

By Michael Ryan

# Eventful Year for Askeaton

**THE past year was most eventful for our Club with its high points and tours. Undoubtedly, our most traumatic experience was the loss through sudden death of Eddie Corbett, West Board Chairman. Eddie was not just our treasurer. He was our father figure, dedicated to not only our national games, but to all things Irish. His integrity was unquestioned, his work rate unmatched.**

Eddie believed not only in proper conduct on and off the field, but in the proper presentations of our games, particularly in team attire. We were therefore very pleased to win this year the Shield which he presented to the West Board four years ago, for the best turned out team throughout the year.

On the playing field, our Senior Football team gave us our greatest hour when winning the West Final, having lost it in '81 to the same opposition, our great rival and friends, St. Kierans. This rivalry has been razor keen for a number of years, yet we are past friends and neighbours.

Our cup of sorrow was filled when, after having eighty per cent of the play, we lost by a point to Croom in the County Quarter Final. Over confidence and some incredibly bad shooting cost

us a match we should have won. Our U-21's had their finest hour when beating, yes, St. Kierans, in the West Semi-final. Our lads were in top form then, winning the County Quarter Final easily a week later, but then there was a rediculously long delay, almost two months, and we had to play the County Semi-final and the West Final in bad conditions when the edge was gone off our lads. Even so, we should have beaten eventual winners Cloughaun had our forwards availed of a fraction of their chances.

Our minor and lower age group footballers produced many fine performances, and their is abundant talent on the way up. There is also, for the past few years a great interest in hurling among the young people, and our thanks for this must be due in large measure to the local Credit Union. They

have sponsored an U/14 hurling competition, providing excellent trophies, for which Kildimo, Pallaskenry, Kilcornan, Askeaton, Foynes and Coolcappa take part. Our lads had a great win this year regaining the trophy from the olders, Coolcappa. Daly Bros. Pallaskenry, presented a beautiful set of hurleys to the runners up.

Our Club is continuing its proud record of service outside the club. We have a great record of providing players to the County Senior Football sides, and during 1982 players such as Paddy Barrett, Paddy Ivess, Ken Hanley, Finty Ryan, M.J. O'Donoghue and latterly, Declan Barron have kept the traditions going. On the administrative side, our Chairman John Carrig, newly-elected to the West Board chair, will carry on in the tradition of the late Eddie Corbett and of V. Rev. Fr. D. Rea and Fr. Dermot McCarthy who were members of our club when, respectively they were Chairmen of West and County Boards.

Our Club has always been committed to the Scor competitions and have won many events, and this year our team won the West Junior Quiz.



**J. Kennedy, acting chairman West-Board presenting U/21 Football Trophy to Sean Doherty, Captain of Sean Finns (Rathkeale) after defeating Askeaton**



**Askeaton Junior Hurlers and subs who beat Feoghanagh in West Semi-Final, 4-7 to 0-6**

**Back Row (L-R)** - G. Cantillon, M.J. Donoghoe, J. Donoghoe, E. Murphy, M. Dillon, K. Hanly, P. Donoghoe, M. Ryan, M. (Hali) Ryan, P. Hayes, B. Hennessy, E. Manning. **Front Row (L-R)** - R. Neville, R. Kelly, D. Neville, F. Ryan (capt.), C. Ryan (goalie), S. Barry, D. Costelloe, S. Kenneally, S. Kelly. Mascot - Michael Donoghoe junior.

## Askeaton Novice Success

# The Birth of a Hurling Team

by Michael Ryan

Although Askeaton is now a football stronghold, it is worth recalling that, not all that many years ago, hurling was the dominant code in this area. Ballysteen were the football specialists, picking up the odd accomplished footballer from Askeaton, while the odd hurler, notably Willie McDonough, Jack Gallagher and Jimmy McKnight, from Ballysteen, played with Askeaton.

We had many players who won recognition at County level, off-hand I can think of Jackie Kenneally, John Joe Egan and Tommy Murphy (Junior), Peter Mc

Gough, Edmund McCarthy, Paddy Kenneally, Gerald Moran and P.T. Fitzgerald, (Minor) and Paddy Fitzgerald, Steve Foley and Jimmy Fitzgerald (Senior). Of these the best know was Paddy Fitzgerald, who was a regular on the Co. Senior team for many years, filling various positions from corner forward to half-back, he also played for Munster.

Many Adare folk will be surprised to hear that in '45, 46, and '47, we had permission to play three Adare minors, there being no Minor hurling team in Adare parish!

Jimmy Wilson, Paddy Morrissy and Bill Normoyle helped us win the West M.H. championship in those years. How the wheel has turned!

Small wonder, then, that a few of us, hankering after the old days, conscious of the fact that a generation had grown up who had never seen an adult Askeaton team with hurleys in their hands, suddenly said "why dream, let's do it." And a novice hurling team was born.

Of course, there were birth pangs. There were those who genuinely thought we did not have the material. Others, thinking of our precarious financial situation, cited the astronomical sums that other clubs had to raise to pay for hurleys and sliotars, valid points indeed. There were the knockers and sceptics who said that the novelty would soon wear off, and all we would be left with was a bill from D.J. Daly.

Wrong on all counts. The interest in our hurlers has grown by the

month. Our balance sheet is better than when we started and as for material, well our record shows not one defeat in Novice grade, as we prepared for the final. Tour, Croagh, Ballingarry, Knockaderry 'B', Gerald Griffins, Knockaderry 'A' and Feohanagh have been beaten, all by sizeable margins. I watched those lads training on cold, often wet nights beneath a flood-light, going through disciplines that would test a super star and marvelled at their fierce commitment, hoping they would get their reward. Well they duly got their reward. At a fiercely contested final in Rathkeale they had a most convincing win over a gallant and sporting Broadford side who fought for every ball until the final whistle, and then accepted defeat most graciously. Their turn will come.

But no praise is too much for our lads. From goalie to corner forward every player tried his heart out. The half-back line was again out bulwark, with Seanie Barry in particular giving an inspired display, though Costelloe and Murphy were not far behind. Indeed every line played a part, the full forward line, which had been our weakest line, contributing three great goals.

It is hard, at this stage to describe what this hurling win has done for our Club. Our annual Dinner Dance will now be a joyous affair. We have discovered that there had been a great well spring of hurling emotions in the parish just waiting to be released and we can now look forward to the future with confidence.

A special word of praise to Tommy

Reidy, that great warrior who worked so hard for Adare for many years, and who thinks enough of hurling to drop down to Novice level and give us the benefit of his experience at coaching and sideline management. Also to players like Petie Donoghue, Dick Costelloe and M.J. O'Donoghoe who are keeping the hurling flame alive when lesser men would have cried 'enough'.

So, the birth has been successful, the midwife can take a bow and all that remains is for the hurling baby to grow and mature, to be nourished with the vitality of the youth, who are, eager to fill any vacancies, and for their Parish to give them the encouragement they so richly deserve. Long life to the child. ■

### IN PRAISE OF ASKEATON NOVICE HURLERS

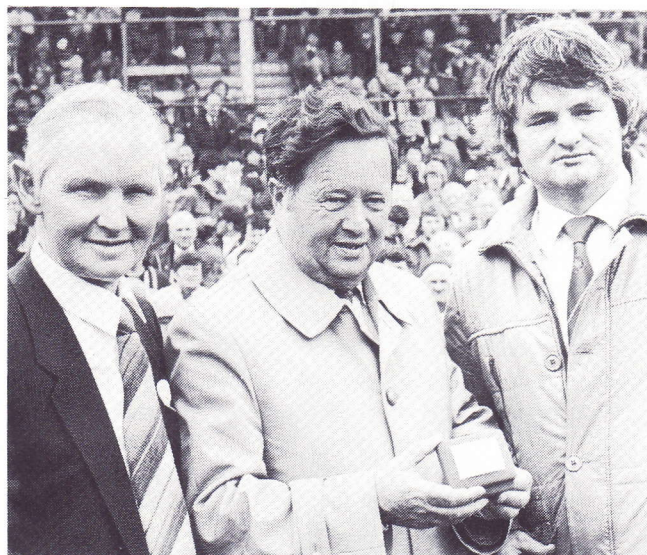
The 25th of November we shall always remember,  
When our hurlers won honour and glory,  
When the West Novice Cup was with pride lifted up  
A new chapter in a long ancient story.

All the long wasted years were forgot midst the cheers  
As we laughed and we hugged in Rathkeale  
A years work is done, the title is won.  
Now the dream that we dreamed is for real.

In days that are gone we thrilled to the song  
Of the ash and the fast-flying sliothar.  
We cheered for the 'Desmonds' our own hurling team,  
And none in the County were better.

Now a new generation has answered the call  
And the ghosts of old hurlers can rest  
We now can rejoice and proclaim in proud voice  
Our lads are the best in the West.

Michael Ryan.



Picture taken on the occasion of the presentation made to Micheal O'Hehir by M. Ryan, Chairman of Askeaton G.A.A., on behalf of the Club and Gaels of the Parish.  
(L-R) - M. Ryan, M. O'Hehir, J. Carrig, West Board Chairman

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# Which Green and Gold

Michael Ryan

Which green and gold will wave tonight, who knows.  
Will Nearys Pub to night be celebrating  
Or will the Western cup remain where bright Deel water flows  
Will we hail a triple timer in 'Askayton'.



**Askeaton U/12 Football - West Champlons 1984**

**Front Row (L-R) -** S. Fitzgerald, D. Barry, M. Neville (capt.), V. O'Keefe, J. Kelly, M. Scanlan, T. Gammel, J. Walsh. **Back Row (L-R) -** P. Harty, P. McMahon, F. Walsh, S. McMahon, P. Nestor, P. Fitzgerald, S. O'Shaughnessy.

I penned the above for the programme for the West Senior football final last August, attempting to show how unpredictable has been the rivalry between St. Kierans and Askeaton since '79, when St. Kierans had a comprehensive win over our lads in the West final, a result which was equally comprehensively overturned in the Co. Semi-final. Ever since, it seems to be every second turn, with last year and this year being perfect examples.

In 1983, our lads turned in a brilliant display in the replay of the West final. We celebrated, not wisely, but too well, while Kierans went home, grimly determined that this must not happen again. And it did not. Not that year! We met in

the Co. Semi-Final, Kierans were brilliant and we looked second-raters. Needless to say, when we met them again later last year, in the League Final, we won easily.

In this years West final, Kierans again made us look foolish, our lads went home, a la Kierans, saying "this must not happen again" and it did not. Yet.

We met in this years Co. semi-final Askeaton were brilliant, Kierans looked second raters. I think it would take a phsycologist to explain it. And to explain why both clubs, after playing brilliantly in Co. Semi-finals, should fail at the Final stage. As we did this year, failing completely to reproduce Semi-final form.

Regarding other events, two things stand out. One, the great displays of our U/12 footballers, who, under the able coaching of John Carrig, improved from match to match. They won most of their games by a single point, and outsiders gave them no chance at all in the final against a much spoken of Glin team. However, they had other ideas, duly obliging by winning a thrilling game by, yes, you've guessed it, a single point, though they failed subsequently to a physically stronger Na Piarasaigh team in the Co. Semi-final, we saw enough to be very hopeful for the future. The West final team lined out: V. O'Keefe, F. Walsh, S. McMahon, S. Fitzgerald, P. Harty, T. Gammel, J. Walsh, M. Neville, P. Nestor, S. O'Shaughnessy, P. Fitzgerald, G. Kelly, M. Scanlan, P. McMahon, D. Barry.

The other highlight was the Munster, U.21 football final, Limerick V Cork, when we comfortably accommodated about 7,000 patrons in our field. After Limericks great win over Kerry, again at Askeaton, we got our chance to show what we could do re crowd control, and we passed with honours.

La na gClub was another great occasion, and its success everywhere demands that it be made a permanent feature in the G.A.A. calender. Another achievement was the winning of West U-16 championship, Grade C, in hurling, our first title in any grade of hurling since 1947, and a recent highlight was the fine win, in Askeaton, of our Co. Footballers, when powered by five locals, they beat a fancied Fermanagh side.

What of the future? Will there be green and gold flags waving after next years Co. Senior Football Final. Perhaps. But which green and gold? ■

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# Ballysteen for J.F. semi-final

**Ballysteen, 2-2; St. Mary's, 0-1.**

Still carrying some of the scars of battle after their recent unsuccessful bid for the senior county title, Ballysteen advanced to the semi-final stage of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship when they scored a well-deserved but fairly hard-earned victory over St. Mary's at Newcastle West Gaelic Park on Sunday. They met with plenty of opposition from a determined Rathkeale combination for nearly forty minutes of the hour but coasted home to an easy win in a dull and unexciting finish. Conditions were extremely difficult under foot following heavy overnight rains but both teams are to be complimented on providing a really good display and exciting the interest and enthusiasm of a small but keen following for most of the hour. Ballysteen were leading 1-1 to 0-1 at the interval, but their half-time advantage was not without an element of luck. The Deelsiders had the best of matters for the opening quarter, but owing to erratic shooting and faulty finishing a single point was their only reward. Then the winners got down to business and after Mick Kenneally equalised for ma free, Peter Neville cut through for a goal which was allowed after a protest from the Rathkeale defenders. However, after a creditable display in the opening moiety, the Deelsiders lost most of their punch in the closing moiety and their defence was under constant pressure for most of the second half. The fact that they held the winners to a seven point lead was a tribute to the good work of the Deelside defenders of whom Pa Clancy, in goal, and P. Maron, Bill Bradshaw and Doney Culhane gave an exceptionally good account of themselves. Gerry Fitzgerald, with the assistance of Tom McNamara, Mike McNamara and George Shire, never stopped trying at midfield, while Pat Cahalane, D. Neville and Tom Markham led a determined but rather ineffective attack for St. Marys. Basil Fitzgibbon was the inspiration of the Ballysteen team, in which Doney Nestor, Neddy Walsh, Mick Ranahan, Pat Neville and Mick Walsh were always very much in the picture. The winners, incidentally, were short two of their regular stalwarts, Brian and Pat Neville, while Tom Carrig retired during the game through injury.

