SCENES."

In July, 1779, complaints were made "that a mob of people assemble on Sundays in the Phoenix Park, adjoining the residence of Mr. Gardiner, High Sheriff, to play football and hurling matches, and most horrid profanement of drunkenness, riot, and fighting are practised, and these Sabbath breakers are permitted to remain unmolested in defiance of the law, divine and human."

A century and a half has passed since these complaints were made, and the conduct of the game has greatly altered, but if some of those spirits could return to life and hear the "huzzaing" on an All-Ireland Final day at Croke Park, they would conclude that during their long retirement those "wild Irish" had become even more enthusiastic over their national game.

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Mullinahone 2-12; Swans 3-5. J. Lonergan.

at Cloneen Ballingarry 1-10; Killenaule 1-8. W. Barrett.

June 4 at Kilsheelan, Swans 1-11; St. Marys 1-9. B. White.

July 2 at Clonmel, Killenaule 0-13; Swans 1-9. T. Lonergan.

July 29 at Clonmel, Davins 3-7; Ballingarry 1-12. B. White.

July 30 at Cloneen, Mullinahone 3-16; Killenaule 2-17. T. J. Corby.



*Is binne ghlór mo chamán féin
Ná guth na n-éan ná ceol na mbárd,
Ní binne fuaim ar bith faoin ngréin
Ná poc ró-théan ar liathróid áird.*

A Hurler's Prayer

*Grant me, O Lord, a hurler's skill,
With strength of arm and speed of limb,
Unerring eye for the flying ball
And courage to match them what'er befall.
May my aim be steady, my stroke be true,
My actions manly, my misses few;
And no matter what way the game may go,
May I rest in friendship with every foe.
When the final whistle for me is blown,
And I stand at last at God's judgement throne,
May the Great Referee when He calls my name,
Say "you hurled like a man, you played the game".*

Mullinahone

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8 Kieran Flynn		9 Padraig Hyland
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13 Robbie Hally	14 Mark Costigan (Capt.)	15 Tommy Howley

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Tom Power	Pat O'Hanlon	Declan Waters

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SELECTORS: Jimmy Ryan, Jimmy Cronin and Ricky McGrath.

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SELECTORS: John Cummins (Coach); Patsy Ryan; Martin Maher; T. O'Mahoney; M. Hennessy.

CARRICK DAVINS

Carrick Davins first Senior title was won in 1965 when they defeated Marlfield on the score Davins 2-17, Marlfield 4-9 a last minute goal from a Mick Roche free gave Davins that first title. However the success story of the Davins Club began in the thirties in the Minor and Junior grades. The Junior hurlers won the South title in 1931 defeating Killenaule by 3-3 to 3-1 at Cloneen but were to lose the title late on appeal.

In Minor hurling the Club won 4 successive South titles 1933 to 1936. In 1963 the great run of success that the club was to enjoy was heralded with the winning of the South and Co. crown in Junior Hurling. The winning of County Senior titles in 1966 and 1967 and a Munster Club title will go down as the club's greatest achievements. Initially the Club was founded as a Junior football club in 1922 and had early success winning South and Co. Titles in 1927. The Club continues to promote football at Junior and under-age level.

The Davins club produced some of the finest players ever to grace a gaelic field in Mick Roche, P.J. Ryan, Jimmy Ryan, Ralph Callaghan and many others.

The Club could boast of having some of the top administrators in the County. The late P.J. Kenny or Waxy as he was popularly known filled a variety of administrative roles with distinction in a lifetime of service to the Gaelic Athletic Association. Long serving Secretary the late Eddie (Knox) Lyons was a highly respected official throughout the County who fought his club's battle at Club and at boardroom level with a fervour that was admired by friend and foe alike.

Today's occasion will evoke memories of past glories for the Davins but they know that tradition alone will not win a South Title. They must produce some of the steel and the skill of the men of the Sixties who did so much to put the name of Carrick Davins on the hurling map.

SOME FACTS ABOUT MULLINAHONE

Mullinahone have played only eleven championship senior hurling matches in South Tipperary since they became senior in 1992. Their record reads played 11, won 8, drew 1, lost 2. Their only losses were to Killenaule (92 semi-final) and Ballingarry ('94 final). They have at least one senior win over every senior club except Carrick Davins whom they haven't played in senior ranks.

