

Great Limerick Athletes

(No. 2)—LARRY ROCHE of Bruree

(By SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH)

VERSATILITY has been an outstanding characteristic of our Irish athletes. As opposed to the specialisation of the Americans, the Irishman took a hand at everything.

This trait was probably a tradition of the pattern and cross-road meet, where jumps and weights were interspersed with "foot races," as they were called. Mayhap it was a Celtic characteristic, and though this all-round tendency has left us behind in the race against time and distance, it has much to commend it as a source of symmetrical development.

Standing 6 feet 1 inch, of handsome face and figure, Larry Roche was an outstanding man, one of our most versatile athletes, and a vigorous pioneer of Gaelic games.

A gentleman of big interests, his admirable qualities as judge and referee did much to put the G.A.A. in Limerick on a solid footing. At the age of 19 Larry Roche refereed the great County Senior Hurling final between South Liberties and Kilfinane, at Charleville, for the 1890 title, a grand sporting game won by "Liberties" with the only score of the day—a point.

One of the noblest and most distinguished sportsmen that ever appeared before the Gaelic "footlights," his name became a household word in Limerick and its surrounding counties, and his achievements were recorded in many lands.

RARE VERSATILITY.

His sporting category embraced a versatility in physical and skilful endowments which may well be held to stand as a record, for Larry Roche was a wonderful athlete, weight-thrower, sprinter, jumper, hurdler, who played and won the All-Ireland Football final with Limerick Commercials in 1896.

Writing in "Sport" almost two score years ago, that great authority on athletics, Ballylanders-born Frank B. Dinneen, said:

"I do not know even to a year how long ago it is since I first met Larry Roche. It is, perhaps, twenty-two or twenty-three years ago. That would take us back to the early 'nineties.

"I was on my way to Limerick, on the line from Charleville, and on looking out at Bruree I saw a tall, strapping, well built youngster walking the platform. He looked an athlete all over, and when he had reached the compartment I was travelling in, he entered and took a seat opposite me.

"I kept staring in admiration at the well built lad, for, in form and feature, face and limb, he was one of the best looking youngsters you could meet, and being full of admiration for anything in the way of a promising athlete, I was anxious to know who my companion was.

NEPHEW OF BOB COLL.

"He broke the ice himself; he knew me, and introduced himself by telling me he was a nephew of one of the greatest athletes that Ireland was ever proud of—Bob Coll of Dromin. He could not have

a better introduction to me, and I felt not a little proud of my judgment, even before young Roche told me he could do a bit at weights.

"Larry Roche proved himself an athlete from his boyhood. Being of powerful build, as a youth he made a study of weights, and, to keep himself fit, he played football. At both he shone.

"He won the All-Ireland Championship of the 16 lb. shot in 1897 (37 ft. 8½ ins.); and the previous year he won the All-Ireland Championship of pushing the 56 lbs., both under Gaelic laws. In 1894 he won, under I.A.A.A. laws, the 56 lbs. between legs without follow or run championship (24 ft. 4 ins.), and many other events at various sports meetings.

"I thought at one time that he was rather careless about training, for sometimes men of great build become careless. At times he would appear in great form at a sports meeting, and nothing could beat him; other days he would appear completely off colour; but he was possessed of that kind of temper that knows no defeat—and it invariably carried him through to success.

GREAT FOOTBALLER.

"He was a great footballer. I think it was with the Kilmallock Club he used to play, but, at any rate I know that Club invaded his house at Bruree one day and placed a marble slab, which contained a suitable inscription, into one of the walls of the house, the inscription recording his great services to the Club and his great deeds on the athletic field. I remember drying out one day from Kilmallock to view that testimony of appreciation. I remember reading the inscription, but the years that have rolled by since have made me forget more than that.

"He was a member of the Limerick Commercials football team that won the All-Ireland Football Championship in February, 1898, from the Dublin Young Irelands at Jones's Road; and when that match is spoken of by anyone they refer to the dash of young Roche, at midfield, when he broke from his place at half-back, rushed through his opponents, who could not prevent him, and sent the ball to his forwards, who made the proper use of it.

"I remember that famous dash of Larry Roche. I could liken it to nothing better than to the dash in the old days of horses of the Dublin Fire Brigade before the introduction of motors, when everyone cleared the way for the horses and all stood in admiration of their splendid gallop. For years the dash of the Fire Brigade reminded me of Roche's dash of victory that day long ago in February, 1898.

IN THE LONG JUMP.

"In the sports field, as apart from football, the day I was most pleased with him was at Kildorrery sports years ago. It was in the long jump competition. He was going great guns. The sun was on his back, with a strong wind against him. His strength helped him, and he won from very strong opposition. His run to the take-off was as grand as could be looked at. Such power, such speed, that I thought he could not take his tries, but he did. That was Larry Roche; he could not do things by halves.

"He took a prominent part in the administrative affairs of the Gaelic Athletic Association. He was Vice-President of the Central Council for a period; Chairman of the Limerick County Board, and represented Limerick on the Munster, Central and Athletic Councils. He refereed many important games and advocated several big changes in the Constitution of the Association, notably that one of taking over the control of cycling."

Prior to the founding of the G.A.A., hurling had practically died out owing to emigration and many other causes, culminating in the Black Winter of 1879, when the young men fled the country in thousands to America, New Zealand, and other lands.

The only football clubs functioning in Limerick in 1878-9 were Dromin and Feenagh. The Dromin team was led by such stalwarts as Bob Coll and Tom O'Connor, and Feenagh, by Frank Noonan, Pat Vaughan and Con Bresnihan.

Dromin first affiliated under G.A.A. rules in 1886. The President was Bob Coll, Maidstown Castle, and the captain, Larry Roche. The club disbanded in 1892 owing to many of its players emigrating to America. Those who remained at home joined the Kilmallock Club, and from 1894 to 1898 were seen to advantage in many a hard fought game. The Dromin footballers were all men of splendid physique who played with great dash and possessed a scientific turn which made their play a treat to witness.

WON 110 FIRST PRIZES.

During half a dozen years in the active arena Larry Roche won 110 first prizes under G.A.A., I.A.A.A. and A.A.A. laws, in the following athletic events, his best recorded performances being given, where available, in brackets:—100 yards flat, 220 yards flat, putting 42 lbs., three jumps (33ft. 1in.), running high jump (5ft. 5ins.), running long jump (22ft. 6ins.), putting 28 lbs. (30ft. 10½ins.), 16 lb. hammer (125ft.), putting 16 lb. shot (37ft. 8½ins.), slinging 56 lbs. with follow (29ft. 4ins.), and slinging 56 lbs. without follow (26ft. 9ins.).

The G.A.A. had a big field day at Stamford Bridge, London, on Easter Monday, 1896, when Larry

Roche figured with the Irish football team that beat London, 3-15-0-3. The same occasion, Munster hurlers beat Leinster, 5-7 to 0-0, and John Flanagan, of Kilmallock, broke two world's records at the sports meeting which followed.

Larry Roche was responsible for a Whit visit of a team of Limerick hurlers and athletes to London, 1904. They arrived on Sunday morning, and remained there until Tuesday night, being lavishly entertained by Liam McCarthy, President of the London County Board and donor of the All-Ireland Hurling Championship Cup, and the members of the Irish National Club.

On Whit Monday, at Elm Park Grounds, Lea Bridge, before a thousand spectators, Limerick beat the London-Irish, then holders of the All-Ireland title, 3-4 to 0-3.

The London-Irish returned to visit, when they arrived in Limerick on September 24th, 1904, being met at the railway station by thousands of citizens accompanied by two bands. An address of welcome was presented during a dinner at Geary's Hotel, over which Larry Roche presided, also in attendance being Ald. Michael Joyce, M.P., and Ald. John Daly.

The following day, at the Markets Field, Limerick scored another victory over the champions, the score being: Limerick, 4-11; London Irish, 2-6. Larry Roche was the referee.

The Limerick County Convention in 1909 found all competition up to date, and old debts cleared. This accomplished to his satisfaction, Larry Roche resigned all his representative positions and closed a grand career of successful endeavour in the cause of athletics.

No. 3—Tim Ahearne, of Athlone

G.A.A. MEETING.

At the annual general meeting of the local G.A.A. club on Monday night, the following officers were re-elected for the coming year:—

President, Very Rev. Canon Riordan; chairman, Rev. Father Houlihan; vice-chairman, Thomas Lynch; hon. secretary, Patrick Mulcahy; treasurer, P. Moloney.

It was decided to affiliate a junior, minor and juvenile team for the year, the respective captains being Joe Casey, Michael Moroney and Jim Maher. The funds of the club are in very good order, but it was decided to form a dramatic class with a view to further improve the financial position.

A member of the Army Jumping team is Lieutenant Tommy Moroney who was born in Bruff, Co. Limerick. Tommy has been in the Defence Forces for the past five years. His name is a household word in Galway, where he was stationed for many years, because he was one of the outstanding hurlers in the City of the Tribes and helped Galway and Connacht for the past four years. Last year he decided to throw in his lot with his native Limerick and played for them in the Munster Championship. His is an old and highly respected family in the Bruff area who have always been interested in horse-jumping. More will be heard of Tommy when the Army Jumping team goes into action in 1954.

1954 Bruff

BRUFF SPORTSFIELD

COMMITTEE

June 1954



The Committee responsible for Bruff's new Sportsfield. Front (left to right)—Mrs. C. Ryan, I.C.A.; M. J. Dunworth, Treasurer; Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., Chairman; J. Barry, Treasurer; Mrs. P. Kirby; Second row—Supt. J. Rabbitt, Dennis Barrett, Chris Ryan, Jerry O'Donnell, Bill Carmody, Ml. Hogan, Tom Lynch, N.T. Third row—P. J. Herr, David Cremins, W. O'Rourke, Ml. Noonan, Cornelius Ryan, M.C.C., and Pat Mulcahy.

oughton, life-long G.A.A. follower, former official of Limerick County board, G.A.A.

In 1951, Bruff felt that it needed sportsfield, but it was not until November, 1955, that a plot of ground (9½ acres) was inspected and a public meeting of the parishioners was called.

Addressing the meeting, Very Rev. A. Canon Riordan, P.P., explained that the land and leveling, not to mention equipment enclosure, boundary wall, sideline, seats, moving of some six E.S.B. pylons, equipping tennis grounds and miniature golf grounds, children's and adults' practice pitch, etc.) would come to a total of £500 at the very minimum.

Despite the almost unsurmountable obstacles that lay ahead it was unanimously decided to go ahead with the project and a committee was formed.

HOW THE MONEY WAS COLLECTED

1. Bruff Guild Muintir na Tire contributed £400, while house-to-house collection and appeals to Bruff natives in Ireland and abroad netted £1,500.
2. Proceeds from dances and carnivals, £800.
3. Raffles and Sale of Work, £100.
4. Each club represented on the Bruff Sportsfield Committee contributed £25.
5. Forty parishioners loaned the committee £25 each to pay off urgent bills.
6. These £25 loans were paid back within 40 weeks from the proceeds of two non-stop draws.
7. Munster Council G.A.A. £100 grant.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

Side-line seating to be completed. Tennis grounds and golf course to be fully equipped. Dressing rooms and other amenities to be provided.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED FROM THIS PROJECT

Where co-operation exists, no job is too big. The Committee wish to express their thanks to all, whether parishioners or outsiders, who helped in any way; public officials, their staffs, E.S.B., public representatives, etc., for their most active co-operation, without which the efforts of the Committee would be unavailing. Mile Maith Agaibh. Maith Agaibh.

BRUREE G.A.A.: LOCAL LEAGUE STARTED

Jan 56

MR. P. POTTER, Chairman, presiding at the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, held in the Hall, Bruree, welcomed all present and expressed pleasure at the fact that so many of the younger members of the Club were present. They in Bruree were at the cross roads as far as the senior hurling team was concerned. Most of the teams, who had given such service for a number of years are nearing the veteran stage, and while they had some good youngsters coming along, they were still too young to throw in against seasoned campaigners. Personally, he thought that minors were better off to go straight into senior hurling.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Secretary (Mr. Ml. Sexton) said that while the senior team did not do well in the championship, he felt that with proper training they would have gone further. They were in the finals of three tournaments. The minors and juveniles gave a very good account of themselves, being beaten only in the finals of the South by Kilmallock (who later won the County title), and Knockaney, respectively.