St. Mary's shaped like winners in the opening ten or twelve minutes during which they maintained a persistent offensive. Basil Fitzgibbon and Doney Nestor were hard-pressed in the Ballysteen defence for some ten minutes before Pat Cahalane, from a difficult angle, opened the scoring with a point for the Deelsiders. After eventually beating off the Rathkeale challenge the winners forced the offensive from long drives by Basil Fitzgibbon and Frank Kenny and Mick Kenneally sent over the equaliser from a 21 yard free. Before the interval the winners took the lead with a disputed goal which was allowed after Christy Mannix (Cloughaun) had been called in for consultation. On the turnover, Ballysteen forced the initiative from the start, and although the Rathkeale defence was under constant heavy pressure, ten minutes elapsed before Peter Neville put the winners ahead with a point. In the succeeding ten minutes Ballysteen lost a number of good scoring chances before Eddie Walsh sent in a long drive which Dave McMahon crashed through to the net for the winners' second goal. St. Mary's continued to fight back gamely but unavailingly against the more experienced

# Askeaton <sup>Oct 65</sup> march on

**ASKEATON ... .. 1-8**

**ATHEA ... .. 0-5**

Askeaton advanced a further stage in the County Senior Football Championship at Newcastle West on Sunday when they scored a six-point win over an Athea selection that did not come quite up to expectations. Although the 1964 champions were well worth their victory in the final analysis, they were not entirely convincing for a good portion of the hour and might have been hard-pressed to finish on top if the Athea men had made the most of their scoring chances in the opening ten minutes of the second half.

Askeaton, on the other hand, were more than a shade unlucky in the opening moiety with a series of near misses, including two rebounds off the upright and cross-bar. A feature of the game was the very effective goal-keeping at both ends by Denis Moore in the Athea net, and Bobby Walsh in the Askeaton goal.

Playing with the advantage of a stiff breeze in the opening half, Askeaton were pretty well worth their five point interval lead and seemed well set for victory at half time. On the resumption, however, Athea staged a very determined rally and for ten or twelve minutes they had the champions really worried as they pressed home a series of well combined attacks. It looked for this brief and exciting spell as if the issue was going to be a close one but the effort went for nought as the Athea forwards frittered away several good scoring chances with poor finishing and faulty markmanship. The champions then recovered the initiative and the issue was more or less decided when Pat Reidy tapped the ball into the Athea net from a scramble in front of the posts for what looked like a rather lucky goal.

### DISAPPOINTING

The game was on the whole a rather disappointing one for the big crowd of patrons from all parts of the division. Play seldom reached the high standard expected from two teams with such strong representation on the county selection but a greasy ball and slippery pitch may have been largely responsible. On the other hand there were quite a few fine individual performances with most of the honours going to Tom Perryman, Michael Allen and Pat Reidy in the Askeaton attack; Hugh Boyle, Eddie Walsh and Frank Kenny around midfield; and Liam O'Shaughnessy, Tom Carrig and Basil Fitzgibbon in defence. Denis Moore, in goal, Jim Carey and Richie O'Connor were generally very sound in the Athea defence; Tim Hanrahan, Tim Woulfe and J. Mullane around midfield and Sean McAuliffe and Ml. Hayes in an otherwise unimpressive forward line.

### PRESSED FROM START

Making most of the wind advantage Askeaton pressed from the start and Ml. Allen, Tom Perryman and Pat Reidy chalked up a three-point lead for the winners before Athea replied with a point by Ml. Hayes. Sean McAuliffe followed up with another Athea point, but Askeaton were again on the mark with two further points from T. Sheehan and Pat Reidy, who was having one of his best days. Despite a couple of spectacular saves by Denis Moore in the Athea net, Askeaton again moved in for a point from Ml. Allen. Pat Reidy followed up with a similar score before the interval and the issue was still open enough at half-time when the score sheet read: Askeaton, 0-7; Athea, 0-2.

It was all Athea in the opening minutes of the second moiety but the sustained effort finished as a tragedy of lost opportunities as wide followed wide. Then Liam O'Shaughnessy cleared to midfield and Hugh Boyle led a determined Askeaton drive. Following a hectic goalmouth scramble Pat Reidy caught the Athea custodian off the mark for the only goal of the game.

It was really the beginning of the end for Athea although they continued to fight back gallantly and succeeded in adding three more points before the final whistle, while Tom Perryman consolidated Askeaton's victory with a further point.

Mr. Sean O'Connor (Cloughaun) refereed.

**Askeaton** — B. Walsh, L. O'Shaughnessy, T. Carrig, B. Fitzgibbon, T. Fitzgerald, E. Walsh, F. Kenny, J. Carrig, T. Sheehan, H. Boyle, P. Reidy, M. Allen, P. Neville, T. Perryman, D. Nestor.

**Athea** — D. Moore, J. Carey, R. O'Connor, T. Hanrahan, S. Dillane, T. Woulfe, J. O'Dare, J. Mullane, G. Frouder, P. Mullane, S. McAuliffe, Ml. Hayes, J. Barrett, P. Lavan, T. Barrett.

# Askeaton's Experience Decided The Issue

Askeaton 3-3; Treaty Sarsfields 1-5.

**MID-WAY** through the second-half of this County Limerick Senior Football final, it looked as if Treaty Sarsfields might spring a surprise. At that stage they had narrowed a two goals interval deficit to 2 points but the greater experience of Askeaton told and they proved worthy winners.

The game turned into a rousing mud-bath in the second half after a one-sided opening period at the end of which Askeaton led 2-2 to 0-2. A cloud-burst during the interval made conditions treacherous and this appeared to suit the city side, who dominated for long spells.

Indeed had Treaty made more use of their chances they might have made the issue closer but

there can be no doubt that Askeaton were the better combination. Almost their entire line-out were members of last year's side which won the championship and which played under the name of neighbouring parish Ballysgeen.

The greasy conditions ruled out any hope there might have been of minor scuffles and a player sides threw everything into the rough and tumble second half, during which there were a couple of minor schuffles and a player from each side retired injured.

At the finish it took members of the gardai some time to clear a passage to the Treaty Sarsfield's dressing room.

### FINE DEFENCE

Askeaton can thank their superb defence for their win and none more-so than Basil Fitzgibbon and Tony Fitzgerald in the half-back line. This pair were in tremendous form and cut off most of the Treaty Sarsfield's attacks. Liam O'Shaughnessy was best in the full-back line.

Tom Carrig and Francey Kenny ruled the roost at centre-field and in attack Hugh O'Boyle, Pat Reidy and Tom Sheehan before he had to retire injured, were best. Long-serving Mick O'Brien—bidding for his 6th county senior medal and his fourth in football—stood out in the Treaty defence and Paider Hynes and Steve O'Shaughnessy gave him best support.

Amby Lawlor was the lone attacker to make headway Timmy Eaton and Tom Meany never ceased trying.

### THE PLAY

Treaty broke away from the throw-in but it was Askeaton who were first to score when Peter Neville pointed a second minute free. Three minutes later Amby Lawlor had a Treaty point, but Askeaton piled on the pressure and were rewarded when a further point before Mick Raftery added a first class goal. Treaty came more into the game as Tommy Gleeson had their second point.

On the resumption Askeaton were quickly into their stride as Pad Reidy stretched their advantage with a point. After ten minutes, however, Treaty were

back in the game when Amby Lawlor goalied from a penalty. Tom Sheehan (Askeaton) was forced to retire injured shortly afterwards and Treaty came more into the game when Lawlor added a further point. Lawlor narrowed the gap to two points with another point. Askeaton were not yet finished however, and a long clearance from Basil Fitzgibbon ran loose to the unmarked Hugh Boyle who sent to the net. Both sides gave of their best at this stage but Treaty could only muster a late point and Askeaton ran out deserving winners.

**Askeaton:** B. Walsh L. O'Shaughnessy, P. Carrig, D. Nestor, B. Fitzgibbon, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Donnell, T. Carrig, F. Kenny Bro. H. O'Boyle, P. Reidy, M. Ranahan, M. Allen, P. Neville, T. Sheehan. Subs: T. Perryman for T. Sheehan.

**Treaty Sarsfields:** N. Noonan, M. O'Connor, O. Moran M. O'Brien, P. Hynes, S. O'Shaughnessy, J. Bourke, O. Aherne, T. Cahill, A. Lawlor, T. Meaney, T. Gleeson J. Dawson, F. Cullinane, T. Eaton. Subs: S. Slattery for M. O'Connor; T. Stack for T. Gleeson; P. Dawson for O. Aherne. Referee: T. Moloney (Cashel).

## Askeaton Under-21 football

In the semi-final of the Western under-21 football championship played at Foynes on Sunday last, Askeaton went under to Glin very decisively. The Askeaton team was: Ml. J. O'Donoghue; Paud Walsh, Sean Barron, Jim Shiels, Jim Neville, Christy Carrig, Ter Madigan, John Madigan, Noel Ranahan, Brian O'Riordan, Dick Costello, Sean Purtill, Pat Cooney, Pat Buckley, Pat Fitzgerald, Tony Carrig and Ml. McMahon.

**BINGO**  
The following were last week's winners: Eddie Roche, Templeglantine; Martin O'Connor, Pallaskerry; Mrs. J. Sillery, Foynes; Mrs. J. O'Sullivan, Newcastle West; Ml. McCann, Rathkeale; John Murphy, Strand; Pat Mulcahy, Newcastle West; Donie Burke, Clarina; Patricia Reidy, Newcastle West; John Normoyle, Glin; Johnnie O'Brien, Pallaskerry; Madeline Kenneally, Shanagolden; Peggy Greaney, Broadford; J. Woulfe, Listowel; Mrs. Sheehy, Newcastle West; Sheila Dorman, Borrigone; Mrs. Hannigan, Castlemahon; Mrs. C. Daly, Dromcollogher; Mr. T. Sullivan, Borrigone; John Horrigan, Kathleen Ives, Mrs. Manning, Peggy Manning, Mrs. Harte, Mrs. N. Horrigan, Kay Sheehan, and Michael Fitzgerald, all of Askeaton.

### LAST-MINUTE POINT

A last-minute point from a free by P. Buckley enabled Askeaton to draw with Glin in an exciting junior football semi-final. The game provided some passages of fine football and was very sportingly contested. Both sets of forwards squandered what could have been winning scores but at the end a draw was a fair result. Veteran D. Culhane had a great game for Glin at full-back and mention must also be made of goalkeeper J. Normoyle who brought off one fantastic save in the first few minutes. Others to shine for Glin were D. Culhane at centre back; J. Hogan, P. J. Martin, J. Fitzgerald, J. Erright and J. Martin.

Askeaton had another veteran on duty who also starred at full-back, Ed Walsh, and got good support from P. McMahon, J. Barron, C. Carrig, J. Madigan, P. Buckley, B. Riordan, T. Corrigan and T. Madigan.

### SCORERS

Glin—J. Enright (1-0), J. Fitzgerald (1-1), and points from Martin, Hogan, O'Connor and Stackpoole.

Askeaton—J. Madigan (1-1), T. Corrigan (1-1), P. Buckley (0-2), M. Kenneally (0-1).

### TEAMS

Glin—J. Normoyle; J. Reidy, D. Culhane, M. Adams; J. Regan, D. Culhane, J. Meade; J. Hogan, P. J. Martin; J. Fitzgerald, J. Stackpoole, D. O'Connor; J. Enright, J. Martin, P. O'Connor

Askeaton—M. Sheahan; P. McMahon, E. Walsh, J. Griffin; J. Ranahan, Walsh, J. Barron; J. Madigan, J. Purtill; N. Ranahan, P. Buckley, B. Riordan; M. Kenneally, T. Corrigan, T. Madigan, Subs., C. Carrig, J. Shaughnessy.

T. Murphy (Hospital) was a competent and impartial referee of both games. 12-10-68

## Askeaton win Limerick title

Askeaton. 3-3; Treaty Sarsfields. 1-5

**ASKEATON**, leading 2-2 to 0-2 just before interval, went on to win their second successive Limerick County Senior Football title at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds yesterday. They beat Treaty Sarsfields by 3-3 to 1-5 in a match that was marred by treacherous conditions, mainly brought about by a torrential hail shower just before the interval.

The second half provided the best and most exciting football of the game as Treaty fought back to go within two points of their opponents' score. But Askeaton pulled away again and were deserving winners at the finish.

Scorers—Askeaton—H. O. Boyle (2-0), M. Ranahan (1-0), P. Reidy (0-2), P. Neville (0-1). Treaty—A. Lawlor (1-1), T. Gleeson (1-1), P. Neville (0-1).

# West Limerick G.A.A. Happenings

Askeaton ... .. 1-8  
Fr. Casey's ... .. 0-5

Askeaton collected their first championship trophy of the season, when they defeated Fr. Casey's (Abbeyfeale) in the second replay of the under-21 football championship at Newcastle West on Sunday last. The contest may not have been as exciting as the previous two clashes between the sides but the quality of the football served up was of a very high standard.

Askeaton, having played with the fairly strong wind in the first half, led at half-time by 0-7 to 0-2. Abbeyfeale piled on the pressure in the second half and with 15 minutes to go they had reduced the lead to two points. But their emphasis at this stage on all-out attack caused their undoing. A quick break by Askeaton from defence to attack caught the Fr. Casey rearguard napping and Mick McMahon had practically no one but the goalie to beat before shooting the all-important goal. This score knocked all the heart out of Fr. Casey's, and in the final ten minutes there was no doubt about the outcome.

involved but order would have been quickly restored if some hotheaded supporters from both camps had not interfered. It was a pity this should have happened as the previous games had been very sportingly contested.

Best for Askeaton were Terence Madigan, John Barron, Christy Carrig, D. J. Daly, Noel Ranahan, Dick Costello and Mike McMahon.