Mullinahone are the Munster U14 Community Games hurling champions. In the semi-final they beat Clarecastle (Clare) and in the final Kilmallock (Limerick). They travel to Butlins for the All-Ireland series in September.

John McCormack and Jackie Bolger are the longest serving Mullinahone hurlers. They and today's selectors Jimsy Kelly, Joe Williams and John Croke were all involved in the 1979 county junior hurling campaign.

Jackie Phelan (Portlaw) is Mullinahone's coach. He was appointed when Jimmy Ryan (Carrick Davins) was unavailable.

Mullinahone won the first All-Ireland 7-a-side for non-senior clubs in 1990. They beat Tullogher (Kilkenny) in the semi-final and Faythe Harriers of Wexford in the final.

Mullinahone never won an underage juvenile hurling title until 1984. That year they won a special competition for weaker clubs at under-12 level. When they won their first ever U-14 South Tipp rural hurling title in 1986 three of the team and two of the subs were destined to play minor championship hurling for Tipperary.



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KEYES BROTHERS

On this occasion, we would like to reflect on the careers of two men who gave outstanding service to the GAA and Kilsheelan club. I am referring to the Keyes brothers. Sadly both of them are no longer with us. They were taken away by that great reaper in the sky while still in the prime of their life.

Denis and John hailed from Killurney in the shadow of Slievenamon. They attended Killurney N.S. where hurling and football were just as important to them as the school curriculum. Killurney school could be best described as a nursery school for the club in Kilsheelan. It involved the Morrisseys, Coffeys, Donovans, not forgetting Dick Strang and many others. Some of the above mentioned would still remind you of the tough games they had during playtime. Armed with those skills, they were well equipped when they joined the local club after their juvenile days. They quickly established themselves at club level.

Denis lined out at full back while John took up his position in goal. Both were well built and formed a formidable last line of defence. Denis was always very effective and kept a tight rein on his opponent. John relished the high dropping balls, grabbing it having sidestepped opposing forwards and with every ounce of his large frame he often turned defence into attack with his long deliveries.

Denis also played football and was a regular at both codes for a long number of years. His most notable success was helping the club to Intermediate Hurling



success in 1971. When he got married he moved to Carrick and threw in his lot with Davins and played with them for a number of years. He later became dogged with ill health and died in 1976.

When Billy Stokes got injured in the county J.H. semi-final against Burgess, John took over between the posts. He finally made the position his own and was part of the many successes the club had during the seventies.

He also played for St. Augustines which was a Kilsheelan/Fethard combination. When he retired he continued in the role of selector. He was also an expert repairer of hurleys, word of his skills in this field quickly spread. Many of his clients were household names in the G.A.A. world.

John became ill in 1994. Despite ill-health he tried to see Kilsheelan in action whenever he could. It came as a shock to one and all when he passed away last April.

It is the dedication of men like the Keyes brothers that have sustained the G.A.A. down the decades.

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BY TOM MORRISON

Among hurlers over the past 25 years or so few caught the imagination like Mick Roche, the dark, thick-haired Tipperary man who played so many outstanding games for his county from his minor days in 1961 to 1974 when the Premier county went under to Clare by one point in the Munster semi-final in Thurles.

A close marking and dependable player who could play in any position he had a splendid understanding with Mick Burns, Tony Wili, Michael Murphy, Theo English, 'Babs' Keating, Donie Nealon, Tadhg O'Connor and Len Gaynor during the fruitful years between 1964 and 1971 when 3 All-Ireland, 5 Munster championships and 3 League titles were won. Legend has it that Roche used to play for a club called St. Mollerans in the Waterford championships as a minor and was even given a county minor trial and failed to make it. His brother had played minor for Waterford and father Dan and uncle Willie at various stages with Tipperary and it was with the premier county minors that Mick himself, made a spectacular debut during the 1961 season.

In that year's Munster final Tipperary parading the likes of Peter O'Sullivan between the posts and Mick and 'Babs' Keating at midfield and centre-forward respectively, routed Cork by 7-11 to 1-6 in the Munster final but Kilkenny proved too good for them in the All-Ireland final and retained the title they had won from the same county the previous season. After a great run with the Intermediate team in 1963 during which they took All-Ireland honours, Mick Roche was soon promoted to the senior side and in September 1964 won his first All-Ireland medal when the blue and gold destroyed Kilkenny on a 5-13 to 2-8 scoreline. The Carrick Davins club player maintained such a high standard in the centre-back berth from there on that he was rightly ranked as one of the 'greats' of all time. He was voted 'Hurler of the Year' in 1968 for his phenomenal display against Wexford in the All-Ireland final and even as the Model County spectacularly raised their game to win a thriller by 5-8 to 3-12, it was Roche's play that stuck in the memory. It was the most talked about final for years with Tony Doran

the Wexford hero after Tipp lost an interval lead of 1-11 to 1-3 before an attendance of 63,461.