The balance sheet, which showed a small profit, was adopted.

It was decided to affiliate three hurling teams—senior, minor and juvenile.

OFFICERS.

The outgoing officers were re-elected unanimously as follows:—President, Mr. D. Horgan; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Joint Secretaries, Messrs. P. Fitzgerald and M. Sexton; Treasurer, Mr. T. Riordan; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. W. Leddin and M. Ward; Captain S.H. team, Mr. M. Riordan; Vice-Captain, Mr. J. Burke; Selection Committee—Captain, Vice-Captain, with Messrs. M. Mullane, B. Mullane and M. Potter; Chairman of Minor and Juvenile Club, Mr. M. Leahy; Secretary, Mr. M. Hogan; Treasurer; Mr. P. Moloney; Captain Minor team, L. Hogan; Vice-Captain, T. Horgan; Captain Juvenile team, F. Finn; Vice-Captain, P. Mahoney.

LOCAL LEAGUE.

In order to get the teams fit and give them training as soon as possible, it was decided to start a local league.

After a long discussion, it was decided to make it a 10 aside league of teams from Bruree, Howardstown, Rockhill and Ballytighe.

The draw for the first-round matches was made and resulted as follows: Bruree v. Hanards-town, Rockhill v. Ballytighe.

It was decided to play these matches at Bruree on 5th February, at 2 p.m.

ARRIVING DAILY

BRUREE CLUB MEETS

Success After 60 Years Reviewed

In the course of his address to the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, held at the Maigue Hall, Bruree, Mr. P. Potter, Chairman, said that the meeting was one of the most important held for years because they were now leaving Junior status and forming a senior team. He thanked all those who helped the club during the year.

Urging the club to keep a Minor team going in the parish, he said that the need for this was never more pronounced than this year, when three of their Minors reached the grade of being substitutes in the Junior hurling team that won the County Championship and would now have the honour, at tender ages, of receiving County medals. They had five schools within the area and they should try to form a League with those schools.

Mr. D. Horgan, President, in an address to the meeting, paid tribute to the sacrifices made by the players to turn out and train strenuously for the final, and he said that if the team held together and continued to train as they had done last year, until next October, he did not know of any team, taking them man for man, that could match the Bruree team if well trained.

Mr. Ml. Mullane, captain of the Junior hurling team, also spoke.

The following officers were appointed: Hon. President, Mr. D. Horgan, N.T.; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. Ml. Ward, John Culhane and Di. Byrnes; Secretary, Mr. Ml. Sexton; Treasurer, Mr. T. Riordan; Committee—Messrs. L. Connors, J. J. O'Brien, J. Burke, M. Jones, Ml. Mullane, D. Cahill, Henry Simcox, M. Riordan, E. Barry, J. Murphy, Wm. Leddin, Ml. Condon, C. Carroll, T. Martin, J. Winters, E. Howard, R. Horgan, H. Hogan and P. Fitzgerald.

It was decided to affiliate Senior hurling, Junior hurling, Minor hurling and Junior football teams, and the following were elected—S.H. Captain and Vice-captain, M. Mullane and C. Simcox; J.H. Captain and Vice-captain, H. Simcox and J. Murphy; J.F. Captain and Vice-captain, J. Burke and Ml. Potter. S.H. Selection Committee—Captain and Vice-captain, L. Connors, Ml. Sexton and J. Burke. J.H. Selection Committee—Captain and Vice-captain, Captain and Vice-captain of S.H. team and L. Connors, Ml. Sexton and J.

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BRUREE RECOVER TO FORCE DRAW 13/6/56 Feenagh-Kilmeeedy Win Replay

Rathluirc, 4-5; Bruree, 5-2

After a thrilling game at Newtownshandrum for a set of silver cups put up by the local branch of Macra na Feirme in a Carnival Tournament, Rathluirc and Bruree finished on level terms.

From the throw in of the ball excitement was at fever pitch with close and brilliant passages of play. At half time Rathluirc led by 3-4 to 1-1, but in the second half Bruree went all out to reduce the lead of their opponents. The Rathluirc defence was sound however, despite some determined attacks. S. McCarthy put the Co. Cork team a clear four goals ahead but undaunted by such a big margin Bruree combined well and played brilliant hurling, putting the Rathluirc defence under severe pressure which continued right up to the end. They were unable to hold the opposing forwards who had scores from M. Sexton, J. Carty, J. O'Brien and M. Riordan.

Burke, Representative on County J.H. Selection Committee for South Limerick, Ml. Sexton. Two representatives from the club on County J.H. Selection Committee: P. Potter and C. Simcox. Delegates to Co. Convention: P. Potter, T. Riordan, Ml. Mullane and J. Burke, J. F. Selection Committee—Captain and Vice-captain, P. Fitzgerald, J. Carney, L. Connors.

Mr. Ml. Mullane said that a set of hurleys had been presented to the club, in recognition of its success in winning the County Junior hurling final, by three priests natives of the parish, namely, Very Rev. W. Canon Carroll, Rathkeale; Rev. Fr. White, St. Michael's, and Rev. T. J. Lyons, do.

It was decided to distribute the hurleys to the members of the team, who drew lots, and were presented with the hurleys by the Chairman.

On the proposition of Mr. Ml. Mullane, seconded by Mr. C. Simcox, a vote of thanks was passed to the donors.

Bruree, 4-5; Knockaney, 4-4.
LIAM HOGAN, Limerick inter-county minor hurler, was the hero of Bruree's win over Knockaney in the South Limerick Hurling semi-final at Kilmallock on Sunday, when Bruree won by 5 goals and 5 points to 4 goals and 4 points, Knockaney having led at the interval by 3-3 to 2-0.

Apart from playing a warm-hearted game for the winners, young Hogan got two points at a crucial stage in the second half, one of which levelled the scoring, thirteen minutes from the end, and the other—10 minutes from the end—put his team ahead and proved to be the winning score.

Bruree's win was reminiscent of Kilkenny's win over Waterford in the All-Ireland final. Ten minutes after the resumption, Bruree were trailing behind by ten points and Knockaney seemed to have the winning of the game, but then came a Bruree rally that never let up until they levelled and went ahead. Knockaney kept trying right to the final whistle and some near misses by their forwards in the closing stages marked the end of an exciting game that produced, for the most part, good hurling.

THE SCORING.

B. Hanley opened the scoring with a goal for Knockaney, and R. Ryan followed with a goal before J. Simcox goaled for Bruree. L. Conway, with a goal, put Bruree ahead, but Knockaney came back and J. McNamara put them ahead again when he sent to the net. R. Ryan (point), C. O'Connell (goal) and J. McNamara (point) left Knockaney leading at the interval by 3 goals and 3 pts. to 2 goals.

Soon after the resumption Knockaney improved their lead with a point per J. McNamara, and a goal per B. O'Mahony. Then D. Byrnes started the Bruree come-back with a good goal, which M. Potter followed with a point. M. Riordan, with a goal, left Bruree only three points behind, and they set about whittling away this lead with a point per L. Conway and a like score per M. Potter. Then L. Hogan levelled the scoring in the 17th minute, and three minutes later, amid much excitement he sent over the winning point to end the scoring.

Best for Bruree were: L. Hogan, Horgan brothers, P. Fitzgerald, O'Riordan brothers, L. Conway and C. Leahy, while McGrath brothers, D. O'Brien, P. Rice, Ryan brothers and J. McNamara tried hard for Knockaney.

Mr. D. Barrett, Bruff, refereed.

THE TEAMS

The teams were:
 Bruree—M. Riordan, P. Fitzgerald, T. Cotter, P. Barry, M. Potter, T. Horgan, J. Horgan, S. O'Riordan, D. Byrne, M. Sexton, J. Simcox, C. Leahy, L. Hogan, J. Sexton and L. Conway.

Knockaney — E. McGrath, G. McGrath, T. Ryan, R. Ryan, J. Ryan, D. O'Brien, D. O'Brien, D. Barry, P. Rice, J. McCarthy, P. Keane, J. McNamara, P. Riordan, C. O'Connell, W. O'Mahoney.

Sept. 1957.

*Bruree J.H. 1957
 Liam Hogan.*

MR. P. POTTER, Chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, held in the Hall, Bruree, and the attendance was the largest for a number of years.

The Chairman, in his address, congratulated all the players, senior, minor and juvenile, for their good displays during the year, but pointed out that these teams, with more attention to training, could have gone further in the championships. He stressed the importance of keeping the clubs going as the playing of the game with spirit and sportsmanship was much more important than the winning of trophies.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were considered very satisfactory and the latter showed that the Club is in a sound financial position.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mr. D. Horgan, N.T.; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Joint Secretaries, M. Sexton and P. Fitzgerald; Treasurer, T. Riordan; Vice-Chairmen, W. Leddin, M. Ward, M. Hogan and M. Leahy.

A long discussion followed on whether a senior hurling team should be fielded in this year's championship.

It was pointed out that there were actually only six senior players in the parish, and the team had to depend on players from adjoining parishes who had played with them for a number of years when there was no team in their own parishes. These players had put up a strong case for re-joining their own parishes, when clubs were formed there, but in the end agreed to help Bruree keep the senior flag flying.

THE DECISION.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to affiliate senior, minor and juvenile hurling teams in this year's championships, and the following were elected captains and vice-captains: Senior hurling, captain, J. Burke; vice-do., M. Riordan; minor hurling, captain, J. Horgan; vice-do., M. Treacy; juvenile hurling, captain, L. Hogan; vice-do., C. Leahy.

Selection Committee: Messrs. M. Mullane, B. Mullane, M. Potter, with captain and vice-captain.

Concluding the meeting, Mr. D. Horgan said that he never attended a meeting which showed more spirit or more open discussion during his long association with the Club and this augured well for the future.

OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. Michael Mullane; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. M. Leahy and Liam Hogan; Treasurer, Mr. F. Randles; Secretary, Mr. J. Sexton; Asst. Secretary, Mr. M. Sexton.

Selection Committee — Messrs. P. Potter, P. Moloney, M. O'Brien, M. Hogan, M. Sexton, D. Byrnes and captain and vice-captain to be consulted.

It was decided to affiliate senior hurling, junior hurling and football, under-21 hurling and football in the championships, as well as minor hurling.

The following captain and vice-captains were elected:—

Junior hurling—captain, F. Finn; vice-captain, M. O'Brien.

Senior hurling—captain, Liam Hogan; vice-captain, J. Moynihan.

Junior football—captain, F. Finn; vice-captain, N. O'Brien.

Under-21 hurling—captain, C. Duggan; vice-captain J. Moynihan.

Under-21 football—captain, C. Duggan; vice-captain, N. Doody.

It was agreed that Mr. D. Horgan would hold the Gleeson Cup for another year.

The meeting voted sympathy to all those who had suffered bereavements during the year.

Feb. 1967

Bruree win

Bruree 1-9
 Bruff 0-6

Bruree scored a good win over Bruff in this first-round game of the South Limerick junior football championship at Kilmallock. Bruree were first to score but Bruff pegged them back and took the lead. Bruree however, came into the picture and at the end of the first quarter led by 1-2 to 2 points. They continued to have the upper hand and led at half time by 1-5 to 3 points. Bruff showed up better in the early stages of the second half, but in the last quarter, Bruree got on top again and won well. One of the principal scorers for Bruree was Larry Moloney, well-known Garryowen rugby player, who scored 5 points; other scorers for Bruree were: J. Fitzgerald (1-1), C. Daly L. Hogan, J. O'Brien (0-1) each.

Bruff scorers were: T. Hehir (0-3), B. Gerard (0-2) and T. O'Connell (0-1). Referee: Mr. D. Moore, Kilmallock.

BRUREE G.A.A.

ELECTIONS AT ANNUAL

MEETING

At the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, the following officers and committee were elected:—President, Mr. D. Hogan, N.T.; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. Byrnes; Treasurer, Mr. J. Murphy; Hon. Joint Secretaries, Messrs. S. O'Malley and J. Culhane. Committee—Messrs. M. Sexton, D. Cahill, Harry Simcox, Tom Riordan, Moss Jones, J. J. O'Brien and L. Connors, with officials, captain and vice-captain.

Selection Committee:—M. Sexton, John Murphy, Larry Connors, M. Mullane and Con Simcox.