Dan Collins, Mossy Ahern, Mike Scannell, Patsy Harnett, Sean Collins, Stephen Lyons and George Brown tried hardest for Fr. Casey's.

Scorers — Askeaton: M. McMahon (1-1), D. J. Daly (0-4), D. Costello (0-1), W. Ranahan (0-2). Fr. Casey's: S. Lyons (0-2), P. Harnett (0-2), G. Brown (0-1).

### TEAMS

**Askeaton:** T. Madigan, D. Ranahan, J. Barron, J. Neville, C. Carrig, P. Walsh, W. Griffin, N. Ranahan, D. J. Daly, P. Fitzgerald, M. Ruttie, D. Costello, M. McMahon, P. Buckley, M. Sheehan.

**Fr. Casey's:** W. Doody, J. Collins, D. Collins, P. Riordan, M. Scannell, M. Ahern, T. Brown, W. Scannell, P. Price

# Rugged football final won by Askeaton in bad conditions

By CORMAC LIDDY

Askeaton, 3-3; Treaty-Sarsfields, 1-5

**P**OLICE protection was needed to escort a Treaty-Sarsfields player to his dressing room after this rough and tumble county final mud-bath at the Ennis Road Grounds on Sunday, where Askeaton deservedly triumphed after withstanding a determined second-half rally by Treaty.

In conditions that were simply appalling, both sides strove manfully to provide the standard of football that we have come to expect from these two footballing strongholds but despite their efforts the hour was only average entertainment.

Brickbats must go to the powers-that-be who gave the all-clear for the playing of a juvenile game in the forenoon for this had the pitch in a bad state inside five minutes.

Midway through the first half it looked as if Askeaton would knock-up a landslide victory. They did as they pleased for lengthy spells but a cloud burst during the interval seemed to suit the City men better and they dominated for long spells during the second half.

To my mind, however, the best man on the field was referee Tom Moloney of Cashel. Were it not for his strong-arm handling of the game I have little doubt but that the hour would have been marred by a series of punch-ups. As it was there were a couple of scuffles, two of

which led to players, being removed injured, one somewhat seriously.

Perhaps it was the "needle" between the sides that led to these flare-ups and it was a great pity that they had to lead to injuries, for it was the first of these that brought the game to life ten minutes after the change of ends. From then onwards the fair sized attendance (gate receipts, £110) were on their toes as Treaty gave all they had at the resolute Askeaton defence which never wilted.

## DEFENCES ON TOP

This could be termed a final of defences, for both were under pressure for longer than normal periods. In this respect the winners had all the trumps for Treaty conceded two first half goals, one of which should have been prevented.

When Treaty stormed into attack after the change of ends they found it very difficult to get in a telling crack at goal and failed to do so for the hour. The goal they did get was hammered home from the penalty spot by Amby Lawlor.

For most of the Askeaton side this was their second county championship win on the trot. The title twelve months ago was won by neighbouring parish, Ballysteen, but it was merely a change of name this time. The side bore most of the hallmarks of having played together for some time, for they had by far the better teamwork, and during the first half they made every effort to work the ball goalwards from man to man.

To boost their morale they scored first, and were never subsequently headed, but when Treaty narrowed the gap to a couple of points with ten minutes remaining, they were facing a man sized task, but like the worthy champions that they are they pulled away again for the all important goal.

## FITZGIBBON STARS

Askeaton can thank their defence for success and none more so than right half-back Basil Fitzgibbon. Seldom has he played better and he was easily the best fielder on view and his lengthy clearances invariably turned defence into attack. It was from one such clearance that Hugh O'Boyle slammed home the second goal. Beside him, Tony Fitzgerald did little to alter my view that he is the best footballer in the county, but the remainder, too, never wilted, and Bobby Walsh, Liam O'Shaughnessy (in particular), Paddy Carrig, Donie Nestor and John O'Donnell can take no small degree of pride in their fine success.

## WON AT MID-FIELD

At centre-field Tom Carrig

and Francis Kenny came out on top, though at times they found Olly Aherne quite a handful. In attack, most of the credit must be given Hugh O'Boyle for his two well-taken goals, the second of which was really a worthwhile effort. Pat Reidy and Tom Sheehan (up to the time of his injury) were next best, though Mick Ranahan, Peter Neville and Mick Allen never stopped trying.

Had Treaty played as well in the first half as they did subsequently, they must have gone very close to winning. During that final 30 minutes they really had their tails up but the resolute Askeaton defence foiled their best efforts.

## O'BRIEN IN FORM.

None fared better for them than long-serving left back, Mick O'Brien, who switched to the right midway through the first half. Mick, bidding for his sixth county medal and his fourth at football, seldom put a foot wrong and he was given most help from Peadar Hynes, who has rarely played better. Oliver Moran, who turned down the chance of helping Roscommon beat Westmeath in the National League, settled down well after a very shaky start, and Noel Noonan averted some dangerous situations between the posts.

Oliver Aherne, before having to leave the field nearing the finish with suspected fracture of the leg, was the pick at centre-field and in attack Amby Lawlor was about the pick with Tim Eaton and Tommy Gleeson coming next in order of preference.

## PLAY

Treaty broke away from the throw-in but it was Askeaton who were first to score when Peter Neville pointed a second minute free. Three minutes later, Amby Lawlor had a Treaty point, but Askeaton piled on the pressure and were rewarded with a further point before Mick Ranahan added a first-class goal. Treaty came more into the game and Tommy Gleeson had their second point.

On the resumption, Askeaton were quickly into their stride and Pat Reidy stretched their advantage with a point. After ten minutes, however, Treaty were back in the game when Amby Lawlor goaled from a penalty. Tom Sheehan (Askeaton) was forced to retire injured shortly afterwards and Treaty came more into the game when Lawlor added a further point. Lawlor narrowed the gap to two points with another point. Askeaton were not yet finished, however, and a long clearance from Basil Fitzgibbon ran loose to the unmarked Hugh O'Boyle, who sent to the net. Both sides gave of their best at this stage, but Treaty could only muster a late point by Lawlor, and Askeaton ran out deserving winners.

**Askeaton** — B. Walsh; L. O'Shaughnessy, P. Carrig, D. Nestor, B. Fitzgibbon, T. Fitzgerald, J. O'Donnell; T. Carrig, F. Kenny; Bro. H. O'Boyle, P. Reidy, M. Ranahan; M. Allen, P. Neville, T. Sheehan. Subs.: T. Perryman for T. Sheehan.

**Treaty-Sarsfields**—N. Noonan; M. O'Connor, O. Moran, M. O'Brien; P. Hynes, S. O'Shaughnessy, J. Bourke; O. Aherne, T. Cahill; A. Lawlor, T. Moran, T.

## Football

Askeaton qualified for the county senior football final when they got the better of St. Patrick's at Kilmallock. The St. Patrick's team was: Niall Day, goal; Mick Cunneen, Eric Rochford, Paddy O'Connor, John Frost, John McDonagh, Tom Ryan, Eric Ryan, Noel Phelan, Michael Collopy, Charley Quaide, Brendan Cross, Tivian Cobbe, Bobby McNamara, Brian Cobbe. Scorers were: Peter Neville (1-2), Tom Sheehan (0-3) and Michael Ranahan (0-1) for Askeaton; Bobby McNamara (1-1), Michael Collopy and Paddy O'Connor, one point each, for St. Patrick's. *Nov. 45*

**ASKEATON** ..... *13.12.75* 3-6  
**AHANE** ..... 0-1  
 THE final score in the final of the minor football championship suggests an easy victory for Askeaton. Nothing could be further from the truth. Ahane fought with dogged determination and deserved better results from their efforts.

It was late in the game before Askeaton consolidated their position with two goals. Ken Hanly, Brendan Sheehan, Fintan Ryan and Michael Tobin gave brilliant performances for the winners.

Na Fianna defeated Newcastlewest 0-6 to 0-5 in the County Under 21 football semi-final at Adare. It was 0-4 each at half-time. And after 25 minutes of the second half it was 0-5 each. A Jim Carroll point gave Na Fianna victory. The latter failed to open their game and were lucky to hold out. *18.11.77*

Referee John McCarthy, came in for some unwholesome comments and was the victim of unnecessary abuse during the game and afterwards.

**ASKEATON GAA AGM** *18.2.78*  
 The following were elected at the AGM of the Askeaton club held recently—Presidents, Fr. Kirby, Chris Walsh; chairman, Donie Nestor; vice-chairman, Fr. Cussen, Mike Sheehan; secretary, Fintan Ryan; asst. do., Brendan Nestor; treasurer, Jim Enright; registrar, Pat Buckley; committee, B. Walsh, D. Gleeson, J. McKnight, S. Neville, D. Costello, T. Carrig, N. Hennessey, F. Kenny, P. Enright, C. Carrig.  
 Delegates to West Board, D. Nestor, J. Enright. Delegate to County Board, T. Downes.



Monaleen (top) who beat Askeaton (below) in the county under-21 football final.





## Under 21 Football Final

# Double scores win for Monaleen

Monaleen 2-10; Askeaton 1-5.

**EXPERIENCE and a greater deal of craft were the prime factors in Monaleen's 2-10 to 1-5 win over Askeaton in the county under 21 football final at Bruff on Sunday. The reigning champions fully deserved to retain their title, but had to fight all the way before overcoming the challenge of Askeaton.**

For fifty minutes this game was wide open. Both sides enjoyed the lead but neither could pull away to assert their superiority. At one stage, in the second half, Askeaton went two points ahead and were playing with great heart. This lead was pulled back with ten minutes remaining, after Mike Moloney and Tommy Lenihan sent over points.

With the stage set for a grandstand finish, one could only foresee a kick of the ball separating the sides at the end of the hour. But it was the controlled football of Monaleen which denied the handful of spectators a nail biting final.

In the 51st minute after Askeaton had mounted an unsuccessful attack, their defence was caught off guard when Monaleen swept upfield and Mike Moloney made no mistake by finding the net to put his side a clear goal ahead. Niall McDonnell and Tommy Lenihan sent over two fast points and the issue was sealed when Sean Murphy crashed home a goal, four minutes from time.

It was an incredible finish to a game that Askeaton could well have won. The western boys dominated the midfield exchanges, although this dominance faded in the last-quarter when the Monaleen mentors moved Ged O'Dwyer outfield.

Askeaton led 1-2 to 0-1 after thirteen minutes and a super save by Henry Byrne in the Monaleen goal in the seventh minute, kept them from enjoying a bigger lead. At the interval the sides were level, but Monaleen were to enjoy wind advantage in the second half.

It was Askeaton who worked hardest after the turnover, but the experience and craft of the champions told in the final quarter.

Henry Byrne, Joe Reddington, Eugene and Noel Leonard, Wilfred Cremins, Ged O'Dwyer, Mike Moloney, Derek McCarthy and Tommy Lenihan were the Monaleen stars.

Paddy Ivers, Ken Hanly, Pat Barrett, Malachy McDaid, Fintan Ryan, Declan Barren and Mike Ryan played best for Askeaton.

Monaleen scorers: M. Moloney 1-2, S. Murphy 1-1, N.

Cremin, N. McDonnell, T. Lenihan 0-2 each, D. Hyde 0-1. Askeaton scorers: D. Barron, 1-0, F. Ryan 0-2, P. Barrett, M. McDaid and J. O'Donnell 0-1 each.

**Monaleen:** H. Byrne, J. Reddington, E. Leonard, E. Nicholas, D. McCarthy, N. Leonard, S. Stokes, D. Hyde, B. Spillane, N. McDonnell, W. Cremin, T. Lenihan, S. Murphy, G. O'Dwyer, M. Moloney.

**Askeaton:** M. Ryan, J. Hanafin, P. Ivess, D. Foley, S. Fitzgerald, K. Hanly, J. O'Connell, P. Barrett, M. McDaid, F. Ryan, J. O'Donnell, E. McDaid, M. Dillon, T. Fitzgerald, D. Barron.

Referee: S. O'Connor (Cloughaun).

## Askeaton

We had a fine gathering of players last Saturday night at the clubhouse. Many matters of interest were raised. Player insurance was discussed and some dissatisfaction was expressed re present scheme. There was considerable discussions on training and coaching and it was heartening to see how determined they are that that elusive county championship will come our way this year.

Our first outing will be away against Na Piersaigh in the first round of the County Senior League. The game is fixed for this Sunday, but it may be brought forward to Saturday afternoon as both clubs will have players involved with the county team (v. Kilkenny). A winning start would be nice.

There will be a West minor hurling trial at Rathkeale this Sunday at 2.30 p.m. Players, Ray Neville, Seamus Kenneally and Seanie Barry have been asked to attend.

## Askeaton

Our under 21 footballers won their way to the quarter-finals with a most exciting win over a good Knockaderry team in Adare last Saturday night. Short some regulars, notably full-back Mike Fitzgibbon and centre back Dave Foley, the team had to be recast, and took some time to settle. However, as the game wore on our lads began to show their ability and a great goal by Cormac Ryan was a vital factor as we led 1-2 to 0-3 at the break.

The second half was a thriller as Knockaderry tried gallantly to get to terms. In our defence Ed. Mannion, S. Kenneally, K. Barry and T. Fitzgerald excelled. The siege was lifted and points by the Ryans, Don, Fintan (2) and Cormac, left us winners by 1-6 to 0-5.

Our under 14 footballers were beaten by a physically powerful Mountcollins team on Sunday. They played well below form, only goalie Noel Sheahan, Dan Neville and Vincent O'Shaughnessy living up to their reputations. They are now out of this competition.

## Askeaton

Big news this week is that another Askeaton man, in the person of John Carrig, has taken over chairmanship of the West Board, being elected without opposition. This is a striking tribute to a man who has given so much of his time to the G.A.A. in different places.

We wish him every success in his new undertaking.