A reporter once wrote that Mick Roche had character in abundance, pure natural hurling ability and sophisticated hurling skill. The heavier the pressure became the more majestic was his counter-trust and he often carried the ball out of his own defensive quarters through forests of attackers. He played in a variety of positions but preferred the centre-back berth and this was understandable when one thinks of some outstanding displays in that position. A very cool player, he also was just the right type for the 'big match' atmosphere.

Cork denied Mick Roche and Tipperary two successive Munster titles in 1969 and 1970 but the blue and gold made a comeback in 1971 to finally capture the Liam McCarthy Cup from Kilkenny in a high scoring decider. Ten goals were scored altogether — 5-17 to 5-14 — and Eddie Keher finished the match with a personal tally of 2-11. Throughout the series, Mick Roche was a tremendous asset to the team and he was backed by some very talented performers in most departments, most notably Roger Ryan, Michael Keating, John Flanagan, Dinny Ryan, Noel O'Dwyer, Francis Loughnane, P. J. Ryan and Paul Byrne who contributed significantly up front.

Oh, cut me a hurl from the Mountain
Ash

That weathered many a gale,
And my stroke will be lithe as the
lightnings flash

That leaps from the thunders flail;
And my feet shall be swift as the white
spin-drift

On the bay in the wintry weather
As we run in line through the glad
sunshine

On the trail of the whirling leather.

-From the Song of the Hurl

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JOHN LEAHY

Carrick Davins can claim some of the great stars of the past but Mullinahone can claim one of the great stars of the present day in John Leahy. John was born in Mullinahone on the 16-9-69. He played juvenile hurling and football for Mullinahone. Won his first medal with Scoil Ruain Killenaule.

His first step to stardom was in 1987 when he was selected on the Tipperary minor hurling team. He won a Munster medal that year and just failed to collect an All-Ireland minor medal when Tipp were beaten in the final.

It has often been said that a minor player beaten in an All-Ireland final may have a better future than one who wins one. Certainly John's career prospered after that final disappointment. He has led his club to Co. U-21 "A" final victory and South Senior Hurling victory and many others.

At Inter-Co. level he has won every honour in the game. Two Senior All-Irelands, one U-21 and National League and of course is a current All-Star.

Patrons in Kilsheelan today will be expecting something special from John and no better man to deliver. John hurls today for the honour of the little village and he is sure to do his Club and Parish proud.

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Mullinahone Hurling — The Beginning

In the late Thirties, a member of the Gardai Bob Cusack, a Limerick man with Inter-County experience came to Mullinahone about the same time the late Rody Curran, a Thurles Sarsfields stalwart and a member of the Tipp panel that lost to Clare on an objection in 1938 came to teach in Kilvemnom N.S. These two men, together with Walter and Mick Cahill and the Modeshill contingent where hurling was always strong, most of whom played hurling with Callan C.B.S. came together to form a junior hurling team.

Their efforts met with immediate success. Mullinahone were South Tipp Junior Champions in 1940. The remainder of that team was made up of members of the Senior Football team. The Scotts, John Ahearne, Paddy Meehan all of them Inter-County footballers at Narious Tuies.

An unfortunate accident which caused the death of Billy Scott who had two brothers on the team marred the efforts of the history makers and put a damper on the team for some time but hurling had come to stay in a predominately football parish.

A hurling team was fielded every year with limited success until the arrival of one John Leahy in the late eighties. John's exploits are recent and well documented, so there is no need for me to list them here. Suffice to say that since 1987 Mullinahone has supplied players to every Tipp Minor team since as well as juniors and seniors.