It was decided to affiliate junior hurling and minor hurling teams and junior football team, and the following were elected captains and vice-captains: J.H. captain, M. Mullane; vice-captain, Con Simcox; J.F. Captain, J. Burke; vice-captain, B. Mullane; M.H. Captain, Joe Kearney; vice-captain, D. Martin.

The President congratulated the junior hurling team on winning the South Limerick championship for the second year in succession and on the fine display against Cappa-

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, JULY 19, 1958

SOUTH LIMERICK CHAMPIONS



The Bruree (Under 14) team that won the Canon Kelly Cup recently, by defeating Bruff in a thrilling game in the South Limerick Final. Back row (l. to r.)—Nelius Doody, Sonny Ward, John Horgan, John Byrnes, Pat Cotter, Brendan Fitzgerald, John Flaherty, Willie Hayes. Front row (l. to r.)—Mike Walsh, Johnny Dundon, Johnny Wall, Patrick O'Brien (Capt.), Jimmy O'Brien, Gerard Dody, Tony Culhane.

BRUREE NEW SPORTSFIELD

1959

As the evening sun cast long shadows across the field, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, P.P., Rockhill and Bruree, blessed and formally opened the new Sportsfield at Bruree, in the presence of a large attendance on Thursday evening of last week.

After he had blessed the field, Very Rev. Canon Kelly said that they had now invoked the blessing of God and given thanks so that from this day down along the years the players and spectators shall enjoy the protection of the Most High.

DREAM COME TRUE.

Continuing, Canon Kelly said as he came into the field that evening and scanned the splendid pitch, he said to himself: "a dream come true." For years, he said, it was our ardent wish to have a field where the youth of the parish would play and disport themselves. That dream has been realised. Future generations will probably ask themselves how long this sportsfield is in existence and some historian amongst them will tell them that it was on the 11th June, 1959, that the first match was played there. It is not necessary for me to emphasise how important it is to have a good playing field where young people can come, come to exercise themselves and to play the various games—football and hurling—and I need not say either that people some times think that when you have left school, you have learned all you need to learn. That is a great mistake because you can be learning all your life. In the playing field you can learn virtues, such as discipline, self restraint and other manly virtues that may not have been adverted to in our school-going years. To become proficient in any manly game it is well-known that the younger you begin the better and as time goes on and if the young people of Bruree utilise the opportunity they will henceforth have to develop their hurling and football instincts we may look forward to having, in the not too far distant future, a Mick Mackey or a Christy Ring in the Bruree team.

DONATED PITCH.

Continuing, Canon Kelly said that this was an evening for congratulations. Great credit is due to the parishioners and friends outside the parish who have generously helped to finance the preliminary expenses of the sportsfield and who helped by voluntary labour in other ways. A word of praise is due to the contractor for the excellent work done in enclosing the pitch. We are very deeply indebted to Chevalier P. J. Sheahan, Architect, for his invaluable advice and for the many occasions he gave counsel to the Committee. The names of Lady Ursula and Major Vernon will always be honourably associated with the Sportsfield and the best thanks of the priests and people of the parish are due to them for their great generosity in donating this splendid pitch.

Concluding, Canon Kelly said: "Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I have great pleasure in formally declaring the pitch open."

FIRST WIN.

To the Banogue team fell the honour of winning the first match played in the field. After the opening ceremony, they met and defeated Newtownshandrum in the first round of the hurling tournament for a set of valuable mantelpiece clocks, by 2 goals and 6 points to 1 goal and 8 points. It was a game played in the best traditions of Gaelic games and it was keenly contested throughout. Banogue led

at the interval by 1 goal and 4 points to 1 goal and 3 points.

GOOD WORK.

All connected with the work on this new Sportsfield are to be congratulated on a job well done. Some months ago, this spacious park was donated by Lady Ursula and Major Vernon of Bruree House, and since then great work has been done in enclosing the pitch with a high wall, and the preparing of the pitch for the official opening by the Parish Priest, Very Rev. Canon Kelly. Much of the work was accomplished by voluntary labour, and the result is that there is now a fine spacious field for the playing of games—an innovation that will be generally welcomed in an area which has produced many great men in the world of sport. The response for financial aid was also excellent, and, although much work has yet to be done on the field, and the enclosure, a great start has been made, and no doubt in a short time the field will rank amongst the best.

Bruree G.A.A.: Big

Attendance At Annual Meeting

Addressing a very large attendance at the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, Mr. P. Potter, Chairman, welcomed all present and said it augured well for the future of the Club to see such a fine attendance. He congratulated the only winning team of the year—the under 14 hurling team—who captured the first under 14 crown, and who gave such a memorable display in the final against a very fancied Bruff team. He thanked Rev. Fr. P. Kelly, who was responsible for this team, for the splendid spirit and form shown by them.

The Secretary (Mr. P. Fitzgerald) gave a report of the activities of the Club for the year, and said that while they did not win any trophies during the year, other than the under 14 title, their defeats should be taken in the right spirit. It was nice to win but a good loser is a good sportsman.

The balance sheet, which showed a good balance, was presented by Mr. P. Moloney, Treasurer, and this was considered very satisfactory in view of the fact that the Club gave a grant of £100 to the Sportsfield Committee. The Treasurer was congratulated on his very efficient report.

OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:—

Junior Hurling Club — President, Mr. D. Horgan; Vice-President, Mr. Michael Ward; Chairman, Mr. P. Potter; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. Michael Leahy and William Leddin; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. Liam Hogan and Peter Fitzgerald; Joint Treasurers, Messrs. P. J. Moloney and T. Riordan; Captain, Mr. Jerry Horgan; Vice-Captain, Mr. Liam Hogan.

Junior Football Club—Chairman, Mr. David Ward; Secretary, Mr. M. Potter; Captain, Mr. Teddy Cotter; Vice-Captain, Mr. Maurice Riordan.

Minor and Juvenile Hurling Club — Chairman, Mr. Michael Leahy; Secretary, Mr. M. Hogan.

Junior Hurling Selectors—Messrs. Michael Potter, Moss Riordan, P. J. Moloney, with Captain and Vice-Captain.

Committee—All officials with the following—Messrs. D. Byrnes, P. Morrissey, M. Mullane, Felix Randles, Michael Sexton, Daniel Martin, T. Horgan and W. Hartigan.

THANKS.

The Chairman thanked all who gave cars during the year, all those who helped financially or otherwise and John Winters for the use of his house for all club meetings.

Rev. P. Kelly wished the Club every success during the year and said he would be with them and help them in any way he could.

Concluding the meeting, the President, Mr. D. Horgan, stated that the players needed to train more, and he quoted the Tony Wall story as an example for all players to keep training, even though they lose their places now and again.

Jan 1960 Bruree Sportsfield

Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., Chairman, presiding at the first annual general meeting of the Bruree New Sportsfield Committee, said that it was an important one.

To-night, he said, we will review the past year and plan further improvements. "Our first big task was the building of the concrete wall, 450 yards long and 7 feet high. This work was carried out and to meet the expense, we were helped considerably by generous parishioners and by friends outside. We hope to collect the remainder soon."

Continuing, Rev. Fr. Kelly said: "On the 11th June last, our Parish Priest, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, blessed and officially opened the Sportsfield. This was followed by a successful tournament. We wish to thank all who helped."

A big job carried out recently, he said, was the excavating at the entrance of many tons of soil which helped to improve the pitch considerably. "The spirit of co-operation that prevailed during the past year is a good augury for the future. During the long summer evenings, it was gratifying to see so many young people of the parish enjoying themselves in the field."

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report showed that from subscriptions, collections, tournaments, and card drives the total receipts were £1,324 15s. 9d. Expenses for the erection of the wall, field repairs, goal posts, netting and railway sleepers amounted to £1,413 19s. 6d., leaving a deficit balance of £89 3s. 9d.

The following officers and committee were elected: President, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, P.P.;

Vice-Presidents, Messrs. Michael Mullane, John Lynch, and Daniel Sheehan; Chairman, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. Peter Cronin and Michael Hogan; Secretaries, Messrs. Peter Fitzgerald and Felix Randles; Treasurers, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., and Mr. Michael O'Mahony.

Committee — Messrs. P. Potter, M. Leahy, M. O'Brien, M. Sexton, C. Maher, L. Hogan, J. Brosnan, T. O'Riordan, D. W. rd, W. Byrnes, O. Riordan, F. Finn, M. O'Connor, T. Cotter, E. Howard, Sgt. Daly and Garda Finneran.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The meeting decided to enclose the pitch and to put in side-line seating and it is hoped that this work will be carried out immediately.

Arrangements were made to run a "45" Drive (£20 in prizes), tickets to be played for during the coming weeks.

3/3 Sportsfield 62 improvements

Rev. P. Kelly, Chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Sportsfield Committee held at the School, Bruree.

The Rev. Chairman, in his address, said that £400 was spent on improvements during the year. The pitch and accommodation compare favourably with any pitch in the country. During the year, they had some notable matches and the popularity of the venue was proved when the largest attendance outside the Gaelic Grounds congregated at Bruree.

He said it was hoped to carry out further improvements during the year. These include a house for machinery, a permanent scoreboard, and other amenities. Considering the size of the parish, it was truly amazing the amount of financial support got from the parishioners since the project started. In all £3,000 had been collected, £250 of which had been made from a most successful series of 45 drives.

Several members paid tribute to Father Kelly for his wonderful zeal and enthusiasm in all matters connected with the Sportsfield. Without the Rev. Chairman at the helm, things would not be at their present advanced stage.

All the outgoing officials were returned for the coming year, as follows:—

President, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. Lynch, M. Mullane and D. Sheehan; Chairman, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. P. Cronin and M. Hogan; Secretary, Mr. F. Randles, N.T.; Treasurers, Rev. P. Kelly and Mr. M. O'Mahony.

Committee—Messrs. P. Fitzgerald, M. Sexton, P. Potter, M. O'Brien, M. Leahy, E. Howard, D. Ward, O. Riordan, W. Byrnes, Sgt. Daly, L. Hogan, J. Cotter, S. Ward, J. Hayes, T. Hayes, J. Hanley, P. Hanley, J. Brosnan, T. O'Riordan, F. Finn, P. Doody, S. Sexton, John Ward.

MORE TO BE DONE

Dec. 1960 On Bruree Sportsfield

The second annual general meeting of the Bruree Sportsfield Committee was held at the Hall, Bruree.

Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., Chairman, who presided, said that at the outset he wished to welcome them all to "this important meeting." We have come here to review the work of the past year and to plan further improvements in the future.

"The major task is now achieved but additional improvements are still called for, such as embankment, extra seating accommodation, and pavilions. When these are completed the Bruree Parish Sportsfield will compare favourably with the best in the country," said Father Kelly.

DEFICIT.

The Treasurer (Mr. M. O'Mahony), in his report, stated that the total receipts were £452 8s. 3d., and expenses were £57 11s. 3d., leaving a deficit balance of £124 3s.

OFFICERS.

The following officers and committee were elected:

President, Very Rev. D. Canon Kelly, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs D. Sheehan, J. Lynch and M. Mullane; Chairman, Rev. P. Kelly, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. P. Cronin and M. Hogan; Secretary, Mr. F. Randles, N.T.; Treasurers, Rev. P. Kelly and Mr. M. O'Mahony. Committee—Messrs. P. Fitzgerald, M. Sexton, P. Potter, M. O'Brien, M. Leahy, E. Howard, D. Ward, O. Riordan, W. Byrnes, Sgt. Daly, L. Hogan, T. Cotter, S. Ward, J. Hayes, T. Hayes, J. Hanley, P. Hanley, J. Brosnan, T. O'Riordan, F. Finn and P. Doody.

CARD DRIVE.

The meeting decided to hold the annual "45" drive (£25 in prizes), the finals of which will be played on Sunday the 15th January, 1961.

Bruree Sportsfield Committee active

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The Bruree Sportsfield Committee are not resting on their oars. They aim to make their pitch one of the foremost in the county, and new works at present in progress, include new entrances direct to the side-line and embankments, and four up to date dressing rooms.

The estimated cost of all this work is in the region of £550 and the committee are hopeful of considerable assistance from the County Board, who are carrying out a review of the playing fields of the county at the moment.

Since the field was acquired in 1958, almost £3,000 has been spent in development. A seven foot boundary wall 450 yards long cost over £1,000, and other works included the enclosure of the pitch, side-line seating for 2,000 spectators, levelling and seeding of playing pitch and provision of embankment and spacious car-park.