However, the West Board's gain is our loss, and the search is on for a new chairman. We hope to resolve this problem at our A.G.M., which has been deferred from this Saturday to next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the clubhouse. All members and intending members are invited, with particular reference to our over 18 players. A determined drive will have to be made this year to capture that elusive county championship.

Congratulations to Paddy Barrett for making the Munster panel. Both he and Finty Ryan gave great displays in the Munster trial game and many good judges, not all Limerickmen, think that Paddy was unlucky not to have made the actual team.

All roads lead to Ardagh next Sunday night for the third semi-final of the Senior Scór. Askeaton will be well represented and your support is welcome.

## Askeaton

Our senior footballers, though handicapped throughout not having had a championship match since the West final on July 17th, are quietly confident of reaching the County semi-final at Croom's expense.

They do not under-estimate their task, for Croom must be one of the fittest teams around through their dual successes in hurling and football.

Our lads have not been idle either, for they won the Newcastle West tourney and reached the final of the Shanagolden tournament losing to old rivals, St. Kierans, by 2 pts. We were short seven of the lads who won the West final, but yet could, and should, have won.

With our minor footballers and u15 hurlers being defeated, our championship hopes now lie with our seniors and u21's. The latter await the winners of Cloughaun and South Liberties, and will likely not be out until after the senior match on Sunday.

## Askeaton

Our club was well represented at the Senior Scór in Ardagh last Sunday night, but we came home without success. Sheila Fitzgerald gave a very pleasing performance in the solo singing. Mrs. Carmel Ryan, Brian Mangan and Fintan and Ml. Ryan got many laughs in the novelty act. Brian Mangan and Fintan and Ml. Ryan lined out again for the quiz, in which there were seven teams, and were two marks short of qualifying for the final.

Our ballad group of Don O'Donnell, Ed Kirwan, Seanie Kelly and Cormac Ryan sang beautifully but had the unfortunate experience of being disqualified due to a rule-change of which the club, due to a communications gap somewhere along the line, were not aware.

There was good club representation at the County Convention, and the new open draw rule in hurling will be watched with interest by the big football clubs like ours, and its effects closely monitored.

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## Askeaton

The AGM of our club, held in our clubhouse last week, was the best attended for many a year. Outgoing chairman, John Carrig, reporting a successful year, emphasised the importance of taking part in competitions and stressed that failure to win championships didn't mean the failure of the club.

Secretary Dermot Gallagher, reported a good year with senior success in the west championship, and Newcastle West tournament and runners up trophies in Shanagolden tournament. He congratulated our under age teams, especially our under 21 footballers and under 14 hurlers, on their many fine displays.

Treasurer Jim Enright, with the help of reports, kindly audited by Brendan Nestor, outlined the financial state of the club and the meeting proceeded to the election of officers. For the first time for many years there was a contest for the chairmanship, surely a healthy sign of our club. Vice chairman Mick Burke and PRO Ml. Ryan were the contestants and Ml. Ryan is the new chairman and PRO; vice chairmen, Ml. Burke, Francey Kenny, Donie Nestor; secretary Dermot Gallagher; asst. secretary, Cormac Ryan; joint treasurers, Jim Enright and Mick Barry. John Carrig, who was congratulated on his recent election to the chairmanship of the West board, will be responsible for our playing field.

The committee is as follows: T. Madigan, T. Kelly, B. Nestor, J. McKnight, Hali Ryan, T. Carrig, C. Carrig, M. Walsh, P. Neville, J. O'Donoghue, T. Fitzgerald, P. Shiels, D. Costelloe, M. O'Connell. Affiliations: all grades of football, and all grades of hurling from minor down to under 12. It is expected that our senior football panel will be strengthened by transfers into the parish.

Michael Kenneally, one of our oldest and most valued members, was made life president. Chris Walsh is already hon. life president.

## Askeaton

Our senior footballers started the season with a good win over Na Piarasigh and it is hoped with the team now in training every Tuesday night that the good work will be continued this coming weekend when we entertain our great friends and old rivals, Oola, in the second round of the Co. League at Askeaton. This year's panel is our strongest for some time, and few can be certain of their places.

Our defence and midfield are among the best around, and if our attack get their act together we will be a match for any team.

Our pitch and some of our players will have a busy week-end, for besides the game against Oola on Saturday afternoon, we also host the Limerick v. Leitrim N.F. League match on Sunday, in which some of our team will have a direct interest. We are proud to stage games of this calibre and important steps are being taken to upgrade our field amenities still further. Plans are already afoot to provide extra dressing rooms and a function room. With this in mind we have joined Ciste Gael, the official fund raising organisation of the GAA.

It is hoped that players and members will promote this energetically.

The prizes, £14,000 being distributed monthly, are attractive, and membership costs £20 per year.

We had a feast of football last week-end with the All-Ireland senior and junior finals on our pitch. We most certainly got better value than those who elected to watch the television.

## Askeaton

Our senior footballers started their championship campaign with a big win over Ballysteen last Sunday. Anybody looking at the addresses of the players could be pardoned for being confused, for four Ballysteen players lined out with Askeaton, and no less than seven former Askeaton men wore the Ballysteen jersey. Tension was high and our team played scrappy football, allowing Ballysteen to score 1-2 without reply. However, by half time we were on level terms, having played against the wind, and in the second half played some great football. Indeed the final score of 3-8 to 1-4 did not truly reflect our superiority.

Once again our defence, apart from some early jitters, was rock solid. Barrett and D. Moran were excellent midfielders, and if our forwards brush up on their shooting, our championship prospects look bright.

The team lined out—Hali Ryan, Eamon McDaid, P. Ivess, D. Barron, P. McDonough, T. O'Connell, Enda McDaid, P. Barrett, D. Moran, F. Ryan, J. O'Donnell, A. Moran, T. Madigan, K. Hanley, Mal McDaid. Playing subs., C. Ryan, Eunan McDaid. Other members of the panel present were: D. Costello, D. Foley, S. Kelly, T. Downes, M. Dillon, M. J. O'Donoghue.

Postponements due to unplayable pitches has wreaked havoc on our under age fixture list, but our under 16 hurlers had a big win over Croagh in midweek.

The team was: J. Shiels, T. Allen, D. Neville, E. Curran, J. Gammel, P. Murphy, E. Barry, S. Carrig, P. Hanly, E. Purcell, G. Sommers, R. Kirwan, E. Ryan, C. Walsh, S. Moran. Sub., P. Neville.

## Askeaton

Our senior footballers, giving a much improved performance, kept their 100 per cent league record intact when disposing of Oola at Askeaton last Saturday by 2-6 to 1-5.

Turning over at half time, our lead of 1-5 to nil, after playing with a blustery wind, did not look great, but the big difference between the sides was the intelligent tactics of our lads when playing against the wind.

Paddy Barrett was in surging form at midfield and his great goal from 30 yards range in the second half was vital. Our backs played soundly when under pressure and juvenile Ray Neville, pressed into service at half back due to the unavailability of some of the panel, fitted in like a glove.

Scorers: Pat Barrett 1-0, T. Madigan 1-2, Ken Hanley, Pat Curry, Tom Connell, and Finty Ryan 0-1 each.

The team: Hali Ryan, Eamon McDaid, P. Ivess, D. Barron, R. Neville, T. O'Connell, Enda McDaid, P. Barrett, J. O'Donnell, F. Ryan, M. McDaid, T. Downes, K. Hanley, T. Madigan, P. Carrig.

We played host to Leitrim and Limerick footballers on Sunday last, and witnessed a thrilling game. Our four representatives played a big part in earning a draw, Pat Ivess at full back, Paddy Barrett at midfield, Finty Ryan and Anthony Moran in attack.

We fielded a very experimental junior team against St. Senans and though we were well beaten there were some very good individual displays with old timer Tommie Carrig showing some of the drive that made him a household name a few years ago.

## Club G.A.A.: 26/3/83 Askeaton

After two fairly easy matches against Na Piarasigh and Oola, our senior footballers were looking forward to really stern test against Monaleen. Unfortunately, Monaleen arrived without some vital members and were no match for our lads, who won 3-13 to 0-2. This match was notable for the re-appearance in Askeaton colours for the first time in five years of Anthony and Donie Moran and Peter McDonough, all three from Ballysteen.

Peter fitted in well with the backs; Donie struck up an excellent partnership with Paddy Barrett at midfield, so much so that men of the calibre of Eugene Leonard and Ger Collins found possession difficult to come by in this area, and Anthony added much needed accuracy to our attack. His points from play and from frees were a treat and a goal blasting effort of his tested the durability of the crossbar.

Tomas O Connail has been displaying devastating form of late at taking penalties, which added to Moran's free taking will make fouling a costly business for our opponents.

At our under age gathering last week the following captains and vice captains were elected.

M.H., Ray Neville, v. captain, S. Kenneally; M.F. M. Fitzgerald, vice, Sean Barry; Under 16 H, D. Neville; vice, Noel Sheahan. Under 16 F, Paul Hanley, vice, E. Purcell. Under 15 H, Jim Gammell, vice S. Carrig. Under 15, G. Sommers; vice M. McKnight; Under 14 H, E. Ryan; vices, S. Moran and C. Walsh. Under 14 F., R. Kirwan, vices, T. Allen and B. Gammell. Under 12 H, P. Neville, vice, P. Ruttle. Under 12 F, S. Curran; vice T. Hayes.

Our team v. Monaleen as reported above, lined out as follows:

Haulie Ryan; D. Barron, P. Ivess, Eamonn McDaid, P. McDonough, T. O'Connell, Eunan McDaid, P. Barrett, D. Moran, F. Ryan, M. McDaid, T. Downes, A. Moran, K. Hanley and C. Ryan.



Askeaton (title holders) who drew with St. Kieran's, 1-7 to 0-10, in the West senior football final at Newcastle West on Saturday evening.

30/7/83

22-7-83

# Askeaton stroll to final

Askeaton ..... 2-15  
Fr. Casey's ..... 1-0

ASKEATON set the stage for the final showdown with St. Kieran's when they trounced Fr. Casey's (Abbeyfeale) at Newcastle West on Saturday evening. This was the second semi-final in the senior football championship and like the Newcastle West/St. Kieran's affair was very much a one-sided decider.

Perhaps one supporter had it right when he opined that there was much more excitement in the juvenile game that had gone before, for all in all, this senior football clash was just about as entertaining as a tax audit. Even two inquisitive calves that lingered for a while on the fringe appeared to give their opinion in a certain manner before scampering off with a hop, skip and jump.

As Askeaton strolled to their victory they must have been bewildered by the poverty of the opposition mounted by a team whose reputation for first class football goes way back. As it was, they failed to score in the opening half and had to wait until the 10th minute of the second half for their first and only score of the game. Askeaton stamped their elegant authority on proceedings from the earliest moments and at the quarter way stage were four points ahead with the promise of plenty more to come. At this stage also the losers' troubles were gaining momentum, especially with the loss through injury of their splendid centre forward David Keating. Playing a fast, co-ordinated football, the turbo charged Askeaton attack caught the Fr. Casey's defence flat footed time and time again as Anthony Moran and Mike Fitzgibbon picked off the scores from both play and frees to leave the sides 1-8 to no score at the interval.

On change-over the Fr. Casey's side appeared to get a firmer grip on the game and in particular the full back, David Quirke, exerted a considerable calming influence on the earlier rampant Mike Fitzgibbon, but for the most part Anthony Moran remained largely unfettered and the losers misery continued as the scoring rate remained constant at a going rate of one point per 3 minutes. Then in the 10th minute Fr. Casey's went through for a goal, a splendid effort, involving Georgie Browne, D. Hartnett, D. O'Connell and finished with clinical precision by J. J. Foley. It all looked so easy and for a brief interval we had a glimpse of the splendid football that has been part and parcel of the Abbeyfeale tradition down through the years. Regretfully, this only proved to be a one off, and after this short spasm they once

again settled back into their very second place and posed no further major threat as the game rolled along to its inevitable conclusion.

At the end of it all the final whistle was a relief both to the players and the spectators and in the winners' dressing room there was little if any sense of euphoria for indeed the win had not provided the hard test that they would surely have liked. In fine form for Askeaton were Anthony Moran, Paddy Barrett, John O'Donnell and Cormac Ryan in a side that didn't appear to have any weak links. B. Colbert had a good hour in goal for Fr. Casey's, and Dave Quirke at full back turned in a very good second half and up front D. Hartnett and J. J. Foley tried very hard.

Scorers: Askeaton—A. Moran (0-8), M. Fitzgibbon (1-4), F. Ryan (0-1), M. McDaid (0-1), C. Ryan (1-1). Fr. Casey's—J. J. Foley (1-0).

Askeaton: T. Madigan, D. Barron, P. Ivess, M. J. O'Donoghue, T. O'Connell, D. Moran, E. McDaid, P. Barrett, J. O'Donnell, M. McDaid, F. Ryan, T. Downes, C. Ryan, M. Fitzgibbon, A. Moran.

Fr. Casey's: B. Colbert, M. Quirke, D. Quirke, B. Scannel, M. Flynn, T. Sugrue, P. Murphy, J. O'Donnell, P. O'Callaghan, J. Colbert, D. Keating, G. Browne, J. J. Foley, D. O'Donnell, D. Hartnett, Subs: J. Finucane for D. Keating, M. Lyons for T. Sugrue. Referee: Noel O'Connor (Newcastle West).

It's West final time again with the old firm of Askeaton and St. Kieran's deciding the honours at Newcastle West on Saturday evening next.

Askeaton are the defending champions on this occasion but it is St. Kieran's that has dominated in senior football over the years and indeed took part in every West final but one during the last decade with Askeaton coming a close second and for the many supporters with a leaning towards statistics the following data will be of interest.

1973—Askeaton 1-6, St. Kieran's 0-6.

1974—St. Kieran's 1-5, Glin 0-5.

1975—St. Kieran's 4-8, Fr. Casey's 1-9.

1976—St. Kieran's 0-11, Glin 1-3.