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Mattie Waters South Senior Hurling 1990 Inter Hurling 1993-1994 South Senior League 1994 Minor B Co. Hurling 1987	14-03-69	5' - 8"	
Val Cronin South Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	02-04-65	5'-11"	
Pat McGrath South Inter I-hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	09-05-73	5'-8"	Paul Tobin South Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994
Jonny McGrath South Inter Hurling 1993-94 U/21 Co. Hurling Wfd 1984-90	19-06-69	5' - 8"	Conor Arrigan Munster Minor Hurling 1991 South Inter Hurling League 1994 South Senior League 1994
John Waters Sth. SHC '91 Sth. IHC '94	21-6-63	5'-10"	David Harris South Inter Hurling 1993 - 1994 South Senior League 1994
P.J. Arrigan South Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	17-07-72	5'- 10"	Gerry Power Sth. Inter H. '94 Sth. Snr. H. '94
Mikey Whelan South Senior Hurling 1990 Minor Hurling B. County 1987	14-01-71	6'-0"	Joe Kennedy Sth. Snr. H., '71, '73, '75, '76, '77, '79 Sth. Inter Hurling '93, '94 Sth. Snr. Lge. '94
Richie Ryan Munster Minor Football 1984 South Minor Hurling 1984	10-09-66	5' - 11"	
Tom Power Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	01-03-65	61 - 1"	
Decian Waters Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Minor Hurling 1984 County Minor Football 1985	26-07-67	5' - 7"	
Ben Waters Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	21-5-62	5'-11"	
Dinny King Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994 South Senior Hurling 1977 - 79	11-07-57	5' - 5"	
Seamus Harris Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	11-05-65	5' - 8"	
Anthony Waters South Senior Hurling 1990 South Minor Hurling 1981 South Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994	07-02-64	6'-0"	
Pat O'Hanlon Snr. Hurling Co. 1982 U/21 Hurling Co. 1984 U/18 Hurling & F/Ball Co. 1981	15-10-64	6'-1"	
Liam Cronin South Inter Hurling 1993 - 1994 South Senior League 1994	18-11-60	6' - 0"	
Bernard Barry Minor Hurling & F/Ball Co. 1991 South Inter Hurling 1994 Wfd Senior Hurling 1991	07-02-76	5'- 10"	
Brendan Cronin South Inter Hurling 1993-94 South Senior League 1994 Co. Jnr Hurling Kilkenny 1986	19-03-62	5' - 11"	



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Of twice five thousand hurling men.
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They love its past, its smiles and
tears,
But wavering doubts and shrinking
fears*

Are far from Ireland's hurling men.

— 'Brian na Banban'

UPWARD AND ONWARD

Love of the native tongue is the natural complement of love for the native pastimes; combine both in the rising generation and you will have tomorrow an Irish Ireland; divorce them, and your children will have thrown away their stoutest weapon against the denationalisation of the Gael.

—Charles Gavan Duffy

HURLING IS . . .

HURLING IS – freshly cut grass
scenting a balmy summer evening.

The feel of a finely balanced
camán . . . the clash of ash ringing
through the air, music to an old
hurlers ears. . . .

The satisfaction of a well-struck
ball . . . a spectacular catch of the
flying sliothar. . . .

HURLING IS –

the courage of a Mick Mackey . . .
the artistry of a Jimmy Doyle . . .
the commitment of a Mickey Byrne
the "eye" of a Paddy Scanlon . . .
the majesty of a Pat Hartigan . . .
the resolve of a Tony Wall . . .
the skill of an Eamon Cregan . . .
the grace of a Mick Roche . . .

HURLING IS – the excitement that
mounts as thirty worthy representa-
tives of Irish manhood parade with
dignified pride before the com-
mencement of a major game . . .

The glow in the eye of a young boy
as he gazes in awe at his swarthy,
sweat-soaked heroes, giving their
all for the sake of their particular
little village. . . .

The tension of a nail-biting finish
to a see-saw struggle. . . .

The surge of emotion that wells up
in a proud heart as the victory
rostrum is approached. . . .

The elation in the dressing-room
of the victors following a memorable
struggle. . . .

The emptiness of the vanquished,
physically drained, emotionally
numbed by a heart-breaking defeat.

The talk, debate, argument, of
how, when, where, why and by
whom the game was won, lost or
drawn. . . .

HURLING IS – Cheers still echoing
in the memories of a battle-har-
dened "senior" reminiscing on the
great games of his day. . . .

HURLING IS –

So many things to so many
people, as intrinsic to the Munster
way of life as is food and water to
the body . . . without it we as a
people are dead. . . .

HURLING IS . . . hurling, and long
may it continue so.