Apart from the building of the boundary wall and the use of heavy machinery in laying out the pitch and car park, all other work was performed by local voluntary labour. The improvements in hand at the moment are also being carried out by a very willing team of voluntary workers.

The Sportsfield Committee, in conjunction with the local G.A.A. Club, are sponsoring an attractive hurling tournament which will run from May 18 to May 30, and for which the trophies are a beautiful set of travelling clocks. The arrangements for this crowd pulling competition are:—Semi-finals, May 18, Granagh-Ballingarry v. Croom; May 23, Charleville v. Castletown-Ballyagran; May 27, final.

Outstanding thriller arranged for May 30 is the long awaited and much discussed 1963 tournament final in which the contestants are the local team and their neighbours, Banogue. This repeat of the 1963 South Limerick final promises plenty of exciting passages and has gained added interest because of the fact that the participants have joined forces recently to form a strong senior combination under the name of Maigue Rovers. They have already scored sterling victories over Holycross and Croom in the County Cup.

Bruree Surprise Banogue

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BRUREE 5-13;
BANOGUE 6-2

Bruree confounded the forecasters and created the big surprise of the season when they defeated Banogue (the holders) in the final of the South Limerick hurling championship at Kilmallock yesterday by 5-13 to 6-2.

Playing with the breeze in the first half Bruree had a 10 points lead after 11 minutes. Banogue fought back and at half-time Bruree led by only two points, 2-7 to 3-2.

Banogue started the second half well, but entering the third quarter Bruree slammed homed two goals to stretch their lead to 10 points. Bruree tagged on two more points, but back came Banogue with two good goals to narrow the gap. Bruree took over again and were on top for the remainder of the game.

Scorers for Bruree were L. Hogan (1-8); F. Randles (2-1); R. Cotter (1-1); T. Horgan (1-0), P. O'Brien (0-2) and G. Doody (0-1). For Banogue: F. Costelloe (2-1), S. Donworth (2-0), M. Maume and J. Mulcahy (1-0 each) and J. Sheehan (0-1).

The cup was presented to L. Hogan, captain of the Bruree team, by Mr. P. Ryan, chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

Bruree shock the 'champs'

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Bruree created the surprise of the season when they defeated fancied Banogue (holders) in the final of the South Limerick Hurling Championship at Kilmallock by 5 goals and 13 points to 6 goals and 2 points.

It was a hard-fought game played on a pitch that was heavy after early morning rain. Tempers became frayed in the heat of the game and referee Gerry Fitzgerald (Rathkeale) sent a player from each side to the line after a quarter of an hour.

MASTERED CONDITIONS

Bruree, the lighter side of the two, were not expected to stand up to the conditions, but they mastered them well, and they displayed some fine team work. They had fine defenders in F. Finn, S. Sexton, T. Cotter, J. O'Brien and the two Horgans. At centre-field, young P. O'Brien had a fine game, while L. Hogan, after a shaky first half, played well in the second period. T. Horgan and G. Doody were fine half forwards, while R. Cotter, J. Riordan and F. Randles were always dangerous in the full-line.

Amongst the best of the Banogue side were Jim Lordan, Mick Maume and Jim Sheahan in defence; D. Mulcahy had a good game at centre-field; F. Costelloe was a most dangerous forward in the first half, but was somewhat subdued in the second period. Steve Donworth was always an opportunist in the full-forward line.

Scorers: Bruree — L. Hogan (1-8), F. Randles (2-1), R. Cotter (1-1), T. Horgan (1-0), P. O'Brien (0-2) and G. Doody (0-1).

Banogue—F. Costelloe (2-1), Stephen Donworth (2-0), M. Maume and J. Mulcahy (1-0 each), and J. Sheahan (0-1).

The Cup for the championship was presented to Liam Hogan, captain of the Bruree team, by Mr. P. Ryan, Chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

TEAMS

Bruree—J. Wall; F. Finn, S. Sexton, T. Cotter; J. O'Brien, Jerry Horgan, John Horgan; L. Hogan, P. O'Brien; T. Horgan, M. Potter, G. Doody, R. Cotter, J. Riordan, F. Randles.

Banogue—A. Donworth; Jim Donworth, Jim Sheahan, John Mulcahy; J. Lordan, M. Maume, W. Lynch; D. Mulcahy, Jerry Mulcahy; Sean Donworth, F. Costelloe, D. Sheahan, John Sheahan, J. Noonan, Steve Donworth.

BALLYHEA WIN KIL- MALLOCK JUNIOR HURLING TOURNAMENT

BALLYHEA 7-9
BRUREE 3-5

From an early stage Ballyhea went about their work in business like manner and at half time led by 2-7 to 4 points.

Scorers (Ballyhea) — P. Behan, J. Russell, C. O'Connor, P. Dillon, J. Ronan and J. Browne; (Bruree)—C. Doody, P. O'Brien, T. Cotter, J. Horgan, R. Cotter and M. O'Riordan.

The Cup and trophies were presented to Mr. P. Morrissey, captain of the Ballyhea team by Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C.

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BRUREE FOR SOUTH UNDER-21 FINAL

BRUREE 7-10
HERBERTSTOWN 4-4

Bruree created a big surprise at Kilmallock on Sunday when they defeated a fancied Herbertstown side in the semi-final of the South Limerick under 21 hurling championship by 7 goals and 10 points to 4 goals and 4 points.

The Herbertstown team, with 10 of the junior hurling selection on their side, was expected to win the championship, but Bruree showed fine hurling ability and were deserving winners.

Referee, Mr. W. O'Brien, Kilmallock. *Oct 65*

Bruree qualify

July for final 1965

Bruree 4-3
Camogue Rovers 4-1

This South Limerick Junior Hurling Shield semi-final at Kilmallock provided keen hurling and was closely contested and ended in a welter of excitement with Bruree qualifying for the final by 4 goals and 3 points to 4 goals and 1 point.

Camogue Rovers had slightly the better of matters in the first half and led at half-time by 3 goals to 2 goals and 2 points for Bruree.

In the second half, however, Bruree were more prominent and in a very close and exciting finish held on to win by 2 points.

Scorers for Bruree were: R. Cotter (2-0), J. Riordan (1-1), F. Randles (1-0) and P. O'Brien (0-2).

Scorers for Camogue Rovers were: M. Quirke (1-1), S. Mulqueen, M. O'Dwyer and T. Blake (1-0 each).

Referee—T. Hanley (Kilmallock).

HURLING *Oct 65*

Herbertstown's last hope of a South Limerick hurling championship in 1965 was rudely dashed by Bruree in the semi-final of the under 21 competition at Kilmallock on Sunday last. Once again it was Andy Dunworth who brought about our downfall. The Banogue star assisting Bruree in this grade notched many fine scores in the opening period, and although a re-shuffled Herbertstown fifteen battled gamely in the second half they were always playing second fiddle, and Bruree finished worthy winners on the score, 7 goals 10 points to 4 goals 5 points. And so the curtain falls on the playing activities of the local club and certainly the fans will have much food for thought between now and the annual general meeting.

Bruree just get

there *3/12/66*

Bruree, 2-4; Kilmallock, 2-3

Bruree qualified for the final of the South Limerick Under-21 hurling final at Bruff on Sunday, when they defeated Kilmallock in the semi-final by 2-4 to 2-3, after a keenly contested game. They now meet Bruff in the final.

Both sides had an early goal and then Kilmallock took the lead with a point and they were still a point ahead at the quarter stage. Bruree improved and at half-time the teams were level at 1-2 each.

Bruree had two early points on the turnover, but Kilmallock fought back for a goal to lead at the threequarter stage by 2 goals and 2 points to 1 goal and 4 points. Bruree, however, came again to send to the net, and though Kilmallock tried hard in the closing minutes to get on terms, they could only register one point, to lose by the same margin.

Both defences were very good in this game and Bruree won because their forwards made just that little bit better use of their opportunities.

Scorers: Bruree — N. Doody (1-1), J. O'Brien (1-0), T. Cotter, C. Duggan and J. Moynihan (0-1 each).

Kilmallock—S. O'Donovan and P. Dowling (1-0 each), T. Moloney, P. Howard and M. Dowling (0-1 each).

T. Murphy (Hospital) refereed.

Bruree A.G.M.

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Rev. P. Kelly, C.C., presided at the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, held in the Schoolhouse, Bruree, and the attendance of members was the largest for many years.

Rev. Father Kelly welcomed the members and extended a special welcome to Mr. Liam Hogan after his serious illness, which kept him away from the club for some time. Rev. Fr. Kelly wished him the very best of health for the future.

The Rev. Chairman congratulated the under-21 hurling team on reaching the South final. He asked the players to train hard now for the final and start the club well for 1966 by winning at the under-21 Championship.

He also congratulated all the players who took part in all grades during the year and said it was a credit that no player had to be spoken to by referee during the year.

The Secretary (Mr. James Sexton), in the course of his report, gave a comprehensive account of the activities of the club during the year. The report was unanimously adopted.

The balance sheet was presented by Mr. F. Randles (Treasurer) and this showed the club in a good financial position.

All the outgoing officials were elected unopposed.

It was decided to affiliate junior, juvenile and under-21 hurling and football teams for 1966 and the following captains were elected:

Junior Hurling—Captain, Jim O'Brien; vice-captain, Jerry Horgan.

Junior Football—Captain, T. Cotter; vice-captain, N. Doody.

Under-21 Hurling—N. Doody.
Under-21 Football—Captain, J. O'Brien; vice-captain, C. Duggan.

Selection Committee: Rev. Father Kelly, Messrs. M. O'Brien, M. Hogan, M. Sexton, D. Byrnes, with the captain and vice-captain to be consulted.

It was decided to join Banogue in senior hurling, the same as last year.

It was proposed and seconded that Mr. D. Horgan, President, hold the Gleeson Cup for another year.

The Assistant Secretary appealed to all club members to try and get four members each to join Ciste na Banban Pools, as this was a great source of income during 1965.

The meeting ended with a vote of sympathy with Mr. Michael Hogan on the death of his father.

BRUREE Bruff take Limerick junior hurling crown

Bruree 4-4
Ballybrown 1-5

One of the biggest crowds seen in the Croom Gaelic Grounds for many years had little to enthuse about while they watched Bruree and Ballybrown contest the Co. Limerick junior hurling final yesterday. Bruree, who looked the fitter of the two sides, led by a point at the interval and but for poor finishing by the Ballybrown forwards, the reverse might well have applied.

On the change-over a touch

line puck from Duggan from 40 yards evaded the Ballybrown defence and finished in the net. At this stage Bruree looked and hurled confidently, and further scores from P. O'Brien (0-1), T. Cotter (1-0) and Moynihan and Potter (0-1 each) clinched the issue for Bruree. Ballybrown's only reply in this half was a point from play scored by Donal Burke.

Co. Junior Football Championship Final at Askeaton — New-castle West, 1-12; St. Patrick's,

1-5.

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BRUREE G.A.A. A.G.M. 27/1/68

The annual meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club was held in the Old School, Bruree, on Sunday last, and there was a large attendance of players of all grades and supporters.

The minutes of the last general meeting were read and signed.

The Secretary (Mr. Seamus Sexton) gave a detailed account of matches played during the year. Teams took part in senior, junior, minor, juvenile and under-14 hurling competitions and in junior and under-14 football competitions, and although no trophies were brought back to the parish, all teams gave good displays.

The Treasurer's report showed that the club is in a sound financial position.

THE BAN

Many delegates spoke in favour of the removal of the ban. During the past year two cells and a dinner social had been held.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

In the course of his address, the outgoing chairman, Mr. M. Mullane, said that during the year one got the impression from Press reports that in a couple of incidents involving their players all the devils were on the Bruree side and all the angels on the other side. He congratulated the officers for

the hard work they did during the year. We are, he said, one of the most active clubs in the county, and our players have proved that they are able to hold their own with the best of opposition in the county. He congratulated Jim O'Brien, Liam Hogan, Patrick O'Brien and Jim Moynihan, who wore the county colours with distinction during the year. If the present interest is maintained, he said, the future of the club looks bright.