1977—St. Kieran's 3-13, Askeaton 1-9.

1978—Fr. Casey's 2-6, St. Kieran's 0-10.

1979—St. Kieran's 2-6, Askeaton 1-5.

1980—Askeaton 1-9, Ballysteen 0-1.

1981—St. Kieran's 0-8, Askeaton 0-5.

1982—Askeaton 2-6, St.

Kieran's 0-10.

Both sides had fairly easy passages to the final and were not really tested, but with all the familiar big names still playing as well if not better than ever one can with reasonable certainty look forward to an hour's football in the classic tradition and at the end of the day there should be very little difference in this very fine pairing.

## JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP

The young hurlers of Granagh-Ballingarry are making quite an impact in the under age championship. On Tuesday evening the u-16 romped home on a scoreline of 4-6 to Kileedy's 1-2 at Quaide Park and are now poised for the final with Newcastle West. The u-14 had an even more impressive win in Knockaderry when they trounced Feohanagh 7-3 to 1-1 and their next outing will be with Croagh in the semi-final.

## Askeaton

7.5.83

The postponed fixture list is piling up and last weekend added its quota. Pitches are in a terrible state. Friday night's U-16 hurling v. Adare, Sunday's senior and minor football v. Fr. Casey's, and Monday night's senior league v. Cloughaun all fell by the wayside.

Our U-14 hurlers, in a fiercely contested Feile na nGael tie, finally gave best to Granagh-Ballingarry. 'Rocky' Ruttle had a brilliant game in goal; Tommy Allen, Brian Gammel and Seanie Moran were fine defenders; Robert Kirwan at midfield was probably the best player on view, and Patrick Neville, Christy Walsh and Enda Ryan were best in attack. The full team was: P. Ruttle, T. Curran, S. Moran, B. Gammel, A. Ryan, T. Allen, N. Ryan, R. Kirwan, E. Ryan, B. McDaid, P. Neville, J. Sommers, P. McMahon, C. Walsh, S. Curran.

Most of the above turned out again on Monday night v. Glin in U-14 football and had a fine win by 3-4 to 1-4. They mastered the conditions well and there are many promising players on this team. There was one slack period in the second half when Glin battled to within two points, but our lads raised the siege, scored a goal and a point and finished well on top.

Full marks to St. Senan's Club, whose pitch the game was played, for their co-operation and interest, and to Mike Mullane who refereed well. The team was: J. Sommers, S. Moran, N. Ryan, B. Gammel, T. Allen, J. Hayes, T. Curran, R. Kirwan, J. Foley, F. McDaid, B. McDaid, E. Ryan, M. Neville, C. Walsh, P. Neville. Subs.: G. Reidy, P. Ruttle, B. Sheahan. Scorers: R. Kirwan, 1-4; St. Walsh and J. Foley, 1-0 each.

We have now played and won U-16 hurling v. Croagh and Glanane, played and won U-14 football Newcastle West and Glin. We have played no U-14 hurling or U-16 football due to postponements.

This Friday evening our U-16 footballers take on Mountcollins at

## Askeaton

The sudden death of Mike Casey, The Bridge, at his place of work in the Aeroboard factory, caused shock and sorrow among his workmates and wide circle of friends. Mike, who was a fine hurler in his day, was a well-loved character and to his brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, we extend sympathy.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Michael "Broker" O'Suaighnessy, who is recovering from an operation, also to Mrs. Babs Sheehy, and a welcome home from hospital to Moss Carrig.

## Askeaton

4-6-83

Our U-14 players are going great guns. After their big win over Athea last week in football, they took up the caman on Friday night and inflicted a heavy defeat on the same opponents. Athea were never in this match with a chance, failing to score, while our lads ran up a huge tally.

Our U-12 footballers are out this Thursday night against Gerald Griffin's, and our U-14 footballers are out against Fr. Casey's this Friday night. The parents of these young lads should pay them the compliment of coming to see them play. The club is glad to provide good healthy recreation and the dis-interest of most parents is very hard to fathom.

Our junior footballers had mixed fortune during the week. They played two league matches, losing a match to Glantine on Tuesday night which they should easily have won, but they had a good win on Saturday night over Knockaderry. Our seniors, though fielding well below strength, had a fine win over Monaleen in a challenge match. Our reserve panel is very strong.

## Askeaton

22.5.83

Congratulations to Jimmy McNight, Church St., who won 4th prize of £1,000 in Ciste Gael draw, which our club promotes. Ciste Gael is the official fund-raising body of the G.A.A. and for £20 yearly members are entitled to participate in a monthly draw for a £14,000 prize fund.

Paid up members also qualify for a local draw for £40 per one hundred members. Next local draw will take place this coming Wednesday, so hurry and join.

Our junior footballers play Knockaderry in Askeaton this Saturday evening at 7.30. Our seniors await Fr. Casey's for the final match in the league portion of the championship, having dropped two points to Newcastle West, but gaining victories over Ballysteen and St. Kieran's.

Our u-14 footballers are doing very well and are unbeaten in the league, with victories over Newcastle West, Glin and Drum. On Monday night they played the first round of the championship, beating Athea 2-5 to no score. Roy Shields made a promising debut, others to shine were Joe Hayes, R. Kirwan, J. Foley, B. McDaid, P. Neville and P. Ruttle.

Team—J. Sommers, S. Moran, N. Ryan, C. Walsh, B. Gammel, J. Hayes, T. Curran, R. Kirwan, J. Foley, R. Shiels, B. McDaid, T. Allen, M. Neville, P. Ruttle, P. Neville.

We play the first round of the u-14 hurling championship this Friday night v. Athea in Foynes.

13.8.83  
**Askeaton**

Our senior footballers upheld western pride when defeating Cloughaun in the county quarter final last Sunday. In doing so, they outlined the depth of talent available to our selectors, who, short four of the side which drew with St. Kieran's in the West final, could yet field a team which outplayed their rivals for long periods.

The further loss of Enda McDaid, injured shortly after half-time, which saw us a goal down, was hard to take but our lads are best with their backs to the wall and some sterling work, and switches which saw Finty Ryan and Anthony Morum Move from half-forward to half-back saw us leading by 2 pts. with three minutes left.

Western hearts sank when Cloughaun were awarded a penalty, but there was a thunderous cheer when the ball was sent harmlessly wide. Pete McDonogh pointed from the kick-out and we were through to meet St. Kierans in the County semi-final.

However, we have another very important date with St. Kieran's in the West final replay on Sunday with semi-final places already secured, and a more relaxed atmosphere, some fine football is expected.

Last Sundays team lined out as follows—T. Madigan, D. Barron, P. Ivess, Eamon McDaid, M. Fitzgibbon, Enda McDaid, P. Barrett, D. Moran, A. Moran, K. qanley, F. Ryan, R. Neville, M. J. O'Donoghue, T. Downes.

29-10-83  
**Askeaton**

Our club wish to thank all those who subscribed so generously to our annual collections.

Our playing pitch is the main focus of interest these days, and its continuing good condition is a credit to the field committee. It has been the venue for important matches every weekend for some time back, and last Sunday we hosted Limerick and Waterford in the national football league, resulting in a very welcome win for the home side, preceded by a thrilling county minor football final, in which Ardagh held on despite fierce pressure, to earn a replay against Newcastle West. The County Board officials were much impressed with the progress made in our new club pavilion, and Limerick footballers will be making a return visit to Askeaton.

The junior Scor is with us again and we are competing on November 12 in the usual events. The age limit is 17 or under on January 1, 1984.

Our under 14 hurlers take the field again on Saturday in the Credit Union cup. We play Coolcappa at 11 a.m.

20-8-83  
**Askeaton**

Our senior footballers really came good on Sunday last when they beat St. Kieran's, in the West final replay, much more comprehensively than the score of 2-8 to 1-3 would suggest. Indeed St. Kieran's were never in this game with a chance, for Askeaton took command straight from the throw-in and led the break by 1-8 to 0-2.

In the second half, with wind advantage, Kierans enjoyed much more possession, but a really brilliant full back line, fronted by a great half back line denied them the scores they so badly needed, for it was clear after ten minutes of the second half after Askeaton got their second goal, that the West cup would be heading Deelwards, barring miracles.

However, the miracle workers on the Kieran's team were off form, greats like Pa Leahy, Sonny Crowley and Donie Mulvihill had to give best, this time at least, to a young superbly-fit Askeaton side, and there were emotional scenes as West chairman, John Carrig tried to sound neutral as he presented the cup to captain Finty Ryan.

This must be the youngest team ever to win a West title. The average age of the fourteen out-field players is just under 23 yet they are vastly experienced, most of them have already three West championships to their credit. The youngest line is the full forward line, with ages of 20, 18 and 17, and what a success they proved to be, scoring two goals and three points between them.

The team lined out: T. Madigan, Eamon McDaid, P. Ives, D. Barron, Enda McDaid, T. O'Connell, Eunan McDaid, P. Barrett, D. Moran, A. Moran, F. Ryan, K. Hanley, R. Neville, M. Fitzgibbon, C. Ryan. Sub, J. O'Donnell.

Of course, we meet the same opposition in the County semi-final next Sunday week which gives us two weeks to recover from the celebrations. We would be very foolish to think that St. Kieran's will be easy picking next time, for their pride is stung and they certainly will be a harder nut to crack. However, our lads, with the prospect of a County title just on the horizon, will spare nothing in preparations and it will take a good team to stop them.

15.10.83  
**Askeaton**

Our annual collection will be taken up next Sunday and our supporters, it is hoped, will subscribe in their usual generous manner. Most people realise that the G.A.A. is an important force in the life of the community. We are but the present keepers of a tradition that goes back a very long way indeed. We hope to hand that tradition intact and perhaps enhanced to the next generations.

Nearly thirty years ago G.A.A. men of vision in our town purchased the present field, then called The Meadow. Successive committees down the years have continued to improve facilities there, and the present one is no exception. Anybody who wonders where the money goes should take a stroll up the passage to see our new club pavilion being developed. There are great possibilities here for future social gatherings, especially of a Gaelic nature.

The field itself has never been busier, bringing much needed business to the town and next Sunday is a very big day indeed, with the two under 21 county finals, football and hurling, fixed for here.

But our most important work is the time given to organising games for our young people. In all, we catered this year for eight football teams, from senior to under 12, and five teams in hurling from minor to under 12. This takes time and dedication, but it also takes money. This is where our supporters can help and we know they will help.

17.12.83  
**Askeaton  
are champs**

**ASKEATON 2-6  
ST. KIERAN'S 1-3**

An expertly taken penalty by M. McDaid in the first-half and a Barney Rock like special by brother Malachy in the second-half, laid the foundations for this victory for the homesters over old rivals St. Kieran's on Sunday last at wet and windy Pairc na nGael, in collecting their second title over their arch rivals this was a splendid end of the season display by Askeaton.

Exchanges were close in the first-half and it became obvious that teamwork and stamina would be the deciding factor due to the heavy underfoot conditions, and these Askeaton had in abundance especially in the second-half, when the losers failed to score.

Lady luck was with Askeaton in the fact that John O'Donnell who was captain for the day (he earlier had received a trophy from the club for over 20 years dedicated and loyal service), won the toss and elected to play with the wind, and during the interval it changed direction and seemed to favour the winners in the second half also.

**Club G.A.A. 14/1/84**  
**Askeaton**

At our recent A.G.M. in our clubhouse, which was one of the best attended in recent years, there was plenty of discussion and lively debate. The Sec., in his report, outlined a busy year's work and stressed the importance of the under age competitions.

It is regretted that he, Dermot Gallagher, finds it impossible, due to increased business commitments, to continue as secretary.

The chairman, in his report, urged team and club members to forget the disappointment of last year's county semi-final defeat and to start immediately to mark the centenary year by winning the county senior football championship. Only those who are fully committed to this objective will be included in the senior panel.

Treasurers Jim Enright and Mick Barry, in their report, showed how much money it takes to run a senior club and at the same time keep up with the task of bringing our ground and amenities to an even higher standard.

There was much demand at the meeting to affiliate a novice hurling team, but it was felt that this decision could not be taken lightly, having regard to the effect it would have on neighbours Kilcornan. The matter will be further discussed at committee level.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: chairman, Michael Ryan; vice-chairman, B. Mangan; sec., Liam Dillon; assistant secretary, D. Gallagher; treasurers, J. Enright and M. Barry; registrar, Fintan Ryan; P.R.O., Ml. Ryan.

Senior football selectors: Tommie Carrig, Donie Nestor, Francie Kenny.

Junior football selectors: Mattie Connell, Christy Carrig, with another yet to be appointed.

The local Wyeths team lost the All-Ireland junior football inter-firm final last Saturday after a second re-play. Beaten two points, they certainly lost no friends at the end of a great season, and with a reasonable amount of luck the All-Ireland cup would be resting by Deelside.

Our seniors lost the final of the Tim Daly Cup for the West Limerick-North Kerry League, beaten three points last Sunday. This was a fine game, fiercely competitive and considering the time of year, the football was excellent. A couple of defensive errors and the squandering of gift goal chances left Ballydonoghue off the hook when they had their backs to the wall in the final ten minutes, but more matches against opposition of this calibre would surely be of benefit to our lads. We wish a happy New Year to all our supporters.

**Club G.A.A.:**

**Askeaton 11**  
**beat**  
**Tarbert 8/4**

Askeaton .....1-7  
Tarbert .....0-5

Askeaton qualified to meet Ballydonoghue (Kerry) in the final of the North Kerry-West Limerick senior football competition when they had a five points margin to spare over their Kerry rivals at Askeaton on Sunday last. Despite the bad weather this was a very good game of football with a mixture of vintage Kerry stuff and a fair amount of Limerick skill, and, above all, it proved that in Pat Barrett Askeaton had one of the best players ever to grace Limerick football. On Sunday, Barrett was poetry in motion, running, fetching, laying off balls that had the Kerry lads constantly back-peddling. But this was by no means a one-man effort as the winners had other stars on the day, D. Barron, P. Ivers, T. O'Connell, D. Moran and the McDaid brothers all played a major part in this win and so it looks at this stage as if Askeaton are set to win their third major competition of the year. Tarbert were best served by Patsy O'Connell, the Wren brothers, Michael and James Carrig.

