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South Senior Football Final

AT KILSHEELAN

ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th

KILSHEELAN v. COMMERCIALS

at 3.30 p.m.

Referee: G. Ryan, Lattin.

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PRECEDED BY JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL 1976

Cahir v. Mullinahone

at 2.15 p.m.

Referee: J. Collins, St. Mary's.

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Cill Sileáin abú!



The Committee of Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club wish to extend a very special welcome to patrons attending to-day's games.

We are celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the Sportsfield in Kilsheelan this year. Since the field was opened 25 years ago there have been countless games played here and it can truly be said that the field has served the ideals and purposes of the Association very well in that time.

The present Committee of the Club wish to pay tribute to the Committee of 25 years ago and preceding Committees whose foresight and dedicated work have resulted in the facilities we enjoy to-day.



Patrons attending to-day's games will be entertained by the Portlaw Pipe Band. This Band is in existence for 4 years. It is their second visit to Kilsheelan this year. The Club wishes them every success.

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Opening of Kilsheelan G.A.A. Sportsfield

Kilsheelan Sportsfield was officially opened on Sunday, August 31st, 1952, by the then President of the Association, Mr. M. V. O'Donoghue. Prior to the opening ceremony the new park was blessed by Very Rev. N. Power, P.P. Kilsheelan.

Before the opening ceremonies, bands led a parade of Club members, officials and notables to the field, where Mr. O'Donoghue was introduced to the large attendance by Sgt. P. J. Marron, President of the Club.

In the course of his address, Mr. O'Donoghue said: "The strength of the Association lies not in the huge attendances in Dublin or elsewhere, nor in the magnificent arenas which have been constructed in the big centres, but in the clubs and our playing fields, without which the Association would indeed be a hollow one."

He said that Kilsheelan had given to the other clubs and parishes of Ireland a splendid example of living inspiration, of self help and self reliance. They had procured a field, improved it, laid it out and equipped it; all that was done on their own initiative without any help, financially or otherwise, from the higher councils of the Association.

Following the opening ceremony, the National Flag was raised by Mr. Jerry O'Keeffe, Chairman of the Munster Council and Joint Secretary of the South Board. The Club flag was raised by Mr. Paddy Larkin, Chairman of the Club.

The Clonmel Boys' Club Pipe Band played "Faith of our Fathers" and the Kilsheelan Accordeon Band played the National Anthem. During the afternoon these two bands, together with the Kilcash Fife and Drum Band, played selections.

In games arranged to mark the occasion, St. Patrick's, Clonee, defeated Kilrossanty in senior football and Holy-cross beat Carrick Swan.

The Club officials and Committee at the time of the opening of the new sportsfield were: President: Sgt. P. J. Marron; Chairman, Paddy Larkin; Vice-Chairmen, J. Cummins and Ed. Keane; Treasurer, J. Prendergast; Secretaries, John Roche and Ed. Prendergast. Committee: Wm. Coffey, Con. Ryan, Patrick Tobin, John Kehoe, Matt Walsh, Denis Crotty, James Strang, William Geoghegan, Pat Hennessy, Francis Cahill, Michael Prendergast, Maurice Brennan, Rd. Murphy, John Brennan, Thomas Larkin, Michael Logan, J. Phelan, Thomas Cahill.

Trustees: Jerry O'Keeffe (Munster Council Representative), Michael Lacey (County Board), D. A. O'Shea (Co. Board), Pat Larkin and John Cummins (Kilsheelan G.A.A.).

Present Club Officials and Committee: Presidents, P. Ryan and M. Ryan; Chairman, J. Kehoe; Vice-Chairman, Ed. Prendergast; Secretaries, S. Nugent & W. Robinson; Treasurer, W. Robinson. Committee: W. Stokes, P. O'Halloran, P. Keyes, S. Bolger, J. Cahill, J. Donovan, J. Ormonde, T. Loneragan, M. Dempsey, T. Larkin, J. Holohan. Billy Stokes and Sean Connolly have responsibility for under age competitions in the Club.

KILSHEELAN SPORTSFIELD

HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY

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Founding of Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club

The Club was founded in the summer of 1925. The first meeting of the Club took place in Burke's field, near where W. Geoghegan's house is now situated. The Chairman elected at this meeting was Jim Coffey and Secretary Bill O'Keeffe; a Committee was also formed.

The Club played their first game against Cahir in Junior football at Clonmel. Players prominent in the Club at that time were Jerry and Tom O'Keeffe, Paddy Sullivan, Mick Strappe, John Cummins, Bill and Pat Larkin, John Hunt, Martin and Jimmy Lonergan, Mick Morrissey, Mick and John Kehoe, James Fleming, Jim Butler, Ned Lonergan, Bill Purcell, Lar Kehoe, Pat Furren, Denis Crotty, Mick Dempsey.