The following officers were elected:

Life President, Donnadhá O hArgain, ex-N.T.; Chairman, Mr. P. J. Moloney; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. M. Leahy and L. Hogan; Secretary, Mr. S. Sexton; Assistant Secretary, Mr. L. Hogan; Treasurer, Mr. F. Randles.

It was decided to affiliate senior, junior, under-21, minor and juvenile hurling and minor football in the championships this year.

Captains and vice-captains, respectively, were as follows: Senior hurling, Patrick O'Brien and L. Hogan; Junior hurling, Moss Riordan and J. Flaherty; Under-21 hurling, Connie Dugan and J. Moynihan.

The second annual dinner and social was held in Cronin's Hotel, Charleville, on Monday night last.

A.G.M. Feb Bruree 1969 G.A.A.

Mr. P. J. Moloney, outgoing chairman, presiding at the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. Club, welcomed the delegates, and said it augured well for the future of the club to see such a large attendance at the meeting.

He said he was not seeking re-election this year, owing to pressure of business, and he wished the club every success in 1969.

The Secretary, in his report, gave a comprehensive account of the activities of the club during the year, and he thanked all the players and officials for their co-operation during the year.

The balance sheet was presented by the Treasurer, Mr. F. Randles, and this showed the club on a good financial position. The Treasurer was congratulated on his report.

OFFICERS

The following officers were elected: President Very Rev Fr Kelly, P.P.; Chairman, Mr. Liam Hogan; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Michael Leahy; Secretary, Mr. James Sexton; assistant secretary, Mr. Eamon Howard; Treasurer, Mr. F. Randles.

Selection Committee—Messrs. M. O'Brien, M. Mullane, D. Healy, M. Potter and P. J. Moloney.

It was decided to affiliate senior, junior, minor and juvenile hurling and junior football in the 1969 championships.

The following captains and vice-captains were elected:—Senior hurling, John McDonagh; vice-captain, Jim Moynihan; junior hurling, Eamon Howard; vice-captain, Jim Horgan; junior football, Gerard Doody; vice-captain, Jim O'Brien.

Team trainers—L. Hogan and M. Potter.

It was decided to hold a juvenile tournament in the parish, a set of medals to be put up with cup.

A trophy to be known as Corn Dhonncha O Hargain will be presented to the outstanding sportsman in the club by Mr. Pádraig O Hargain at the end of the year.

The meeting concluded with a special vote of sympathy to Pádraig Horgan on the death of his father, D. O Hargain, who was life president of the club.

BRUREE FOR FINAL

Nov. 1941

Bruree ... 2-11
Bruff ... 4-3

This replay of the South Limerick Hurling Championship semi-final at Kilmallock did not measure up to the high standard of the drawn game, and were it not for the fact that Bruff put in a strong closing rally that brought victory within their grasp, the game would have been written down as a rather tame one indeed.

Towards the end of the third quarter, Bruree were ahead by 1 goal and 8 points to 1 point, and looked as if they had the laurels for the taking. Up to that, there was little life in the game and Bruree were in command. Then came the Bruff goal and this was followed by another, and Bruree's supremacy was topping. With eight minutes to go, Bruff shot over a point, and there was only a three point margin between them. Five minutes from the end, Bruree had what appeared to be a rather easy goal from a sideline puck by Pat O'Brien—one of their top scorers—and Bruree were back on the winning trail again. A minute later, however, Bruff shot to the net, but Bruree came back for valuable points. In the dying seconds of the game, Bruff went through for their fourth goal, but time ran against them in an exciting closing passage, and they went down gallant losers, with Bruree deserving their two point margin.

Bruree led at half time by 5 points to 1 point. They had an early point on the turnover and after ten minutes had their second goal, scored by P. O'Brien from a centre by L. Moloney. This would have broken the spirit of any other team, but Bruff really came to life after that and put in a storming finish, which gave a very large attendance some value for money.

Bruree had good defenders in John McDonagh, M. O'Brien, H. Hogan and J. Horgan; Jim O'Brien had a good game at midfield, while P. O'Brien, M. Riordan and L. Moloney were very active forwards.

Bruff's best players were T. Hehir, P. Quirke, P. Carroll and T. McAuliffe in defence; A. Gubbins at centre field; M. Hehir, D. Moloney and T. O'Connell in attack.

Scorers:— Bruree: P. O'Brien, 2-1; J. O'Brien, 0-6; M. O'Riordan, L. Moloney, M. Potter and P. Boyce, 0-1 each. Bruff: M. Hehir, 2-0; T. O'Connell and A. Gubbins, 1-0 each; D. Moloney, 0-2; and W. Smith, 0-1.

Referee — Mr. D. Toomey, Mitchelstown.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien, T. O'Shea, J. McDonagh, P. O'Dea; H. Hogan, J. Wall, J. Horgan; J. O'Brien, P. J. Boyce; C. Duggan, M. Potter, L. Moloney; T. Riordan, P. Wall and P. O'Brien. Subs., G. Mullane (for Duggan).

Bruff—T. Hehir; P. Carroll, Quirke, M. Moloney; T. Gubbins, P. Riordan, T. McAuliffe; Gubbins, W. Conway; M. Hehir, D. Moloney, T. O'Connell; M. Leahy, S. Hogan, J. Browne. Sub., P. Donovan (for Hogan), W. Smith (for J. Browne), J. Browne (for D. Moloney).

WIN FOR EFFIN

final of the South

rick secondary minor hurling competition, also played at Kilmallock on Sunday, produced some interesting hurling at times,

Effin, assisted by some players from neighbouring Castle-town-Ballyagran, got off to a good start and had a goal and 2 points before Croom went through for a goal. Effin led at half time by 1 goal and 2 points to 1 goal. In the second half, Effin continued to have the better of matters and fully deserved their five point win.

Scorers:— J. Fitzgerald and J. Hayes (1-1 each), J. Rea (0-2), and D. Cagney (0-1). Croom: J. Corry and W. O'Brien (1-0 each).

Referee—Mr. Frank Costello, Banogue.

G.A.A. ACTIVITIES

At the annual general meeting of the Bruree G.A.A. club the following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. Fr. Kelly, P.P.; chairman, Rev. Fr. A. O'Keeffe, C.C.; vice-chairman, Liam Hogan; secretary, James Sexton; Assistant secretary, Patrick O'Brien; treasurer, Feidhlim Mac Raonail.

It was decided to enter teams in the following competitions: Junior Hurling, Juvenile Hurling, Junior Hurling, under-Juvenile Football.

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The following committee was elected: P. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, J. MacDonagh, S. Sexton, M. Potter, G. Hogan. The following other appointments were made: Captain, junior hurling, Jim O'Brien; vice-captain, Pat O'Brien. Captain, junior football, John MacDonagh; vice-captain, Liam Hogan.

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Bruree	1-9
Bruff	0-6

Bruree scored a good win over Bruff in this first-round game of the South Limerick junior football championship at Kilmallock. Bruree were first to score but Bruff pegged them back and took the lead. Bruree however, came into the picture and at the end of the first quarter led by 1-2 to 2 points. They continued to have the upper hand and led at half time by 1-5 to 3 points. Bruff showed up better in the early stages of the second half, but in the last quarter, Bruree got on top again and won well. One of the principal scorers for Bruree was Larry Moloney, well-known Garryowen rugby player, who scored 5 points; other scorers for Bruree were J. Fitzgerald (1-1), C. Daly L. Hogan, J. O'Brien (0-1) each.

Bruff scorers were: T. Hehir (0-3), B. Gerard (0-2) and T. O'Connell (0-1). Referee: Mr. D. Moore, Kilmallock.

Bruree win 28/8/71

Bruree, 1-7; Ballylanders, 0-6.

This quarter final of the South Limerick Junior Football Championship at Kilmallock was most sportingly contested until almost the last minute, when a difference took place between two players, which was of little significance. But spectators, some of them scaling the wire surrounding the pitch, became involved, and a free for all took place. Order was restored, and when the game ended, one of the Bruree players appeared to be injured.

Ballylanders got off to a good start but Bruree fought back to level, and then went on to lead by 1 goal and 3 points to 2 points at half time. Ballylanders reduced the lead with two early points after the turnover, and at the three-quarter stage, Bruree were a goal ahead (1-5 to 0-5). Early in the last quarter, Bruree had a point followed by another, and although Ballylanders tried hard in the closing stages, they found the Bruree defence too strong.

Referee: Mr. M. Fox, Kilfinane. Scorers: Bruree: J. Fitzgerald (1-1), P. O'Brien (0-4), J. Moloney and L. Moloney (0-1 each).

Ballylanders — G. Morrissey (0-3), P. Meade (0-2), and J. Meade (0-1).

BRUREE WIN 7/8/71

Bruree 4-13
Knockaney 0-3

Bruree scored a surprisingly big win over Knockaney in this South Limerick Junior Hurling championship game at Kilmallock. Bruree ran up a big score in the first half and led at half time by 3-11 to 0-2. Knockaney shaped up better in the second half, but many chances were squandered by the weak finishings of their forwards and Bruree went on to have a very facile win.

Scorers: Bruree — P. O'Brien (1-7), C. Daly (2-1), J. O'Brien (0-3), and M. O'Riordan (1-2).

Knockaney—J. Casey and P. Houlihan.

Referee of both games—Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh.

Rathluirc Cheese Festival:

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Bruree win final

A goal from literally the last puck of the ball won the magnificent Oriel Press Cup and replicas for Bruree before a great crowd at Rath Luirc. Castletown can consider themselves very unlucky to lose, as they enjoyed a pronounced territorial advantage for long periods, thanks mainly to the Cullane brothers—Jim and Ned, who were positively brilliant. Many spectators found it hard to believe that neither of these young players has yet been given the opportunity of wearing the county jersey—not even in the intermediate grade.

Poor forward finish cost Castletown the game, and they certainly missed their captain and centre forward, Sean Greaney, who broke a thumb in the drawn game.

In an hour of fine hurling, contested with tremendous fervour, though sullied by a few incidents behind the referee's back, Pat O'Brien had an outstanding game for Bruree, with strong support from Jim O'Brien, his brother, Michael, in goal; John McDonagh and Pat Joe Boyce. Others to shine for Castletown, in addition to the Cullinanes, were young Willie White, who had somewhat the better of exchanges with Jim O'Brien, until forced to retire with a nasty facial injury in the last quarter, and teak tough full back, Michael Donegan, an under 21 player. Where was he when the under 21 selectors were on the lookout?

Left half-back, Jim O'Brien, Bruree: Age, 27; height, 6 ft.; weight, 12 st. 2 lbs. In his school-days at Rockhill N.S. he excelled in athletics and collected the special trophy for the best all-rounder in the South Limerick School Championships of 1958. Occupation, farmer. Helped Limerick win the Munster Minor Hurling Championship in 1963 and afterwards starred for three seasons on the Co. under 21 team. A Railway Cup player in 1970, 1972 and 1973, he helped Limerick win the National League and Oireachtas trophies in 1971.

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Jim O'Brien (Bruree). Aged 28 and a farmer from Bruree. Jim has developed into one of the finest corner backs in the country. One of his finest displays was in the South Limerick senior hurling final at Bruff when Kilmallock and Bruree played a draw. Played minor with the county in '61 and also intermediate and Under 21. A holder of a National League medal and Oireachtas Cup medal, he was selected on the Munster team in 1972.

Had a great game at Dungarway (1965) against Waterford in Intermediate Hurling Championship. Spiked guns of Waterford stars.

In school athletics his special favourites were the 220 yards, 440 yards and the High Jump.

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LEFT FULL-BACK
JIM O'BRIEN
(Bruree)

Age	Height	Weight
28	6-0	12-4

Not unnaturally, his greatest hurling uplift came this year when he won a Munster Senior Championship medal. Single, he displayed exceptional skills when he won a south Limerick schools' medal with Bruree. Had an unrewarding spell at Rathluirc C.B.S., but won a Munster Minor Championship medal and was also honoured by the county under-21 and junior selectors. First played for Limerick in the senior grade in a National League game against Dublin in 1966. Has played in all three positions in the full back line for the county and also at centre half. Also plays football. A brother assists the Bruree club, and a sister plays camogie.

1971-

Kilfinane under 16 footballers were defeated in the south championships on Monday by Bruree. The score was: Bruree, 4 points; Kilfinane, 2 points. Kilfinane had beaten Kilmallock on Friday by 2-4 to nil in the first round.