HURLING

*Something racy of the soil
That the foe could not erase
Loved by young and old alike
Our ancient game: Hurling.*

*Though a man be low in ways
There is a tonic that will not fail
It lifts the spirit of the Gael
A victory in this game of games: Hurling.*

*An exile returning from afar
Telling the things he misses the most
Music, dance and loyal friends
But, above all: Hurling.*

*When our finest hour was nigh
We saw the bravest of our race
March with hurley sticks held high
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HISTORY OF HURLING

WHEN the Celts came out of the mists to the shores of Ireland as the last ice age was receding they brought with them a unique culture, their own language, music, script and unique pastimes. One of these pastimes was a game now called hurling. It features in Irish folklore to illustrate the deeds of heroic mythical figures and it is chronicled as a distinct Irish pastime for at least 2,000 years. As a uniquely Celtic brand of ball game played with sticks it has survived invasions, wars, internal strife, famine and numerous official and semi official attempts at suppression. Pre christian Ireland has its own code of law, the "Brehon Laws". These laws made provision for compensation for those killed or injured playing hurling. From the Norman invasion in the 12th century attempts were made to force the Irish to shed their racial distinctiveness. The parliament of Kilkenny in 1367 attempted to ban hurling because of its influence in the neglect of military service and in 1527 a royal statute ordered subjects at no time to participate in Hurling.

Hurling however survived and flourished. From the brief introduction it will be evident that it is not just one of the greatest field games on earth but part of the culture, fabric and very ethos of a people. Its rules and competition were formalised in 1884 with the establishment of the Gaelic Athletic Association which is still the governing body for both Hurling and Gaelic Football.

The game is played with a curved stick called a "Hurley Stick" which is similar to a hockey stick except wider and flatter particularly as its ball contact end. The ball is called a sliotar. The ball must weight between 100g and 300g with a circumference of 23 to 25cm. It is made of a leather coating stuffed with animal hair and some players have been known to strike it over 100 yards at a speed of in excess of eighty miles per hour. There are fifteen players from each team allowed on the pitch at any one time and the scoring system is one point for a ball which goes over the crossbar but between the uprights and 3 points for a goal, a ball which enters the net. The ball may be struck with the Hurley from the hand, the ground or while it is in the air. Competition is geographically based and teams represent villages, towns, cities etc. The premier competitions are the inter county league and championship played between the 32 counties of Ireland.

Since the establishment of the Gaelic Athletic Association in 1884 the game has flourished and ranks with Gaelic football amongst the two most popular sports in Ireland. It is played in virtually every area of the country but is particularly popular in the east midlands and southern regions. The major games attract attendances of over 70,000 people and even under-age games attract crowds of over 30,000.

Gaelic football is a field game played with a ball similar to a soccer ball. It has developed as a distinct game similar to the progression of Australian Rules. Indeed it is thought that Australian Rules evolved from Gaelic Football through the many thousands who were either deported or immigrated to Australasia from the middle of the last century onwards. Features of the game are the clean catch, the long kick and accuracy in kicking the ball from hand or ground. Body contact is allowed but only in the context of a shoulder to shoulder charge and the scoring system and competition is the same as hurling.

Both Hurling and Football are amateur sports. They are amongst the few indigenous sports world wide that are the predominant sports within a particular political boundary. In a country with a population of just 5 million people major games are attended by about 3 million people annually. There are over 20,000 teams in the island of Ireland and 306,000 players from the age of 14 upwards. The games are also played by Irish expatriots and people of Irish extraction in Britain, North America, Australasia and parts of Europe. To the Irish they are not just games, they are an ancient pastime part of a culture which has evolved and has sustained over thousands of years. The games are now more popular than at any time and with greater exposure from television the wider world is getting a glimpse of what must surely be the brightest gem in the crown of sport. A recently penned verse of a poem by a former hurler perhaps crystallises what the games mean to the Irish.

*Hurling is special, the body and soul
Of a nation surviving to speak
Of a past that is noble, distinctive and proud
With a game that is surely unique.*

*Of a land that excites in a classical way
From the Lagan right down to the Lee
Hurling is special, a language and crest
Of a nation instinctively free.*

Jersey Talk

One of the most fascinating stories of the Gaelic Athletic Association is the evolution of the colours which the county and provincial teams now wear.

Colours have been used to distinguish opposing sets of players from each other for centuries. In the 18th and 19th centuries the usual practice was to wear everyday clothes, but with coloured caps with coloured ribbons. Coloured sashes around the waist were also used.