The late 20's and early 30's were glorious years in the Club's history. The team played 30 games during this period without defeat. In the early stages, several fields were used by the Club for practice. One was Brennan's field in Seskin; another field used was Stokes' field opposite The Ormonde Stores; two fields belonging to Burkes were used, one near Gambonsfield and the other on the Waterford Road side.

In the early stages there was great interest in the fortunes of the Club and, in fact, large crowds turned up to watch the players in training. In 1930 the Co. Senior Football Championship was won; this was repeated in 1933. Then came the long wait (35 years) until the title came back to Kilsheelan in 1968. This was followed in 1970 by a South title victory over to-day's rivals, Commercials. In 1972 the County final was again won, Ardfinnan being defeated in a great decider.

The Club was also to the fore in Hurling, producing many fine players and winning a number of Junior and Intermediate titles. In 1958, Tom Larkin brought back the first All-Ireland Senior Hurling medal to the Parish when he played at centre forward against Galway in the final. Other fine hurlers to play for the Club were Philip Kehoe, the late Percy Larkin (R.I.P.)—perhaps one of the finest dual players ever to play for the Club—Paddy Hennessy, John Donovan, Billy Stokes the Coffey brothers, P. O'Halloran, Jim Morrissey, D. Keyes (R.I.P.) and, of course, the present inter-county hurling star James Kehoe started his career with Kilsheelan.



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TO-DAY'S GAME

Kilsheelan go into to-day's game as the underdogs. We showed very poor form earlier in the year when losing several games and failing to field teams on some occasions.

However, Championship time brought about an improvement. We had a good win over Fr. Sheehys in the 1st round. In the semi-final, against Fethard, we had a narrow 1-point win after a poor game. A good deal of training has been done in the meantime under Trainer T. Larkin. The selectors, Sean Connolly, Phil O'Halloran and W. Robinson, have been in attendance and should be in a good position to field the best team for the final.

The team has a nice blend of youth and experience. At least five players on the panel are in the under-21 category. Two of the longest serving players are Johnny O'Halloran and Dick Strang, who have about 50 years service to the Club between them.

Juvenile Affairs

The Juvenile and under age players in the Club are looked after by Billy Stokes and Sean Connolly. Local leagues in Hurling and Football are held every year and every encouragement is given to young players to keep them participating in the games. The Club are fortunate to have men of the calibre of the above-mentioned, who are dedicated to the task of keeping the games alive in the Parish.

CLONMEL COMMERCIALS F.C.

Founded in 1932 as a Minor Football Club, Commercial's won its first Championship (the South Minor title) in 1935. It graduated to Senior ranks in 1938, having won the South Junior Championship the previous year. It has since been a Senior Club and has won several Tipperarymen's Cup competitions, South and County titles. It last won the South Championship in 1975, beating Fr. Sheehys, Clogheen, in the final.

Having been beaten by host Club, Kilsheelan, in South semi-final last year, we are more than hopeful of gaining compensation this year. We have only been beaten once in League, South and County championships throughout the year, and that was by Co. Champions, Galtee Rovers, in the County semi-final. On our way to the final we beat Moyle Rovers after a re-play and Mullinahone, and are hopeful of gaining some compensation for our unlucky defeat in the County semi-final by carrying off the South Championship, won by the Club on twelve previous occasions.

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KILSHEELAN 1-7. COMMERCIALS 0-7

Kilsheelan scorers: James Kehoe 1-0; Liam Larkin 0-2; William Robinson 0-2; Cyril Robinson 0-2; Tom Power 0-1.

Commercial: Paddy O'Connell 0-3; Jim Healy 0-2; Mick Ryan 0-1; Jimmy Hewitt 0-1.

Half-time score: Kilsheelan 1-5; Commercial 0-4. This was Kilsheelan's first South Title since 1933.

Kilsheelan: J. Dempsey, J. Driscoll, J. O'Halloran, J. Cahill, J. Fitzpatrick, D. O'Gorman (capt.), P. O'Halloran, M. O'Gorman, J. Moriarty, W. Robinson, D. Strang, C. Robinson, L. Larkin, J. Kehoe, T. Power. Sub., J. Nugent

Commercial: J. MacNamara, B. O'Callaghan (capt.), T. Pollard, M. O'Connell, M. Burke, M. Egan, P. O'Donoghue, P. O'Connell, M. Ryan, B. O'Doherty, J. Hewitt, G. Smyth, J. Healy, B. O'Keeffe, T. Ryan. Sub., J. Ryan.

Referee: John Fleming, Clogheen.

This programme is published by Kilsheelan G.A.A. Club to commemorate the opening of our Sportsfield 25 years ago.

We wish to thank all those who have contributed to the Programme in advertisements, etc. A special word of thanks is due to the South Board Secretary, Michael O'Meara, for his contribution and advice.

Seán O Núnseac,
Rúnaí

JACK ROCHE

R.I.P.