On this Friday night, at Elton, the south semi-final under 16 hurling—Kilfinane v. Kilmallock—will take place, at 8 o'clock.

Glenroe won the under 14 football final this week by defeating Knockainey.

BRUREE GAA AGM

Officers for 1972: President, Rev. Fr. Kelly, P.P.; Chairman, Rev. Fr. O'Keefe, C.C.; vice-chairman, Michael O'Brien; secretary, Liam Hogan; asst. sec., Paddy Carey; treasurer, Eamon Howard.

Working committee—Patrick O'Brien, Jim O'Brien, Mick Potter, Jim Sexton, John McDonagh, Jerry Horgan.

TEAMS FOR 1972:

Senior hurling, junior hurling, minor hurling, juvenile hurling, under-21 hurling.

Junior football, under-21 football, minor football, juvenile football.

Senior hurling captain, Jerry Horgan; vice-capt., John McDonagh.

Junior football captain, Jim O'Brien; vice-capt., Pat Boyce.

Senior hurling selection committee—Mick O'Brien (senr.), Michael Mullane, Liam Hogan.

Junior football selection committee—Fr. O'Keefe, C.C.; Michael Potter, Jim Sexton.

March 1972

G.A.A.

Bruree Juvenile football team reached the County final after beating Ahane in the County semi-final at Limerick Gaelic Grounds.

Grounds. The score was Bruree, 1-2; Ahane, 2 pts.

Scores for Bruree were: John Potter 1 goal, Michael Daly 1 pt, Donal Mullane 1 pt.

Bruree team—Patrick Murphy, Eamon O Dea, S. Deady, James O Dea, Pat Shea, D. Mullane, Tom Walsh, Gerard Mullane, G. Moloney, Dan Deady, Mike Daly, John Potter, Michael Barron, John Fitzgerald, Michael Moloney. Sub, Con Daly for Dan Deady.

April 72

CO. CHAMPIONSHIP

Bruree senior hurlers defeated Garryspillane in the second round by 3-10 to 3-6. The Bruree team were as follows: Mike O'Brien, Neilus Doody, Gerard Mullane, Donal Mullane, Jim O'Brien, John Potter, Hugh Hogan, John Moloney, Gerard Moloney, Pat O'Brien, Noel Brosnan, Pat Boyce, Timmy Shea, Henry Simcox.

May 1944

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At that stage, Kilmallock were ahead by 5 goals and 8 points to 2 goals and 6 points.

This was a hard fought game but without any incident until five minutes from the end, when an incident took place in the Kilmallock goalmouth involving a player from each side. Had the matter been left to the players, there would have been no delay, but a crowd invaded the pitch and caused a hold up. Some of these appeared to be anxious to get into the "act", but for the most part they were "sightseers." All of them were, however, to blame for holding up the game.

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As to the game itself, there were some bright passages of hurling with Kilmallock having the edge all through. They led at half-time by 4-4 to 1-4, and in the second half continued to have the upperhand until the game was called off.

Scorers for Kilmallock were: T. Smith (2-4), T. Moloney (1-2), D. O'Riordan and B. Savage (1-0 each), D. Connolly and M. Carroll (0-1 each).

Garryspillane scorers — K. Walsh (2-3), S. Burke (0-3).

Footnote: Before the game, there was a nice recital by the Bruree school tin whistle band, under Mr. F. Randles, N.T., and the band also rendered the National Anthem.

Bruree senior hurlers defeated Croom in the county championship by 2-10 to 2-7. The team was: M. O'Brien, P. O'Dea, N. Doody, J. Wall, G. Mullane, J. O'Brien, G. Moloney, J. Moloney, H. Hogan, J. Potter, P. O'Brien, C. Duggan, P. J. Boyce, T. O'Shea, H. Simcox &

Bruree under-21 hurlers will play Ardpatrick/Kilfinane in the South final this Sunday.

Aug. 1944 South S.H. Champ.

Bruff 4.6 Bruree 2.8

Jim O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Neilus Doody, M. O'Brien, Conry Duggan, Gerard Moloney.

Club Award

BRUREE are the 1975, South Limerick best under age all round club. Seamus Sexton, on behalf of Bruree, received the award from the Vice-chairman of the South Bord na nOg, Pdraig O'Loinsigh.

GAA NOTES

The under-21 hurling and football teams seem to be very promising this year. The hurlers defeated a strong Knockainey side by 4-3 to 1-4 on the 24th and will meet a Bruff u-21 selection on next Sunday in Kilmallock, which should prove to be a very entertaining game. The football team emerged victorious over the much-fancied Stakers on Sunday last at Kilmallock. The final score was 2-8 to 2-3. Bruree put up a very good score in the first half, and were inclined to fade in the second half, but this may be due to the absence of some of their key players, Ger Moloney, Eamonn McGrath, Seamus Fitzgerald.

South Senior hurling:

Bruree too good for Banogue

BRUREE 6-8
BANOGUE 1-4

Rain, which fell during most of this hour militated against good hurling in this first round game in the South Limerick Senior Hurling championship at Kilmallock on Sunday, when Bruree had a rather facile win over Banogue, by 6 goals and 8 points to 1 goal and 4 points.

Better things were expected from Banogue, last year's South Limerick Junior Hurling champions, but the livelier Bruree side never gave them a chance to get going.

Bruree, with the favour of wind and rain, got off to a good start and at the interval were leading by 5 goals and 5 points to nil for Banogue.

The losers did improve somewhat in the second period, when favoured by the breeze, but Bruree held their grip on the game and had a rather easy victory.

Scorers: Bruree — S. Ward (3-0), P. O'Brien (2-5), G. Moloney (1-0), H. Hogan (0-2), and J. Moloney (0-1).

Banogue—E. Barry (1-0), F. ...

Bruff defeated

Mallow 3-16
Bruff 2-6

Mallow scored a good win over Bruff in the first mi-final of the Kilmallock (Co. Limerick) Festival Senior Hurling tournament, played at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, winning by 3-16 to 2-6.

Mallow led at half time by 1-11 to 0-2, and in the second half continued in winning vein to qualify to meet either South Liberties or Kilmallock in the final on next Tuesday night, August 31.

SCORERS

Mallow — E. O'Sullivan (2-2), B. Barrett (1-0), P. Buckley (0-10), L. Keane, D. Owners, J. MacSweeney and K. Sheehan (0-1 each).

Bruff—W. Smith (2-1), T. McAuliffe (0-2), J. Browne, P. Hehir and S. Ryan (0-1 each).

18/7/73

Under 21 football

Good win for Bruree over Bruff

Bruree 5-4
Bruff 1-7

Bruree scored a good win over Bruff in this South Limerick under-21 football championship game at Kilmallock on Sunday.

Bruree were on top early on but Bruff pegged them back and at the end of the first quarter, Bruree led by 1-2 to 0-4. Mid-way through the second quarter, Bruree went through for their second goal and followed with two more to lead at half-time by 4-3 to 0-4.

A few minutes from half-time a fracas took place between two players and a number of them became involved with the result that referee Denis Moore of Kilmallock sent two players from each side to the line.

Up to that, the game had been a good one, but in the second half, it never measured up to the quality of the first moiety and although Bruff improved in the second-half, Bruree were too far ahead and had no real difficulty in holding on to their winning margin.

Scorers: Bruree— P. J. Boyce and T. Walsh (1-1 each); C. Mullane, G. Moloney, H. Hogan (1-0 each); M. Daly and C. Dolan (0-1 each).

Bruff—G. Hayes (1-1); E. Hehir (0-4); P. Hehir and L. Madden (0-1 each).

Bruree's good win

30-3-74
The under-21 hurling team had their first outing of the season on Sunday last at Kilmallock, when they defeated a strong Knocklong team by 4-3 to 1-4.

Bruree Tournament Unfinished

Referee abandons with minute to go

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3/5/75

BRUREE NOW WAIT FOR THE LAST OPPONENTS

BRUREE are through to the South Limerick Senior Hurling final as a result of their fine win over Garryspillane at Bruff by a six-point margin. They now await the outcome of the second semi-final between Bruff and Kilmallock who had an easy win over Dromin-Athlacca last weekend.

Bruree had a very shaky start against Garryspillane and were behind by four points at half time. Matters were even enough in the first quarter at the end of which the scores were level (0-2 each). Then a penalty was awarded to Garryspillane, and Kevin Walsh, their top scorer, made no mistake. Garryspillane thereafter held the edge and led at half time by 1-4 to 0-3.

With some changes at half time, Bruree entered the second half a different team. They had two early points and followed with a goal to take the lead after five minutes of the second half.

They continued to hold the upper hand and had their second goal near the end of the third quarter, and thereafter held their grip on the game. Garryspillane succeeding in scoring only one point in this half.

Scorers: Bruree - H. Simcox (1-1), J. Fitzgerald (1-0), P. O'Brien (0-4), L. Moloney, G. Moloney and G. Mullane (0-1 each); Garryspillane - K. Walsh (1-4), and P. Tobin (0-1).

Referee - Mr. John Sheehan, Dromin.

BRUREE: M. O'Brien, D. Mullane, J. O'Brien, J. Wall;

P. O'Dea, G. Mullane, P. Wall; L. Moloney, H. Hogan; J. Potter, G. Moloney, H. Simcox, J. Fitzgerald, N. Doody, P. O'Brien, Sub - J. Moloney (for P. O'Dea).

GARRYSPELLANE: T. Ryan, T. Moore, P. Higgins, Jas. Burke; John Burke, D. Burke, M. Carroll, D. Ryan, P. Tobin, K. Walsh, P. Tobin, P. O'Grady, B. Burke, P. Ryan and S. Burke.

Kilmallock, the holders, were never really threatened by Dromin-Athlacca in their quarter final at Bruff and once they got on the winning trail early in the game, they never looked back.

Inter-county man Paddy Kelly got an injury half way through the first half, and was out of the game until the interval, but he returned then and played his usual sound game.

Kilmallock had consolidated their position at half time, when they led by 4-4 to 1-2. Early in the second half, Dromin-Athlacca made some determined raids on the Kilmallock posts but the Kilmallock defence proved too good and thereafter Kilmallock were in command with Dromin-Athlacca coming into the picture in the closing stages for a goal and a point.

Scorers: Kilmallock B. Savage (4 goals), D. O'Riordan (1-1), J. O'Riordan (1-1), P. Kelly (0-4), M. Burchill, T. Moloney and M. Finn (0-1) each. Dromin-Athlacca, S. Kelleher (1-0), J. Reidy (1-0), J. Neenan (0-2), and G. O'Callaghan (0-1).

Referee - Mr. D. Toomey, Mitchelstown.

KILMALLOCK: T. Hanley; J. Fitzgerald, D. Hayes, N. Hayes, M. Carroll, J. McCarthy, S. O'Donovan, M. Dowling, P. Kelly, M. Finn, T. Moloney, J. O'Riordan, J. O'Feeffe, B. Savage, D. O'Riordan, Sub - M. Burchill (for P. Kelly), P. Kelly (for M. Burchill).

DROMIN-ATHLACCA: P. McAuliffe, P. Murphy, B. Carroll, M. Moynihan, B. Neenan, M. O'Leary, J. Carmody, W. Neenan, K. Murphy, G. Mulahy, J. Neenan, J. Reidy, G. O'Callaghan, S. Kelleher, J. Breen, Sub - G. Moynihan (for P. McAuliffe).



The Bruree team, beaten by Patrickswell in the semi-final of the County Senior Hurling Championship.

3.8.75

Bruree 2-16, Adare 3-2

Although Adare led by 2-1 to 1-3 at half time Bruree completely dominated this Limerick Co. Senior Hurling Championship quarter final in the second half at Limerick Gaelic Grounds yesterday. Pat O'Brien was the scoring star for Bruree with a goal and five points but the Moloney brothers also shone. Limerick county player Jim O'Brien, Jer Mullane and P. J. Boyce were other good players for Bruree. Brendan Flynn, Dick Costelloe, Tom Healy and Tom Dunne tried hardest for Adare.

SOUTH S.H. SEMI-FINAL:

2/8/77

Holders, Bruree, through to final

Bruree 1-13
Croom 1-7

This South Limerick senior hurling semi final opened very well at Kilmallock and gave promise of a very closely contested game.