However, it was not until 1913 that the GAA instructed county teams to register and adopt a particular colour scheme. Prior to this it was usually the colours of the club which won the county championship that were used.

Gradually, distinctive county colours became established but in recent years modifications in style and combinations of colours have been made for various reasons including the requirements of television. Most counties still retain their original choice of colours. Indeed, in many places even today, there exists a certain amount of superstition connecting the fortunes of teams with the colours of their jersey.

(Ref: "Yoplat" Chart of County Colours)

The Tipperary colours are Blue and gold. Apparently, each year up to 1925, the Premier County sported the Colours of their County Champions. Thereafter, the present Gold Hoop on a Blue jersey was introduced. These colours reflect the influence of Tubberadora, and other early prominent Clubs.

Not unlike the Banner, Tipperary may have strayed somewhat from their traditional colours — if only very

occasionally. For instance, for the 1951 All Ireland Team Photograph their Jersey seems to be minus the Gold Hoop. Interestingly a Jersey crest is very prominent. (Ref. "Book of Hurling" by Raymond Smith).

The Banner Colours are almost the reverse — being Saffron with a Blue Hoop. This colour combination may have its origin with the Dalgais, Brian Boru, and the Battle of Clontarf. Tulla was an early very prominent Club, and the Saffron reputedly takes cognizance of this fact.

In the early years the Banner colours were Saffron with a Blue Sash, and this appears to be the case in the 1914 All Ireland Team Photograph. The Sash seems to have been fashionable in the early years — with many County Jerseys halved diagonally, and with the County names sometimes embroidered across the front.

Around 1920 Hoops became trendy and Clare sported this then current fashion in a 1925 photograph. Interestingly, one player might be wearing a Blue with Saffron Hoop Jersey in that snap. Dating from around then (1925) or following another variation somewhat later, the colours then became Blue with a Saffron Hoop. This appears to be the colouring for the 1932 Munster Final Team photo.

However, as Tipperary had in about 1925, adopted their Blue with Gold Band, and Clare had around that time also adopted their Blue with Saffron Hoop, both sets of Jerseys then bore a marked similarity for some years — possibly seven. It appears that because of this colour clash — and possibly in 1933 — Clare again reversed their colours — this time to Saffron with a Blue hoop. They have largely retained this format since.

Superstitious Clare supporters might reflect on the advisability of changing winning colours so soon after a Munster Title, and the half Century of

barren Munster Senior endeavour which has followed.

However, for a few years (approx. 1967 to early 1972 incl.) the Clare colours were predominantly blue with just saffron trim. The intention here was to reverse the losing sequence - and for which the traditional colours were perceived to be unlucky. No great advance came with the new colour scheme. So on the occasion of the Clare/Limerick meeting here in July 1972, Clare availed of that opportunity

to revert to their traditional colours of Saffron with a Blue Hoop with the resultant very sweet victory.

In the desperate yearning for Inter County success, and the frustration arising from the lack of same, even the Clare Jersey is subject to some analysis. Banner supporters must themselves decide just which colour combination has been most successful, or indeed if another change might be contemplated!

S. O'RIAIN.

WILLIE LANDY R.I.P.

G.A.A. supporters throughout the division were saddened a few months back at the untimely demise of Willie Landy. A lifelong supporter of the Association he was Vice-Chairperson of Carrick Davins and had served an important role in cultivating and encouraging the playing of Gaelic Football in what was a predominately hurling area.

His success can be seen in the club winning a county Minor B Championship and several South Junior and Intermediate titles.

A native of Grangemockler, Willie's love for the game was nurtured in the shadow of Slievenamon and his alligence to his home club was unquestioned until even Willie could not resist the call of Eros and having married Peggy made his home in Carrick and so began his long association with the Davins.

That he always maintained his contact with his birthplace can be witnessed by a magnificent gathering from far and near at his final obsequences as friends from all walks of life paid their respects.

To his wife Peggy and all his family we offer our condolences.

Go thugadh Dia trocaire ar a Anam.

It is now 16 years since the Davins last Senior Title was annexed and many stalwarts have passed to their eternal reward but I feel I must give mention to Eddle "Knox" Lyons, Tommy Foran and Johnny Moroney who along with Paddy "Waxie" Kenny will be cheering the Dearg agus Ban from their celestial dugout.