The late Jack Roche was Secretary of the Club at the time of the opening of the field 25 years ago. It can truly be said that he was one of Kilsheelan's outstanding sons, in that he was one of those mainly responsible for providing the Sportsfield we have to-day. It will indeed be a lasting monument to his memory.

Go ndeannaidh Dáa trócaire ar a anam.



COMMERCIALS, 1977

CURTAIN RAISER The curtain raiser between Mullinahone and Cahir in the Junior Hurling League 1976 final, should prove an interesting encounter. Both Clubs are more noted for their Football prowess; however, over the past few years they have shown that they are no mean exponents of the Hurling art.

JUNIOR HURLING LEAGUE FINAL 1976

Cahir

COLOURS:
GREEN/WHITE

	1	
	J. O'LEARY	
2	3	4
P. FARRELL	A. MOLONEY	J. CASEY
5	6	7
P. BARRETT	K. LONG	C. O'FLAHERTY
8	9	
J. TARRANT	J. DOOLIN	
10	11	12
P. QUIRKE	D. CASEY	J. O'BRIEN
13	14	15
J.. QUIRKE	J. SMITH	T. BARRETT

Subs.: J Costigan, Jim Costigan, S Hickey, J O'Donnell, J McCarthy, J Maloney, D Ryan

Mullinahone

COLOURS:
GREEN/RED

	1	
	D. McGRATH	
2	3	4
E. GAONER	P. DENNY	J. COTERAL
5	6	7
P. BRETT	O. MAHER	T. O'CONNOR
8	9	
W. CROKE	J. WILLIAMS	
10	11	12
J. FITZGERALD	J. KELLY	L. O'CONNOR
13	14	15
M. MAHER	B. BRETT	J. CROKE

Subs.: S. Maher, T. Cahill, J. Tobin, D. Egan, N. Brett.

COMMERCIALS

COLOURS: GREEN/GOLD



1

S. Fitzgerald

2

T. J. Corby

3

B. O'Callaghan

4

M. O'Connell

5

A. McDonagh

6

P. O'Neill

7

F. Hanly

8

MI. McCarry

9

G. McGrath

10

T. Walsh

11

P. Somers

12

J. McMenamin

13

J. Ryan

14

P. Sullivan

15

C. Murphy

Subs.: MI. Hanly, T. Smith, P. O'Connell, T. Pollard, J. Moloney,
K. O'Gorman, G. O'Neill.

COMMERCIALS	Goals	Points	Wides	50's	Frees
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					

KILSHEELAN

COLOURS: BLUE/GOLD



1

J. Dempsey

2

J. O'Driscoll

3

J. O'Halloran

4

M. Morrissey

5

P. Larkin

6

M. O'Gorman

7

J. Ormonde

8

J. Moriarty

9

J. Cahill

10

K. Geraghty

11

M. Kehoe

12

J. Murphy

13

W. Robinson

14

R. Strang

15

S. Nugent

Subs.: 16 J. Holohan, 17 T. Lonergan, 18 T. Ryan, 19 C. Robinson, 20 S. Lonergan, 21 P. O'Donnell, 22 P. Ryan, 23 J. Fitzpatrick, 24 D. Corcoran, 25 W. Smith, 26 M. Ormonde.

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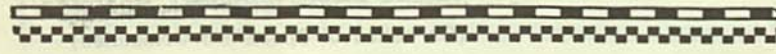
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A Word of Thanks

(Extract from Programme of Official Opening: Sunday, 31st August, 1952)

The Committee of the Kilsheelan Sportsfield take this opportunity of expressing their thanks and acknowledging their obligation to all those organisations and individuals without whose unstinted help over a long period the ideal of a sportsfield for Kilsheelan could not have materialised. While it would be impossible to mention individually all those from the Parish of Kilsheelan and outside it who helped the project, our special thanks are due to Mr. W. Stokes, of Kilsheelan House, for the field; to The Marquis of Ormonde and Count de la Poer, who put their private grounds at our disposal for the running of Fetes; to Mr. Dick Burke, who supplied, free of cost, the large quantity of sand and gravel needed; to the Munster Council and the Tipperary County Board G.A.A. for much-needed financial assistance, and the South Tipperary Board G.A.A. for help and facilities in the running of tournaments; to the Kilsheelan branch I.C.A. and other ladies for assistance at catering, managing stalls and other work, and the many other voluntary workers who acted on various committees and assisted in work too numerous to mention; to the Boys' Club Band, Clonmel, and the Kilsheelan Accordeon Band.

A special word of thanks is also due to the donors of trophies for leagues and tournaments and to clubs who took part. All those who provided us with free transport and last, but not least, the men who laboured voluntarily to prepare and lay out the field.

We feel sure that we will have the continued support of all to enable us to continue the work so well begun and have, eventually, a sportsfield at Kilsheelan worthy of the ends which inspired its beginning.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.

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