There was some fine hurling in the early stages with Croom losing many opportunities of scoring, while Bruree made good use of their chances to lead at half time by 0-8 to 0-5. Bruree had a goal two minutes after the turnover and this put them in a good position. They continued to dictate terms and at the end of the third quarter were ahead by 1-10 to 0-6. With 12 minutes to go, Croom rallied and went through for a goal, followed by a point. For a brief period they looked as if they would get on top, but all credit to Bruree (holders) who came back like champions and finished stongly.

They will now meet Bruff in the final, Bruff having already defeated a fancied Kilmallock side in the other semi final.

Jim O'Brien had a remarkably good game at full back for Bruree, and other good defenders were J. Potter and J. Moloney; at centrefield, G. Mullane and G. Moloney had the edge, while

Kevin Murphy, L. Moloney and P. O'Brien were fast moving forwards.

All credit to Martin Howard, Tony Kiely, Donal Murray, Con Shanahan, Mark Reidy and Sean Breen for trying hard all the time for Croom.

SCORERS

Bruree — K. Murphy 1-1, P. O'Brien 0-4, G. Mullane 0-3, L. Moloney 0-2, G. Moloney, M. Moloney and P. J. Boyce 0-1 each.

Croom — D. Murray 0-4, G. Murray 1-0, C. Shanahan 0-2 and P. Hayes 0-1.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien; D. Mullane, J. O'Brien, E. O'Dea; J. Moloney, J. Potter, H. Hogan; G. Moloney, G. Mullane; M. Barron, P. O'Brien, L. Moloney; P. J. Boyce, K. Murphy, M. Moloney. Sub., J. Fitzgerald for M. Moloney.

Croom — L. Fahy; P. Quilty, M. Howard, M. Reidy; P. Kiely, T. Kiely, J. Moloney; G. Collins, G. Murray; D. Murray, M. Quilty, P. Hayes; C. Shanahan, M. Kenny and S. Breen. Subs., G. Howard for G. Collins, A. Lalor for M. Kenny, and M. O'Shea for G. Murray.

Referee, Mr. John Sheahan, Dromin-Athlaccia.

South Senior Hurling final:

BRUREE RETAIN TITLE IN DRAB ENCOUNTER

BRUREE, 2-11; BRUFF, 0-6.

TWO GOALS by left-corner forward, Mike Moloney, were the only memorable features of the South Limerick senior hurling final played at Kilmallock on Sunday. Bruree, the defending champions, scored a comprehensive 2-11 to 0-6 win over Bruff in a game that fell far short of expectations.

Goal number one came in the 21st minute of play. P. J. Boyce moved out from his corner forward spot to intercept a ground ball moving up the centre, he sent to the unmarked Moloney, and he first-timed it to the net. Eighteen minutes into the second half the long-striding Bruree man was again on target, and it was this effort which really killed the dwindling hopes of Bruff.

Bruree could have hardly been more convincing in their second in a row victory. They were in total control in almost all departments and, after that first Moloney goal, they settled into a winning stride and Bruff for long periods thereafter looked a very inferior side. Once Ger Mullane and Kevin Murphy with white flags put Bruree ahead in the 4th and 5th minutes, although playing against a stiff

breeze and thundery rain, one immediately sensed that Bruff were fighting a losing battle and were desperately in need of someone or something to inspire them.

Inspiration in any shape or form did not come, but it must be recorded that it was not the fault of defenders Gerard Donovan, Timmy McAuliffe and Mike Moloney that the Bruff side failed to get moving.

Full marks also to midfielders Dom Kiely and Billy Farrell, who tried gallantly to curb the activities of the opposition in this sector. The losers attack had their opportunities to increase their tally on the scoreboard, but from some well-placed positions they failed to pick off points and a goal or two which they badly needed in the second half never looked like coming.

Jim O'Brien, John Potter, Ger

Moloney, Ger Mullane, Mike Moloney, Larry Moloney and Pa O'Brien were in great form for Bruree, although their displays were only just ahead of the performances of their colleagues.

bins, T. O'Sullivan, M. Moloney, G. Donovan, T. McAuliffe, T. Connell, N. Farrell, D. Kiely, M. Hehir, G. Hayes, A. Gubbins, N. Conway, M. Hehir, J. Bullin, Sub., D. Ryan for A. Gubbins. Referee, J. Sheehan, Dromin-Athlaca.

THE PLAY

Bruree drew first blood with those Mullane and Murphy points. Six minutes elapsed before Bruff opened their account, per Willie Conway. At half-time it was 1-5 to 0-3 and the winners went further ahead on re-summing with points from Murphy, Mullane and Pa O'Brien. The issue was sealed with Mike Moloney's goal twelve minutes from time. The losers second half points came in the 6th, 27th and 29th minutes.

Bruree scorers — M. Moloney (2-0), G. Mullane (0-3), P. O'Brien (0-3), L. Moloney (0-2), K. Murphy (0-2), P. J. Boyce (0-1).

Bruff scorers — W. Conway (0-2), M. Hehir (0-2), B. Farrell (0-1), A. Gubbins (0-1).

Bruree: M. O'Brien (capt.), D. Mullane, J. O'Brien, E. O'Dea, J. Moloney, J. Potter, H. Hogan, G. Moloney, J. Potter, G. Mullane, N. Barron, P. O'Brien, L. Moloney, P. J. Boyce, K. Murphy, M. Moloney.

Bruff: P. O'Dwyer, T. Gub-



Vanquished — Bruree.

17/9/74



Dave Corbett (Manshop, Charleville), on right, with the trophies he presented to Michael O'Brien, captain, Bruree team, which defeated Grange in the Tullylease S.H. tournament final. Also in picture are committee members of Bruree and Granagh clubs.

30.8.77

J. F. title ¹⁵/₁₀ for Bruree _{7.4}

Bruree 1-7
Bruff 0-5

Although they had trailed by three points at half-time in this South Limerick junior football final at Kilmallock on Sunday, Bruree came well into the picture in the second period and ran out good winners.

Bruff, with the advantage of the breeze, led at half-time by 0-4 to 0-1. They might have been further ahead if they had availed of all their opportunities. Early in the second half, Bruff added a point before Bruree had a like score and then, at the threequarter stage, levelled the scoring with a goal that was rather unexpected. Thereafter, although Bruff tried hard, Bruree were in command and won well.

Scorers:

Bruree — P. J. Boyce, 1-0; G. Moloney, 0-3; G. Mullane and M. Moloney, 0-2 each.

Bruff — D. Kiely, 0-3; G. Hayes and E. Hehir, 0-1 each.

Referee: Mr. D. Moore, Kilmallock.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien, D. Mullane, J. O'Brien, J. Morrissey, J. Moloney, J. Potter, J. O'Dea, G. Mullane, G. Moloney, K. Murphy, P. O'Brien, P. J. Boyce, M. Barron, M. Moloney and P. Potter.

Bruff — P. O'Dwyer, D. Wrenne, T. O'Sullivan, T. McAuliffe, G. O'Donovan, A. Gubbins, J. O'Connell, D. Kiely, G. Hayes, J. Bulfin, E. Hehir, M. Hehir, P. Brown, P. Cronin and G. Hehir.

The trophy for the championship was presented to K. Murphy, captain of the winning team, by Mr. F. Greene, chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.



SHCH

Vanquished — Bruree.

12-9-77



Bruree (left), who beat Fedamore (right), in the final of the County Junior Football Championship.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL: 19/12/77
Bruree take title

BRUREE 2-7
FEDAMORE 0-7

Bruree climbed to their first ever county football success at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday, when they deservedly defeated Fedamore by a two goal margin in the junior final.

Their brand of fast virile football paid off handsomely in the first half, against a slack Fedamore defence and at the turn were well positioned with a 1-5 to 0-2 lead. They began in overdrive and did not change down in this opening moiety. With the game only minutes old, Michael Moloney operating at full-forward crashed home a tonic goal—and Bruree's ambitions went sky-high.

Jim O'Brien at full-back, Gerard Moloney and Ger Mullane at midfield, were the dominant figures for the winners and Fedamore could never combat the wiles of this trio.

At the break, Fedamore regrouped their forces and played very well on resuming. The lead was whittled down to four points and a come-back seemed to be on the way. But the old adage—"fortune favours the brave"—was not applicable on this occasion.

Just when things were moving nicely for them, Bruree moved upfield and Kevin Murphy raised a green flag—and the destination of the honours were

decided. The game fizzled out in the closing minutes, with Bruree well on top.

O'Brien, Moloney and Mullane were the starts of the winning side and they received solid support from John Moloney, John Potter, Kevin Murphy and Michael Moloney.

John Condon, Eddie Prenderavills, Anthony Shanahan, Tony McNamara, Neilus Noonan and Pat Cox were best for Fedamore. Bruree scorers—G. Mullane (0-4), K. Murphy and M. Moloney (1-0 each), P. O'Brien, P. J. Boyce and G. Moloney (0-1 each).

Fedamore scorers — T. McNamara (0-2), E. Prenderaville (0-2), S. Fitzgibbon, A. Shanahan, J. Condon (0-1 each);

Bruree—M. O'Brien; H. Hogan, J. O'Brien, J. Morrissey, J. Moloney, J. Potter, E. O'Dea; G. Moloney, G. Mullane, K. Murphy, P. O'Brien, N. Barron, P. J. Boyce, M. Moloney P. Potter.

Fedamore — K. Carmody; P. Burton, P. Cox, P. McNamara, E. Prenderaville, N. Noonan, P. Callaghan, J. Condon, T. McNamara, D. O'Donnell, S. Fitzgibbon, A. Shanahan, T. Cloughesy, N. Burton, A. McNamara.

Subs.: D. Conway for T. McNamara, M. Hedderman for N. Burton, M. Morrissey for T. Cloughesy.

Referee—P. Lane (Foynes).

Bruree A.G.M.

The Bruree G.A.A. annual general meeting took place in the old school recently. The Chairman, Mr. Michael Mullane, welcomed the large attendance, and complimented the junior team on bringing the first junior football title to the parish.

The following officers were elected for 1978: President, Fr. Moran, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Michael O'Brien, Fr. Brown, C.C.; Chairman, Michael Mullane; vice-do., Michael O'Brien, J.N.R.; Secretary, Shamus Sexton; Asst. Secretary, Gerard Moloney; Treasurers, Patrick Carey and Jim O'Brien; P.R.O., Joseph Morrissey.

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BRUREE SPORTSFIELD
The Annual General Meeting of Bruree Sportsfield Committee was held recently in the Old School, Bruree. The following officers were elected for 1978: President, Rev. Fr. Moran, P.P.; chairman, Michael Patter; vice-chairman, Rev. Fr. Brown, C.C.; secretary, Jim O'Brien; treasurer, John Moloney.

Bruree April 78

Bruree footballers added another trophy to their 1977 collection last Sunday by winning the Junior Football Shield, defeating Ballylanders in the final. The team lined out as follows: M. O'Brien; J. Moloney, J. O'Brien, J. Morrissey, E. O'Dea, J. Potter, H. Hogan; G. Moloney, G. Mullane; M. Barron, P. O'Brien, P. Boyce, H. Simcox, M. Moloney, P. Falter.

Close call for Bruree

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Bruree, 2-8;

Bruff, 1-11.

Bruree, the holders, had a very close call in this South Limerick senior hurling semi-final at Kilmallock and they were lucky to force a draw with a Bruff team that had gone about their work diligently.

levelling score.
Scorers: Bruree — L. Moloney 2-0, G. Mullane 0-3, G. Moloney and P. O'Brien 0-2 each, and J. Lyons 0-1.
Bruff — J. Bulfin 1-2, G. Hayes 0-3, D. Kiely and W. Conway 0-2 each, T. O'Connell and S. Clancy 0-1 each.
Referee, Mr. F. Costelloe, Banoque.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien, D. Mullane, J. O'Brien, J. Morrissey, J. Molony, J. Potter, E. O'Dea, G. Mullane, G. Moloney, J. Lyons, P. O'Brien, L. Moloney, P. J. Boyce, M. Moloney, M. Barron.
Bruff — T. Hehir, S. Higgins, T. O'Sullivan, M. Moloney, J. O'Connell, T. McAuliffe, T. Gubbins, B. Farrell, G. O'Donovan, G. Hayes, W. Conway, D. Kiely, J. Bulfin, A. Gubbins, T. O'Connell. Sub., S. Clancy for A. Gubbins.