IOMÁNAÍOCHT

Níl cluiche páirce in aon áit ar fúd an domhain atá comh ársa leis iománaíocht. Tá tagairtí don chaitheamh aimsire dúchasach seo in amhráin agus scéalta na tíre seo. Sa agus Seanchas léirítear dúinn go raibh príomhghnéithe an chluiche mar an gcéanna is a bhíodar roimh stair scríofa na hÉireann. Feictear dúinn ó chúntais anallód gurab é an iománaíocht an reámhtheactaire de chluichí in ár usáideadh bata agus liathróid. Deintear linn gur imríodh cluiche i dTeamhair idir na Fianna agus fórsaí an Árd Rí, Cormac Mac Airt.

Bhí na rialacha a bhain leis ar gcluiche le fáil i seanchóras dlí na hÉireann. Bhí na camáin fonsaithe le prás agus liathróid olla clúdaithe le leathar a bhíodh acu. Fiche a haon imreoir a bhí ar gach foireann. Cuireadh piónós ar fhoireann a raibh imreoir neamhdhlíthiúil uirthi agus ceadaíodh fir ionaid freisin. Tugadh cúiteamh do éinne a ghortaíodh i rith an chluiche.

Rinneadh iarrachtaí le linn ré na Normannach an iománaíocht a chur faoi smacht. Sa bhliain 1367 reachtaigh na Sasanaigh dlí chun cose a chur leis an gcluiche. Nuair nár éirigh le seo cuireadar ceann eile i bhfeidhm – éinne a fuarthas cionntach de bheith ag imirt iománaíochta cuirtí ins an stoc é ár feadh dhá uair a' chloig. Bhí an iománaíocht á imirt go forleatha san ochtú aois déag.

Tá cur síos ar trí chluiche idir an Mhumhain agus Laighean san am sin. D'imríodh an chéad chluiche i mBéal Feirste agus bhí an lá leis na Laighnigh. Sa dara cheann i dTeampall Mór ní raibh aon toradh agus sa tríú cluiche i bPáirc án Fhíonuisce, Baile Átha Cliath bhuaigh na Muimhnigh. Ins an am sin bhí an pháirc idir céad caoga agus trí chéad slat ar fhad agus bhí idir ocht déag agus tríocha imreoir ar gach foireann.

Tá cúntas le fáil in iris sa bhliain 1770 ar chluiche i mBriotas in aice le Dúrlas Éile idir Tiobraid Árann Thuaidh agus Barúntachtaí Chill na Manach ag Eile Uí Fhóartaigh. Sa bhliain 1884 cuireadh imlitir sínithe "Cusack and Davin" go Gaeil mórthimpeall na tíre le cuireadh chun chruinnithe sin i nDúrlas Éile. Tá boradh an chruinnithe sin le feiceáil go soiléir inniú. Rath Dé oraibh go léir.

Conchubhar Ó Riain

Oifigeach na Gaeilge.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Senior	Hurling:		
1908:	Glengoose	1951:	Coolmoynes
1909:	Racecourse	1952:	Swan
1910:	Racecourse	1953:	Killenaule
1911:	St. Ailbe's, Emiy	1954:	Killenaule
1912:	O'Leary's	1955:	Killenaule
1913:	Cashel	1956:	P. Pearse's
1914:	Cashel	1957:	Na Piarasigh
1915:	Boherlahan	1958:	Swan
1916:	Killenaule	1959:	Swan
1917:	Boherlahan	1960:	Marlfield
1918:	none	1961:	Killenaule
1919:	Fethard	1962:	Marlfield
1920:	none	1963:	Killenaule
1921:	none	1964:	Marlfield
1922:	none	1965:	Carrick-on-Suir
1923:	Kitmoyler	1966:	Carrick-on-Suir
1924:"	Boherlahan	1967:	Carrick-on-Suir
1925:	Boherlahan'	1968:	B'Bacon Grange'
1926:	Boherlahan	1969:	Carrick-on-Suir
1927:	Boherlahan	1970:	Marlfield
1928:	Boherlahan	1971:	Carrick-on-Suir
1929:	Boherlahan	1972:	Carrick-on-Suir
1930:	Boherlahan	1973:	Carrick-on-Suir
1931:	Killenaule	1974:	Swan
1932:	Killenaule	1975:	Carrick on Suir
1933:	Swan	1976:	Carrick on Suir
1934:	Moyglass	1977:	Carrick off Suir
1935:	Swan	1978:	Swan
1936:	Swan	1979:	Carrick on Suir
1937:	Fethard	1980:	Ballingarry
1938:	Fethard	1981:	St. Marys
1939:	Swan	1982:	St. Augustines
1940:	Killenaule C.Y.M.S.	1983:	Swan
1941:	Killenaule C.Y.M.S.	1984:	Swan
1942:	Killenaule	1985:	Swan
1943:	Killenaule	1986:	Swan
1944:	Swan	1987:	Ballingarry
1945:	Swan	1988:	Killenaule
1946:	Swan	1989:	Killenaule
1947:	Swan	1990:	Swan
1948:	Swan	1991:	Killenaule
1949:	Ballingarry	1992:	Ballingarry
1950:	Swan	1993:	Mullinahone
		1994:	Ballingarry