Ref.: Leo McCaffrey (Moyvane).

**Askeaton 11-2-84**

There is much excitement in our club, and especially amongst the older members and supporters at the news that Askeaton area putting out a junior hurling team this year. A great hurling stronghold in the old days, we have not fielded a junior hurling team since the mid sixties, when football began to rule the roost. In this, the centenary year, we felt that the best way to celebrate it would be to re-establish the national game of hurling in our parish. We therefore, are affiliating hurling teams at junior, novice, minor, U. 16, U. 15, U. 14, and U. 12. We are, of course, also affiliating the full range of football teams, with, this year, including an extra in novice junior football.

This will place a huge financial drain on our club (the novice hurling is estimated to cost about £1,000), but it is felt that the parish, whose honour we promote, will help us by supporting the various fund raising schemes. The most immediate of these, and perhaps the most enjoyable, will be our buffet supper dance at the Coach Inn on Sat night, 18-2-84.

Terence Madigan, after fiving over 20 year service to our club, has transferred to his native Kilcornan where we hope his talents will be used to the full. Antony and Donie Moran and Pete McDonoghue have returned to assist their native Ballysteen It is also good to note that Ballysteen are themselves celebrating the centenary by putting out a novice hurling team, which means there are now three hurling teams where only one has existed for years.

We welcome the co-option to our committee of Oliver Haskett, chairman of the Clare Supporters Club, and now living in Askeaton.

This Friday night we host a Senior Scor semi-final in the Hall.

Some great items are assured from

**GAA 7-1-84**

**Daly Cup**  
**Askeaton**  
**final**

The final of the North Kerry-West Limerick senior football competition for the Tim Daly Perpetual Cup takes place on Sunday next, Jan. 8, at Askeaton, with a 2.30 start. This competition started three years ago after a motion by the Askeaton club to the West Convention in an effort to improve football standards in the division and Mr. Daly (supermarket), Askeaton, was first in to sponsor the competition. It is fair to say that the trophy is probably the best in the county for a football competition. The contestants for this year's decider are Ballydonoghue (Kerry) and Askeaton (Limerick).

The former had a good win over St. Kieran's in their semi-final while Askeaton accounted for Tarbert.

Ballydonoghue are rated as one of the top senior teams in North Kerry just now and they supplied five of the Kerry Co-Op team that won a thrilling All-Ireland Inter-Firm senior football final at the Gaelic Grounds, Ennis Road, recently. So they come with high hopes of taking the Daly Cup to the Kingdom for the first time. Askeaton, on the other hand, will be hoping that their recent good displays will win the day. Certainly if they can reproduce the form that beat St. Kieran's in the County League final and improve on their shooting on last Sunday's display we could have an absorbing final. One thing that is going for Askeaton at the moment is that half the team are training regularly under Tom Connell at the Askeaton venue in preparation for the All-Ireland final replay (Inter-Firm). It is expected that a big crowd will turn out to see this final. A junior competition on the same lines was started this year and was won by Castlemahon.

Ref. for Sunday is J. Langan.

**10/2/84 Askeaton**

The West Scor semi-finals held in Askeaton last Friday night were a tremendous success. Not only was there a large entry, but the quality was excellent all round, which sent a packed hall home well satisfied. The West Scor organisers have assured us that Askeaton will figure high in future Scor plans.

Our own club entries acquitted themselves well. Our ballad group of Sheila Fitzgerald, Eithne Dondon, Seanie Kelly, Don O'Donnell, and Cormac Ryan were head and shoulders above the opposition and go straight to the final in Ardagh this Sunday night, thus continuing our great tradition in this event. Eithne Dundon, who was second in Askeaton, has since qualified for the final of the solo singing by virtue of her winning through in Monagea.

Our novelty act of John and Joe Carrig gave us many laughs in "The Toff and the Tramp" and qualified for the Monagea semi-final where they were eliminated.

Our quiz team of Brian and Rosemary Mangan and Ml. Ryan lost in a tie-breaker finish to quiz specialists St. Kieran's and were then defeated by Feenagh in the Monagea semi-final. So this Sunday night we hope the Askeaton supporters will turn up in numbers to cheer our finalists in Ardagh.

Our club has heavy commitments this year, so we hope for a big attendance at our buffet social in the Coach Inn this Friday night. The county league trophies will be presented, Paddy Sax and company will provide the music and we should have a great night.

**17-3-84 Askeaton**

Our novice football team had a most enjoyable outing against Gerald Griffins last Sunday. Even though they lost by two points, few were disappointed and it was good to see many players whose best days are over, taking the field in a competitive match. The team was — John Kenneally, Pakie Donoghue, Tommy Carrig, Brian Mangan, Sean Barry, Ed Mannion, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Willie O'Shaughnessy, Bob Hennessy, Sean Purcell, Seamus O'Shaughnessy, Mike Manning, Bobby Horgan, Tom Corrigan, Niall Hanley. Subs., Mike Ryan, Pat Buckley.

There is hurling practice every Saturday afternoon for all ages, and attendance so far has been heartening. We did not realise the extent of the junior talent in the parish until we decided to put out our own team but now hurling is definitely on the way back in Askeaton.

The bingo committee, in association with the community council, have decided to switch from Saturday nights to Monday nights, starting the 19th, Bank holiday night. See advert. in Limerick Leader for details.

Our sympathy to our great clubman, James O'Donoghue on the death of his father.

Best wishes to our life president, Chris Walsh, who is recovering after an operation.

Two of our club members, Paddy Barrett and Finty Ryan have been selected for the annual

## 31/3/84 Askeaton

The long awaited final of the Credit Union Cup (under-14 hurling) takes place this Saturday afternoon at Askeaton when the locals meet old rivals St. Kieran's. This, of course, is last year's final, delayed for many reasons, including inclement weather. We have many excellent hurlers at this level who will carry the hopes of many for an eventual hurling come-back by Deelside.

The teams will be chosen from the following panel: Patrick Ruttle, Patrick McCarthy, Tony Curran, Sean Moran, Tommy Allen, Aidan Ryan, Brian Gammel, Robert Kirwan, Brian McDaid, Sean Curran, Enda Ryan, Pat and Mike Neville, Tom Hayes, Noel Ryan, David O'Connor, Christy Walsh, John Walsh, Francie Walsh, Roy Shields, Barry Sheahan, Paul Condon.

Three of our under-16 footballers, Ger Somers, John Shiels and Robert Kirwan had the benefit of a trial match for a West Limerick team which will meet the city division at Askeaton at 6 p.m. this Sunday. They acquitted themselves well and with Paul Hanley who couldn't make the trip, are on the panel to attend.

There is football training for all grades on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for hurling on Wednesdays and Saturday afternoons. Our minor hurlers meet Rathkeale next Wednesday evening and our junior footballers meet St. Senan's shortly.

## Askeaton

12.5.84

Our Senior footballers are on the crest of a wave at the moment. After their scintillating performance against Ballysteen in the first round, they produced some sparkling football last Sunday evening to demolish Newcastle west with a score of 2-15 to 1-5.

Our forwards have a last begun to knit together and team captain Tom O'Connell is an inspiring leader. Firty Ryan with 2-5 and Enda McDaid 0-6 were the chief scorers, but all played their part in a fine team performance. The big test comes on Saturday night when we meet St. Kierans at Newcastle West. It's then we'll know the real strength of our team.

Our juvenile footballers had a fine win last Friday night over a much fancied St. Senans. At one stage all looked lost, but they staged a great rally to win by 2-5 to 2-0. John Shiels got some fine scores, as did Patrick Neville, who was an inspiration to his colleagues.

Our Junior footballers had a fine win over Pallaskenry in the league, and our Novice team took the points from Glin with a great display.

## Askeaton

21.6.84

Last Sunday at Rathkeale, after a lapse of almost 20 years, Askeaton re-entered the junior hurling arena, taking on Tour in the novice hurling championship. Many old-time hurlers from Askeaton were on the sideline, not knowing what to expect, and were enthralled as they proceeded to demolish Tournaffulla with a mixture of enthusiasm and skill that lifted many a heart. Amazingly, Tour failed to raise a flag in answer to our 5-6, and our goalie made just one save in the hour.

Our novice footballers, though failing by 2 pts. to St. Senan's, put up a heartening display and should soon hit the winning trail. Our u. 16 hurlers got a walk-over when Kilcornan surprisingly failed to show up, and unfortunately Patrick Ruttle fractured an arm in the pre-match puck about. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our under 14 hurlers take the field this Saturday in Feile na nGael and our u. 16 footballers play St. Kieran's in Rathkeale on Friday night.

## Askeaton

7.6.84

Our under-14 hurlers are once again proud holders of the magnificent credit union trophy after beating old rivals Coolcappa-Kilcoleman in an exciting final last Saturday.

Thus, Enda Ryan became the fourth Askeaton captain in the five year history of the competitions to receive the fine replica of the McCarthy Cup and Conemara marble trophies, Coolcappa having won in '81.

The game was one of swaying fortunes, but Rob Kirwan and Brian McDaid had the edge at mid-field and half way through the first half a long free from Kirwan went all the way to the net for a rather soft goal. Shortly afterwards, the ever-alert Mike Neville pulled first time on a hopping ball for a brilliant goal and we were fairly happy at the break.

However, Coolcappa-Kilcoleman made fierce efforts to get on terms in the second half, but goalie "Rocky" Ruttle was unbeatable, while the full line of A. Curran, S. Moran and P. McCarthy were very sound. Aidan Ryan at centre-back had his usual fine game as had T. Allen and B. Gammel at half back. When Pat Neville flashed an Enda Ryan cross to the net things looked rosy, but the goal was disallowed, but a spell of pressure brought its reward and Noel Ryan goaled from a melee to put the issue beyond doubt. The Neville brothers, Pat and Mike were always a threat, Enda Ryan showed plenty of skill, the strength of Noel Ryan and the hard pulling of Christy Walsh caused endless trouble while Sean Curran and later Roy Shiels worked hard.

Our novice hurlers took on a depleted Kilcornan side in a challenge. They won easily and gave warning that they will be in there with the best when the real business starts.

## Askeaton

The death has taken place in England of Joe Kennally, formerly of Coolrahare. Joe was one of the few survivors of the Askeaton team that won the county junior hurling title in 1935 and spent many years in the merchant navy. To his sister, Mrs. Peggy O'Connor, of Plunket Road, to his brothers, Jim and Willie in England, and to his many relatives in Askeaton, we extend sympathy.

An all-night sponsored card game takes place in the GAA Clubhouse this Good Friday night. It was stated in error in these notes a couple of weeks ago that this function was in aid of the school for the deaf. We now wish to state that the game is, in fact, for the West Limerick Rehabilitation Centre in Newcastle West.

Congratulations to Pat Buckley, sales manager at Smiths Motors in Limerick, on being elected hon. sec. to Motor Salesman, Limerick Centre. Pat held various positions, including secretary of the local GAA club over a period of years.

21.4.84

## Askeaton

30.6.84

Our U. 12 footballers are blazing the trail at the moment. Last week, having beaten Adare by a single point, in a replay, they faced a very fancied Newcastle West side and came from behind to win by the narrowest of margins. What a heart-stopper that was! Defeat stared them in the face when N.C.W. goaled with ten minutes to go, but these youngsters are fighters in the best traditions of the parish and the reward came when Pat Fitzgerald, with but two mins. left, goaled from a long free.

This team, which is gathering a bigger following with each game, lined out: V. O'Keffe, T. Gammel, F. Walsh, J. Kelly, P. Harty, J. Walsh, S. Fitzgerald, P. Nestor, M. Neville (capt.), S. Shaughnessy, P. Fitzgerald, D. Barry, M. Scanlan, P. McMahon, S. Gallagher. Sub.: K. Costelloe.

Last Monday night the above team, with S. McMahon on instead of S. Gallagher, reached new heights when beating a fine Mountcollins side by 2-4 to 1-3 to reach the West Final where Glin, who easily accounted for Foynes, will be our opponents. Glin will start favourites, but our lads, under John Carrig's tuition, have shown remarkable improvement from match to match, and there is more in them.

Our senior footballers made heavy work of disposing of a disappointing Newcastle West side in the semi-final last Sunday. Our lack of scoring power up front is our main weakness. Our midfield of E. MacDaid and P. Barrett, and our half back line of John Horgan, Tom Connell and Eunan MacDaid ensured an almost continuous supply of ball but chances were squandered. The team lined out: R. Kelly, D. Barron, P. Ives, E. MacDaid, Euran MacDaid, T. O'Connell, J. Horgan, Anda MacDaid, P. Barrett, M. MacDaid, M. J. O'Donoghue, S. Kelly, C. Ryan, F. Ryan, R. Neville. Sub.: M. Carrig, B. Ryan.

## Askeaton

23.6.84

Our U. 12 footballers, who drew the previous week with Adare, went one better last Wed. night when they won a thrilling replay by one point. At half time, having played with wind and rain, our position looked desperate, having been held to level scoring. Then after holding Adare scoreless for eight minutes, Paul McMahon, from a quick break away, got a golden goal.

This proved decisive, for our backs, though conceding 2 points, and under constant pressure, denied Adare the goal they so badly needed.

The team lined out: V. O'Keffe, F. Walsh, S. McMahon, T. Walsh, P. Harty, J. Walsh, S. Fitzgerald, T. Gammel, M. Neville

(capt.), S. O'Shaughnessy, D. Barry, P. Fitzgerald, P. Nestor, P. McMahon, J. Kelly. Sub. who played: K. Lynch and Wayne Lenihan.

Our senior footballers, preparing for their West semi-final clash with N.C.W. at Rathkeale on Sunday next, had a good win over Tarbert at Tarbert.