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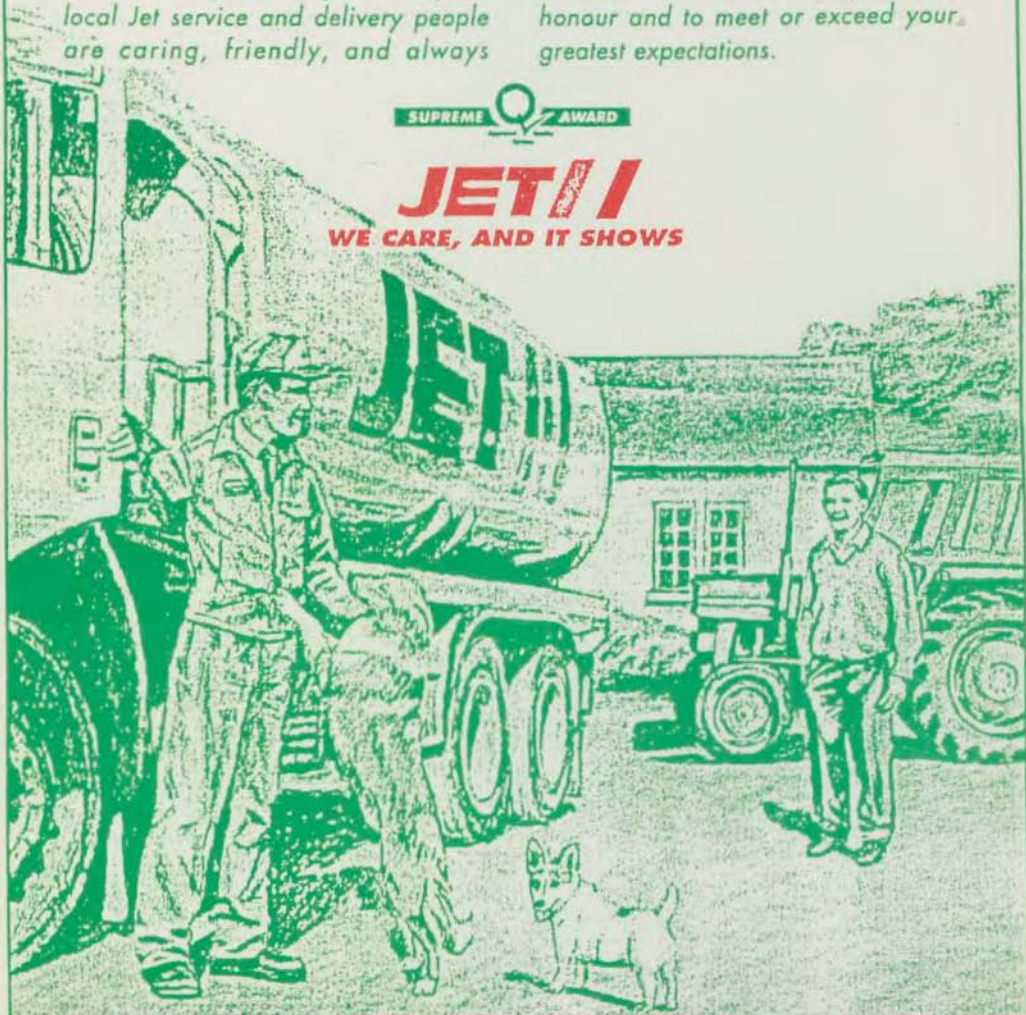
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