Our novice hurlers continue on their winning way and through beating Gerald Griffin's 5-7 to 1-5, are the only unbeaten team in our group after four matches.

Between regulars and subs. we have given games or part-games to a total of 25 players, which says something for a parish that had no team last year.

Sunday's team lined out: C. Ryan, P. O'Donoghue, M. Ryan, J. O'Donoghue, S. Barry, T. Corrigan, D. Neville, R. Neville, S. Kelly, G. Cantillon, E. Murphy, E. Kirwin, R. Kelly, F. Ryan, B. Hennessy. Subs.: M. Hennessy, H. Ryan.

## Askeaton

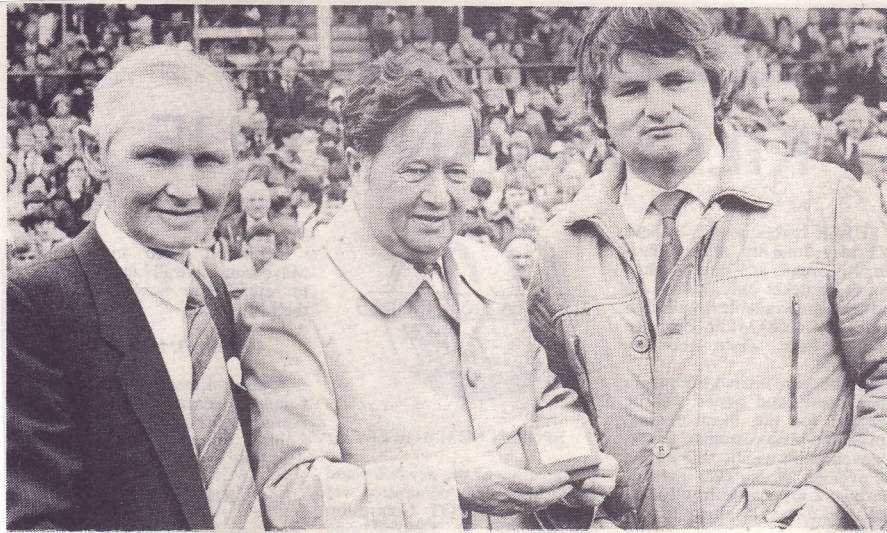
16.6.84

Our novice hurlers, though forced to field without Paddy Barrett, Dan Neville and Ken Hanley of the team that beat Tour, and losing the lion-hearted Dick Costelloe through injury, were nevertheless too good for a very game Ballingarry side. Newcomer Ger Cantillon and locals Bobby Hennessy and Mike Dillon filled the gaps in gallant fashion, and Jimmy Donoghue also impressed when drafted in.

Our defence was sound, Tom Corrigan having a 'blinder' when moved to centre-back; our mid-field of Ray Neville and Sean Kelly were mostly in command and though Fintan Ryan was scorer-in-chief, Paddy Carrig had a glorious second half. The final score was 2-6 to 1-2 in our favour.

Our under-12 footballers, having beaten St. Kieran's in the first round, played a thrilling draw with Adare on Friday night last. Leading by two points we were rattled by an Adare goal with ten minutes to go, but our lads swept up the field and after several near misses, got the equalising point and then missed a great goal chance. However, a draw was a fair result.

Finally, our novice hurlers played Croagh last Sunday night in Askeaton in the third round of the championship and though again short the above-named, maintained their unbeaten record, winning by four points, 1-11 to 1-7 after a hard game.



Mr. Michael Ryan (left) and Mr. John Carrig, on behalf of Askeaton G.A.A. Club, making a presentation to RTE commentator, Michael O Hehir, in appreciation of his great contribution to Gaelic games down the years. **3.6.84**

**Club GAA: 18.7.84**  
**Askeaton**

Our club wish to thank all who helped to make the staging of the Munster U-21 final at our field such a tremendous success, and which proved beyond all doubt that Askeaton deserves to be made the football capital of Limerick. We thank the West and County Boards and the Munster Council for their help, also the members of neighbouring clubs. Especially we thank Thomas Crowe, Brendan Nestor and Jimmy McKnight, whose fields we used for free car parking — a facility much appreciated by visitors.

Our juvenile hurlers wrote history recently when winning the West U-16 championship (Grade C), being the first winners of this championship, and the first team to bring a hurling championship to Askeaton since our minors had a three-in-a-row in 1945-46-47. This historic team lined out: Pat Neville, Sean Moran, Paul Murphy, Tommy Allen, Pat McCarthy, Paul Hanley, Gus Gammel, Sean Carrig, Rob Kirwan, Noel Ryan, Ger Sommers, John Shiels, Mike Neville, Enda Ryan, Christy Walsh.

Our senior footballers take the field this Thursday evening at Rathkeale in the twice-delayed West final v. St. Kieran's. If we win, we meet Ahane, perhaps on Saturday night next. The losers meet Oola.

**Club GAA: 8.9.84**  
**Askeaton**

Excitement is rising in the parish coming up to county final day, when our lads attempt the big breakthrough to win the county senior football title since '72. Our only link with that '72 team is Michael John O'Donoghue, in goals then and now a full forward of menace.

We last took part in the county final when losing to Oola in '79, and seven of that team are likely to take the field on Sunday against Claughaun.

The attendance at training sessions, rather poor before the West final, has now reached the stage where players can't get enough, and even on wet evenings there is a full muster of players. Confidence is high, but is tempered by a cautious respect for the city lads. We know that we will have to raise our game even above the level of the county semi-final, when some of our lads turned in their finest hour ever for Askeaton, shocking St. Kieran's rather rudely in the process.

It is hoped to run a bus to the Gaelic Grounds, and those interested should contact M. Ryan, J. Carrig, F. Kenny immediately. It is also the intention of the club to lay on a dinner in the clubhouse immediately after the match, to which former winning captains, plus the survivors of the 1935 county junior hurling final team will be invited.

Our u-15 hurlers had a good win over Rathkeale last Saturday night, on the score of 4-3 to no score.

A feature was the great display of Frannie Walsh in goals.

**Askeaton**  
**15.9.84**

We salute our footballers who tried all they knew to bring the centenary senior football championship to Askeaton, but it was not to be. Claughaun, physically more suited to the adverse conditions, are worthy county champions and gracious winners and we wish them well in the All-Ireland club championship.

The panel of players and their women folk were treated to a hot dinner at our clubhouse after the match. Also present were the captains of the four previous teams who brought the county title to the Parish, Tony Fitzgerald, Liam Shaughnessy, Basil Fitzgibbon, and D. J. Daly, with Tyler Madigan, Jack Gallagher, and Jimmy McKnight, members of the team who won our only county junior hurling title, and many a yarn was swapped by these great warriors of the past.

Our thanks to Kevin Sheahan, 'Top of the Town' Bar, who sponsored a complete set of gear for the team and to Golden Vale, who sponsored the milk for the dinner.

Our under 15 hurlers, though losing to Granagh-Ballingarry put up a great show against a team who had already beaten them Adare.

This West semi-final was a hard fought affair, but some early scores proved decisive for Ballingarry. However, our performance gives hope for the future.

The team was: P. Ruttle, T. Allen, S. Moran, E. Curran, A. Gammel, A. Ryan, N. Ryan, R. Kirwan, B. McDaid, P. Neville, E. Ryan, R. Shiels, M. Neville, C. Walsh, F. Walsh.

Robert Kirwan as the best player in view and what a loss he will be when he moves to Adare.

**Askeaton**  
**29.8.84**

With our footballers almost finished their season (only the final of the Abbeyfeale tournament remains), it is up to our hurlers to lift our spirits. Who in Askeaton would have thought that it would be left to them to save the day? However, the hurlers themselves are a very determined bunch, they take their business seriously and they are training hard.

Tom Corrigan, who is recovering from an eye injury, will be a big loss if he cannot lineout, but we have a panel of thirty players, all eager for hurling and it will be difficult to pick a team.

Our under 14 hurlers have been in action twice recently, in the Credit Union Cup, but without success. We have hit a valley period in this grade after some good years, most of last year's team being over age, but there is plenty of young talent coming up and there is good hope for next year.

## Askeaton

23.10.84

Our tremendous club spirit was in evidence last week-end when, despite the actions of the thugs who cut down our goal-posts the field was in its usual good shape for the u-21 football county quarter-final. The club wishes to thank those voluntary helpers who put in long hours on Saturday to erect temporary goal posts.

Congrats. to our novice hurlers who won the west quarter-final when defeating a very fancied Knockaderry side by 2-10 to 0-3. Having played with a fresh breeze our half-time lead of 1-6 to 0-3 was precarious enough. However, our lads really sparkled in the second half, the half-back line in particular rising to great heights and with Finty Ryan now at midfield with Seanie Kelly, our rivals attack was put on starvation diet and failed to raise a flag in the second half.

Goalie Cormac Ryan cleared everything that came his way, the full-back line was rock solid under pressure, 17-year-old Dan Neville showing remarkable coolness and tenacity. The half-back line has been our sheet anchor all year. Seanie Kelly is a flier at mid-field and when his partner Ray Neville gets back to his usual fitness we will have no worries here.

In attack we would like to see less dependance on Finty Ryan for scores, he scored 1-6 with the other goal being deflected past the goalie by S. Kenneally from a powerful R. Neville drive, with points from G. Cantillon, K. Hanly, S. Kelly and D. Costelloe.

The team: C. Ryan, P. O'Donoghue, M. Ryan, D. Neville, E. Murphy, S. Barry, S. Kelly, R. Neville, R. Hennessy, M. J. O'Donoghue, G. Cantillon, H. Ryan, K. Hanly, D. Costelloe, F. Ryan.

We meet Feohanagh in the semi-final on November 4.

## Askeaton

10.11.84

Our novice hurlers are certainly providing a small but dedicated band of supporters with pleasure. Three Sundays ago they handed out a 13-pt. defeat to Knockaderry in the West quarter-final. The following Sunday they held a Feenagh team containing seven juniors to a thrilling draw in the final of the Tournafulla tournament and last Sunday in the West semi-final they turned in a great second half 1/2-hour's hurling to defeat Feohanagh, again with a 13-pt margin to spare.

Again, as against Knockaderry, our half-time position, after playing with the sun and fall of ground, was anything but secure, but two brilliant goals by Ray Kelly and Ger Cantillon in the third quarter lifted our lads to such an extent that our rivals were held to one pt. in the second half. Our full-back line was once again unbeatable, conceding no goal and our half-back line, as we have come to expect, dominated throughout. Midfield, after a shaky enough first half, got well on top and most of the forwards got in the scoring.

The team lined out: C. Ryan, J. Donoghue, M. Ryan, D. Neville, S. Barry, D. Costelloe, E. Murphy, S. Kelly, R. Neville, G. Cantillon, F. Ryan, M. J. O'Donoghue, R. Kelly, K. Hanly, S. Kenneally. Subs., M. Dillon, E. Mannion, R. Hennessy.

We now meet Broadford in the final on Nov. 25.

All hurlers are requested to be at the field at 2 p.m. next Sunday for an extended training session.

Will all Ciste Gael car ticket sellers hand in tickets, sold and unsold, by the end of this week.

## Askeaton

26.11.84

The West Scór na nOg final held in Askeaton last Friday night was an unqualified success. A huge attendance were treated to a marvelous night's entertainment from a very large entry with a very high standard all round.

Congratulations to our ballad group, Michael and Oonagh McMahon, Caroline and Pauline Sheehy and Maeve Fitzgerald, who gained first place and go straight to the West final in Ardagh on December 1st. They must be our brightest hope for a West win. Also to our solo singer, the same Maeve Fitzgerald, our musicians, John O'Donnell and Sean Carrig, our recitation hope, little Genevieve Jones and our quiz team of Justin Foley, Colin Daly and Enda Ryan, all of whom, being second, go to the last semi-final in Ballyhahill this Friday night. We wish them well, Let's not forget our figure dancers and polka dancers who represented us so well, even though they were not placed. They are very young and their turn will come. Our sincere thanks to those who worked so hard to prepare the competitors and to those who helped on the night.

Limerick footballers have once again proved that Askeaton is their lucky ground when, back-boned by five local players, they fashioned a great win over Fermanagh last Sunday. In fact, they haven't lost a senior match here for a number of years.

Next Sunday is the day our novice hurlers have been dreaming about all the year. I have marvelled at their determination as I watched them on cold, often wet nights being put through gruelling disciplines on the flood-lit field, disciplines that would test a super star. I know that Broadford, our rivals in the final, are trying at least as hard, and are as starved for success as we are, so a great game is assured in Rathkeale at 1.45.

However, the sad part of it is that Limerick footballers will be without Paddy Barrett and Finty Ryan in their quest for two vital points in Tipperary on Sunday. We tried to get the hurling match off but it was not possible. We wish them luck.



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## Askeaton

19-1-85

There was a fine attendance at our A. G. M., held in the clubhouse last Saturday night. Officers elected were life president, Chris Walsh; president, Very Rev. T. Canon Kirby, P.P.; chairman, Michael Ryan; vice-chairman, Brian Mangan; secretary, Mrs. Breda Ryan; treasurers, Jim Enright and Mick Barry; registrar, Fintan Ryan; P.R.O., Ml. Ryan.

Senior football selectors, with responsibility for junior and u-21, are Donie Nestor, Tommy Carrig, Peter Neville, Francie Kenny, and Ml. Walsh.

Junior hurling selectors: Pat Enright, Dick Costelloe, Michael Ryan. Seanie Barry was placed in charge of under-age hurling, with Brian Mangan taking over under-age football.

West Board delegates: Mattie Carroll and Francie Kenny. Co. Board delegates: Donie Nestor and Jim Enright.

Members were urged to help out in fund-raising activities. The club has a large overdraft to clear, yet much further expenditure is necessary to bring our facilities up to the standard expected. Hot showers are an urgent necessity.

Paddy Barrett was congratulated on his selection on the Munster football team, an honour richly merited, and Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice was congratulated on his selection on the Bank of Ireland All-Star hurling team.

Guests present were Rev. Fr. Michael Cussen, C.C., and West Board chairman, John Carrig.

## Askeaton

16-2-85

Last Friday night's west senior Scor finals were the most successful ever for our club. We reached two milestones in our Scor history, which, having regard to our involvement almost from its beginning seems rather surprising.

Firstly, we won the senior quiz for our first time ever, a sweet victory indeed, bearing in mind the many near misses in which two of the team are so often involved.

Secondly, it was the first time our club won more than one event in a night. Our ballad group gave a beautiful performance to be clear winners in this event, a category in which Askeaton has had much success.

For Theresa McMahon it was her fourth West success, with two county titles to boot, but for the others it was the reward for several years of being second best, both at junior level and for the past three years at senior level.

To crown all this, our novelty act team improved immensely on sem-final form to take a very deserved second place to a brilliant Feenagh-Kilmeedy act. The competitors involved in above are as follows:

Quiz team—Brian Mangan, Brian Collins, Michael Ryan.

Ballad group—Theresa McMahon, Eithne Dundon, Don O'Donnell, Seanie Kelly, Cormac Ryan.

Novelty act—John Carrig, Joan Carrig, Joe Carrig, Tony Carrig, Mike Foley and Pat Buckley.

We now look forward to the county finals at the Savoy on Sunday night, February 24th, and we invite local supporters to turn up in force.

The result of the open draw for the county football championship was received with great interest and some initial trepidations in Askeaton.

We are beintely drawn in the toughest half of the field, yet there is now a feeling of eagerness among the players to get going. We realise that if we good enough we will come through.

## Athea

9/2/85  
The annual meeting of Athea GAA Club was held recently in the Memorial Hall. There was a good attendance. A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the club's former president, the late Jack McAuliffe. Satisfaction was expressed at the completion of the dressingrooms in the new park.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Mossie Shine; chairman, Mr. Pius Collins; vice-chairmen, Mr. Pat Hunt and Mr. T. J. Reidy; secretary, Mr. Oliver McGrath; treasurer, Mr. Tommy White; PRO, Mr. Mick Ahern.

Selectors, Messrs Tim Woulfe, Con Noonan, Joe Brouder.

Junior captain, Pius Collins; u-21 captain, Michael McAuliffe; minor captain, John Shine; novice captain, Conor Mullane.

Delegates to West Board, Lal Browne, Oliver McGrath, Tim

Woulfe. Very Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, PP, and Rev. Fr. Costello, C.C., were appointed as patrons of the club.

## Askeaton

14-5-85

Our minor hurlers had their most significant break-through for years when they trounced Feohanagh in the replay of their drawn championship match. Powered by a tremendous half-back line in which Dan Neville was head and shoulders above anyone Feohanagh could put on him and by full forward Albert Bourke who scored 2-7 of our 2-12 total, the opposiwuon was held to a goal and a point.

The team lined out: Pat Neville, S. Moran, P. Murphy, P. Hanly, R. Foley, D. Neville, J. Sheila, E. Barry, R. Kirwin, R. Shiels, G. Somers, J. Tobin, A. Enright, A. Bourke, E. Curran. Suby-qmvlwyed: T. Hoiland, B. Bourke.

Our U. 16 Footballers had alucky escape when a last minute goal gave them a draw with St. Senan's. They will have to show big improvement if they are to take the one point necessary from N.C.W. to ensure qualifying.

Our senior football team start their West Champ. campaign this Sat. . evenpm WHEN THEY PLAY Fr. Casey's in N.C.W. As is usual, our hopes are high, but hope is not enough.

## Askeaton

18-5-85

Our junior hurlers great run in the championship came to an end last Saturday night when, in a match that was contested with zeal and fervour right up to the final whistle, they lost by two points 1-5 to 0-6 to a good Rathkeale side.

One slip by our otherwise sound defence, which resulted in a goal just before half-time, proved the difference between victory and defeat and gave Rathkeale a lead that they held to the end.

The team lined out—P. Neville, Sean Moran, Paul Murphy, Paul Hanly, John Shiels, Dan Neville, Robert Foley, Ger Somers, Robert Kirwan, Roi Shiels, Joe Rushe, Eamonn Barry, Eamonn Purcell, Albert Bourke, Noel Ryan, subs. John Tobin, Sean Carrig.

Our under 16 footballers gave a poor display when failing to Newcastle on Sunday evening. They now have to meet St. Senan's to decide who goes through to the knock-out stages.

Our junior hurlers, who paid the penalty for fielding a much under strength team by losing last week to Granagh, will again be short next week when we entertain Drum at home. The pity is that for

## Askeaton

Our club are hoping for good local support this Friday night when our representatives try their best to bring glory to Askeaton at the Scor finals in Ardagh.

On the playing front, our club was represented at the co. under 21 hurling trial last Sunday by Seanie Barry, and the indications are that he is still in the running for a place.

At the West Board draws, we got a bye in the 1st round of the senior football. We also got a bye in the 1st round of the junior hurling and we play Templeglantine in the 2nd round. We meet St. Senan's in the 1st round of the junior football.

We had five members on the co. football team that played Kilkenny at Askeaton last Sunday and we look forward to another county fixture next Sunday when Limerick play Westmeath in Askeaton in the last round of the national football league. All club members are asked to help at the stewarding.

Welcome back to Charlie McCarthy, Donie O'Gorman, Brendan Sheahan, Ger Kelly and Ml. McCarthy who have transferred to their native place. Welcome also to Albert and Bernard Burke, to Tadhg Costelloe, Donal Cagney and Pat Donnegan who join our club for the first time.

9-2-85

## Akeaton

11-5-85

Our senior footballers started their West championship campaign on a winning note when, in a splendid match, they defeated Fr. Casey's by three points in NCW last Saturday.

We were short many established players, but by the way the newcomers performed, places will be hard earned this year. Paddy Ives made a welcome return after illness. Chris Kelly, promoted from the juniors, kept a safe goal while brother Pa, likewise promoted, was a thorn in the Fr. Casey's defence. This was a welcome display bearing in mind our forthcoming meeting with Oola in the co. championship.

Our minor hurlers are still in the championship, thanks to a draw with St. Marys last Sunday evening. This was a match we should have won easily, yet we were lucky to hold out in the end, facing the rain and strong wind. It was a game of fierce endeavour, the pulling was hard and the good attendance got real value for their money. The replay will probably be on this Saturday evening.

The team was — P. Neville, S. Moran, P. Murphy, P. Hanly, J. Shiels, D. Neville, R. Foley, E. Barry, R. Kirwan, R. Shiels, J. Rush, J. Tobin, N. Ryan, A. Bourke, E. Curran.

There will be no juvenile match this Friday.

Askeaton 5-9  
Sean Finns 2-6

THIS 1ST round senior football championship game played at Askeaton on Sunday last produced some great passages of football from both sides, despite the slippery underfoot conditions.

The boys in blue decided to play with the wind in the first-half, and for ten minutes or so played splendid football and raced into a three points lead and almost got a couple of goals, but for great defensive work by Ives and Neville. on the quarter hour mark Rathkeale scored an own goal against the run of play.

Burke and Barry added points before the losers had a splendid goal by Sheehan-O'Connell and Barron at midfield took over shortly after and when Big Tom ran at the Rathkeale defence he found Finty Ryan unmarked at the edge of the square, and he duly scored the winners second goal. Horgan and McDaid saved Askeaton on numerous occasions before half-time to leave the winners ahead by 4 pts. at the break for ten minutes of the second half, Rathkeale found new life and came thundering back in to the game to narrow the gap to two points, but then John R. Madigan and Finty Ryan together with Bourke and Barry produced three master moves for well-taken goals, points followed at will and the last ten minutes proved that the step up from junior to senior is indeed a big one. But fair dues to the upper Deel lads they tried gallantly to the end.

Newcastle West 0-9  
Askeaton 0-3

Newcastle West went into this game as hot favourites as they had six members of the County under 21 team on duty, but for fifty minutes the game hung on a tread as the losers rose to the occasion in great style.

And with R. Neville at No. 6 giving an outstanding display of all that is good in the game a surprise looked on the cards. The winners full-back brought off a fantastic save from A. Burke half-way through the first-half, and this enabled the winners to lead by 0-4 at the break.

With eight minutes left to play it was 0-5 to 0-3 and Askeaton missed two close in frees to the delight of the magpies. But in the last six the class of the winners shone out as Keane, Kelly, King, Sammon and Cremmin showed rare skills to put the issue beyond doubt with four good points.

However Askeaton with all but one of the team eligible for next year had great displays from the Nevilles, Burke, O'Donnell, Barry, Kelly and the youngest man on the field sixteen-year old John Shiels here surely is a player for the future, full marks to the Ballyhahill club for having all things in order. despite the winter like weather, also referee Pat Lane for

# Askeaton are far too good

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a splendid job.

## Fixtures

Saturday, May 17th (7.30 p.m.)

Quaid Park, S.F. Fr. Casey's v. Rathkeale.

Ballyhahill: Under 21 F. Athea v. St. Senans.

Novice Hurling: Ardagh, Monagea v. Adare, P. Molyneux.

Feenagh, Broadford v. Granagh, J. Long.

Dromcolliher: Killeedy v. Dromcolliher, Jack Quaid.

Croagh, Ardagh v. Knockaderry, T. Bustin.

Ballingarry (Old Field), Tournafulla v. Kilcornan, D. O'Keefe.

Sunday, May 18th—

Dromcolliher, 2 p.m. S.H. Feohanagh v. Ardagh, T. Bustin.

3.30 p.m. S.H. Killeedy v. Tournafulla, T. Long.

Askeaton: 2 p.m. S.H. Ballingarry v. Adare, J. Molyneux.

3.30 p.m. J.H.L. Rathkeale v. Kilcornan, D. O'Keefe.

Abbeylea, 7.15 p.m. under 21 final, Fr. Casey's v. Templeglantine, T. Woulfe.

Tuesday, May 20, at 7.30 p.m.

Junior Football League, Mountcollins, Mountcollins v. St. Senans, J. O'Sullivan.

Novice Football: Tournafulla, Fr. Casey's v. Mountcollins, B. Mullane.

Ballyhahill, Glin v. Gerald Griffins, P. Scannell.

Quaid Park: Dromcolliher v. Feenagh-Killeedy, J. Quaid.

Wednesday, May 21, 7.30 p.m.

Novice football: Croagh, Adare

v. Granagh, J. Lenihan.

Ardagh: Templeglantine v. Kilcornan, P. Molyneux.

Friday, May 23, 7.30 p.m.

Novice Football, Dromcolliher, Monagea v. Broadford, D. Carroll.

Saturday, May 24, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Football, Ballyhahill, Askeaton v. Fr. Casey's.

Askeaton, Sean Finns v. Glin.

Sunday, May 25, Senior hurling, Newcastle West, 2 p.m. Killeedy v. Ardagh, 3.30 p.m. Tournafulla v. Feohanagh.

Askeaton, 2 p.m. Newcastle West v. Adare.

Wednesday, May 28, 7.30 p.m.

Senior Football, Ballyhahill, Glin v. Newcastle West. Rathkeale, Askeaton v. Adare.

Saturday, May 31, 7.30 p.m.

Senior football, Tournafulla, Fr. Casey's v. Newcastle West.

Askeaton, Sean Finns v. Adare. Ballyhahill, Askeaton v. Glin.

Saturday, May 31, 7.30 p.m.

Senior football, Tournafulla, Fr. Casey's v. Newcastle West.

Askeaton, Sean Finns v. Adare. Ballyhahill, Askeaton v. Glin.

## Bord na nOg

Friday, May 16th,—Under 16

F.C. at Newcastle West, Gerald Griffins v. Dromcolliher, Broadford at 7 p.m. Pat O'Connor, at Rathkeale. Adare v. Knockaderry at 7 p.m. Seamus Burns.

Saturday, May 17th, Under 12

H.C. at Pairc Mac Uaid, 2 p.m. Granagh-Ballingarry v. Killeedy, Denis Carroll.

3 p.m. Dromcolliher-Broadford v. Tournafulla, Neilus

Browne, at Newcastle West.

2 p.m. Templeglantine v. Rathkeale.

3 p.m. Fr. Casey's v. Feohanagh.

Referee both Pat O'Connor.

At Rathkeale, 2 p.m. Askeaton v. Feenagh-Killeedy. 3 p.m. Knockaderry v. Ardagh. Referee both Seamus Burns.

At Ardagh, Newcastle West v. Gerald Griffins, 3 p.m. Paddy Molyneux.

At Croagh, Adare v. Croagh-Kilfinny 3 p.m. Jim Long.

Monday, May 19th, Under 14

H.C. at Ahalin-Knockaderry v. Granagh-Ballingarry at 7 p.m. Jim Long.

At Rathkeale, Adare v. Newcastle West at 7 p.m. Seamus Burns.

At Ballingarry, Croagh-Kilfinny v. Killeedy at 7 p.m. Davy O'Keefe.

At Coolcappa, Askeaton v. Ardagh at 7 p.m. Tommy Kelly.

At Ardagh, St. Kierans v. Feenagh-Killeedy, at 7 p.m. Paddy Molyneux.

At Glin, Glin v. Gerald Griffins at 7 p.m. Jim Orpan.

Referees please note their appointments.

Results, Under 16 H.C. Newcastle West 3-3. Knockaderry 2-2. Adare 4-2. Dromcolliher-Broadford 4-2.

Under 12 F.C. Knockaderry 4-4. Fr. Casey's 0-1 Mountcollins 1-1. Gerald Griffins 0-2.

Athea beat Askeaton.

St. Senans beat St. Kierans.



Askeaton winners of the under 14 football tournament promoted by Askeaton G.A.A. club last weekend.

Photo: Michael Hanley, Rathkeale.

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