Bruree 30-4-78

The official opening of Bruree festival took place on Sunday with a fancy dress parade led by Bruree School Band. Judge for the fancy dress was Sister Concilla of Alcoholics home, Athy, Co. Kildare, who is also setting up a home in Bruree for alcoholics.

Bruree under 14 qualified for the second round of the under 14 hurling championship by defeating Ballyagran in the first round, 4-1 to 1-1. Team was as follows: T. Kelly, P. Hogan, M. Potter, T. Potter, D. Ryan, M. McCarthy, J. Fitzgerald, M. Simcox, T. Randles, T. Randles, G. Finn, M. Stanton, M. Webb, C. Howard, S. Finn.

In the first round of Bruree senior hurling tournament Stakers had a good win over Croom, and now qualified to meet the winners of Athlaca or Bruff in the final next Sunday night.

After an impressive first half performance, Cloughaun faded completely from the scene and were eventually trounced 3-12 to 2-3 by Bruree in their quarter-final clash at Caherconlish on Sunday evening. SHC. 30-7-78

A heavy shower before the throw-in made ball control difficult and consequently the game never produced rip-roaring stuff although Bruree did show a few deft touches during their second half supremacy.

Matters were fairly even in the first half and Cloughaun were the early pacemakers with Eamon Cregan pointing a first minute free. Declan Brougham was ruler at midfield and after much pressure Mick Graham crashed home a Cloughaun goal in the 7th minute. Cloughaun missed a few more sitters as the Bruree defence was very unsettled at this stage!

Bruree then switched Gerry Moloney to midfield and he ended Cloughaun's dominance in this sector with his wholehearted endeavours. A point by Flan Connolly left Cloughaun leading 1-3 to 0-5 at the interval.

LEVEL

With the wind in their favour Bruree were on level terms within 2 minutes when nippy corner-forward Mick Mullane pointed from play. A great point from 40 yards range by Gerry Moloney in the 7th minute gave Bruree a lead they never relinquished. With Jim O'Brien unbeatable at centre back, Gerry Moloney lording it at midfield and rugby international Larry Moloney — looking bronzed after his honeymoon — in fantastic form, Bruree took a total grip on the situation and cruised serenely into the semi-final as Frank McDonogh, Pat O'Brien and Mike Moloney raised the vital flags.

Amazingly Cloughaun's only score in the second half came 30 seconds before the final whistle when Eamon Cregan goaled from a free.

Donal Mullane, Jim O'Brien, John Potter, Frank McDonogh, Larry Moloney, Pat O'Brien, Mick Mullane and Gerry Moloney were outstanding for Bruree, while Billy O'Gorman, Sean Bourke, Vinny Browne, Declan Brougham, Tommy Marsh and Christy Campbell played well for Cloughaun.

SCORERS

Bruree — M. Moloney 2-1, F. McDonogh 0-5, P. O'Brien 1-1, G. Moloney 0-1, J. O'Brien 0-1, L. Moloney 0-1, M. Mullane 0-1.
Cloughaun — E. Cregan 1-1, M. Graham 1-0, D. Brougham 0-1, F. Connolly 0-1.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien, J. Moloney, D. Mullane, E. O'Dea, P. Potter, J. O'Brien, J. Potter, G. Mullane, J. Lyons, F. McDonogh, P. O'Brien, L. Moloney, M. Mullane, M. Moloney, G. Moloney. Sub., P. J. Boyce for J. Lyons.
Cloughaun — J. Malone, B. O'Gorman, F. Berkery, D. Russell, S. Burke, C. Cregan, V. Browne, L. Lalor, D. Brougham, T. Marsh, J. Burke, F. Connolly, E. Cregan, M. Graham, C. Campbell.
Referee — N. Duggan (Rathkeale).



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Bruree (above) who drew with Bruff (below) in the county senior champ



BRUREE South S.H. Champions three in a row, and runners-up Co. Championship.
 BACK ROW (L. to R.): Mike Barron, Joe Morrissey, Hugh Hogan, John Lyons, Pat Potter, Eamonn O'Dea, Jim O'Brien, Ger Moloney, John Potter, Frank McDonogh, O'Dea.
 FRONT ROW (L. to R.): Pat O'Brien, Donal Mullane, Noel Bresnihan, Michael Mullane, Gerard Mullane, Pat Joe Boyce, Michael O'Brien, John Moloney, Larry Moloney, Mike Moloney, Sean Lyons.

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O'Brien retires

At this week's County GAA Board meeting, a letter was read from Limerick corner back, Jim O'Brien, announcing that he was retiring from the inter-county scene. O'Brien has given great service to Limerick over the years and the highlight of his career was when he won an All Ireland medal in 1973.

14/4/78 **Bruree**

Deepest sympathy is extended to the wife, family, relatives and friends of the late Jerry McGrath, Garrouse, whose death occurred recently. Bruree under 21 hurling team were narrowly beaten by Athlaca on Sunday last, and Bruree senior team had a very good win over Kilmallock in the final of Athlaca 1978 senior hurling tournament.

Junior Football Semi-final Replay:

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Bruree too good for Na Piarasaigh

BRUREE, 3-10; NA PIARSAIGH, 0-7.
 BRUREE, better known for their hurling talents, installed themselves as favourites to take the County Junior Football Championship title when they scored a comprehensive victory over Na Piarasaigh in their semi-final replay in Arctic conditions at Meanus on Sunday last.

As a football spectacle, the game never produced the thrills of the drawn encounter, with Bruree the complete masters throughout. Na Piarasaigh, plagued by injuries and minus the services of star performer, Paudie O'Riordan, who recently joined the Cadets, could never match the all-round strength of a determined Bruree side, whose real trump card was their slick forwards, P. J. Boyce and Pat Potter, who notched some superb scores. Bruree led 2-6 to 0-4 at the interval and thereafter the issue was never in doubt. Best for Bruree were Jim O'Brien, John Potter, John Moloney, Ger Moloney, Ger Mullane, Pat Potter and P. J. Boyce, while Barne Moran, Pete Lawlor, Ernie Henry, Colm Walshe, John Woods and Mick Hyland

tried hard for Na Piarasaigh. Bruree: P. J. Boyce, 1-4; P. Potter, 2-0; M. Barron, 0-2; P. O'Brien, G. Mullane, G. Moloney, K. Murphy, 0-1 each. Na Piarasaigh: E. Henry, 0-2; M. Hennessy, B. Moran, C. Walshe, P. O'Leary, C. Woods, 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Bruree—M. O'Brien, H. Hogan, J. O'Brien, J. Morrissey, E. O'Dea, J. Potter, J. Moloney, G. Moloney, G. Mullane, K. Murphy, P. O'Brien, M. Barron, P. Potter, M. Moloney, P. J. Boyce. Na Piarasaigh—J. Power, D. Duffy, G. Hurley, T. Moran, B. Moran, J. Whelan, M. Hyland, J. Woods, P. Lawlor, E. Henry, C. Walshe, E. Coffey, E. Bolton, M. Hennessy, P. O'Leary. Ref., J. Sheahan, Dromin-Athlaca.

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Gerry asks for recall

GERRY MOLONEY, the Limerick hurling centre-forward or centrefield, ace has asked the county board to reconsider him for the championship. Moloney had written to the board some time ago and requested that the selectors not consider him for any future inter county ties.

The 24 year old had second thoughts and its expected that a place will be found for Moloney when the Limerick selectors sit down to pick their squad.

Moloney, is an accomplished footballer as well. In fact, of the two codes he prefers football. His reason for pulling out of the team in the first place was because of business pressure. "I hadn't got the time to work and play both hurling and football. So I decided that I must quit one sport for the moment and give myself more time to concentrate on my work", says Gerry.

"Its impossible to meet the demands of both sports. Even at club level you are

continually involved in sport the whole year around".

Gerry's brother is rugby international full back Larry. The Garryowen man hahad a disappointing season, which culminated with him being unable to tour Australia with the Irish squad.

"There was no way I could go to Australia. I'm very disappointed but the only way my hamstring will have any chance of healing is by giving it maximum rest".

Larry, had some consolation when Garryowen won the Munster Cup for the 32nd time after a mediocre final against Young Munsters. He will be taking things easy this Summer and hopefully will be ready to do battle again t the start of next season.

The full-back berth is wide open. Unless someone can establish himself in the number fifteen jersey against the Wallabies, Moloney should be hot favourite to step into the last line of defence for next year's home championships.



Bruree Senior Hurlers who put in a great performance before losing to South Liberties. 1980

Bruree 80

The annual general meeting of the Bruree GAA Club was held recently. The following officers were elected for the coming season:

President, Rev. Fr. Moran; vice-presidents, M. O'Brien and Fr. Brown; chairman, Mick Mullane, vice-chairman, M. O'Brien; secretary, S. Sexton; asst. Secretary, John Moloney; joint treasurers, P. Carey and J. O'Brien; PRO, Joe Morrissey; senior hurling manager, Jim O'Brien.

Askeaton

31-5-80

Bruree win

Bruree.....2-8
Stakers.....1-2

Bruree, South Limerick Champions two years ago, started well on their fight back to regain the title at Knocklong when they had a satisfying win over Stakers in the first round of this year's championship.

Bruree got off to a good start and led at half time by 1-3 to 0-0. In the second half, Bruree continued to hold away, and if an under-strength Stakers did show some improvement in the second period, Bruree were definitely on top.

Scorers: Bruree—G. Mullane (0-4); M. Mullane (0-3); M. Moloney and J. Potter (1-0) each and D. Deady (0-1).

Stakers—G. Carroll (1-1) and T. Hayes (0-1).

Referee: Mr. Kevin Walsh, Garryspillane.

opposition. 30-8-80
Galbally 2-9
Camogue Rovers 0-1

Top class displays from Tom McGrath, Aidan Carew, Liam Harney, Jim McGrath and Mike Carew, helped Galbally to a one-sided win over Camogue Rovers in the under 12 football final at Knocklong. Best for the losers were Dermot Horan, Ml. Carroll, John Riordan, Brendan Meaney, and Ml. Browne.

Galbally: P. O'Malley, J. Barry, T. McGrath, A. Carew, A. Hal-loran, S. Corbett, J. McGrath, T. Sampson, S. Fahey, M. Carew, L. Harney, M. Dineen, D. Ryan, M. McGrath, P. Finan.

Camogue Rovers: D. Horan, I. Griffin, M. Carroll, J. Kenny, J. Purcell, M. Browne, J. Riordan, J. Riordan, B. Meaney, T. Ryan, J. Kirby, G. Donovan, B. O'Donnell, J. Enright, C. Garvey.



The Bruree team beaten by South Liberties. 20-9-80

good race also. 28-10-80

In the South junior football final played at Kilmallock on Sunday last, Bruree were defeated by Garryspillane on the scoreline, Bruree, 2-2; Garryspillane, 2-4. The Bruree team was as follows: Mike Brien, Joseph Morrissey, Jim O'Brien, Donal Mullane, John Moloney, Gerard Mullane, Eamon O'Dea (captain, Pat Potter, John Potter, Michael Mullane, Pat O'Brien, Danny Deady, Pat Boyce, Pat Shea, Mike Moloney.



Garryspillane, above, who beat Bruree, below, in the final of the county junior football championship.



BRUREE 13-6-81 2-8
Bruff 1-11

There was a remarkable turnabout in this quarter final of the South Limerick senior hurling championship at Kilmallock, when Bruff, seven points behind at half time, rallied strongly in the second half and deserved to draw with Bruree.

Bruree made better use of their opportunities in the first half and led at half time by 2-7 to 1-3. Bruff set about their task of clearing off the arrears early in the second half with a point in the first minute and



Pat Potter, Bruree captain receiving the Senior Hurling Cup from Pat Murnane, Chairman of the South Board. 5-9-81



The Bruree team that had an easy win over Mungret in the county senior hurling championship semi-final at Rathkeale on Sunday. 4-9-82



Bruree, the gallant runners-up. 13-9-82

Bruree deal poor Bruff

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Bruree 3-15
Bruff 3-4

O'Leary (0-1 each).
Referee, F. Costello, Banogue.

CLOSE CALL

After their good win over Garryspillane in the second round, better things were expected of Bruff when they met Bruree at Knocklong in the quarter final of the South Limerick senior hurling championship. But early in the game, Bruree asserted their superiority and ran out easy winners.

Bruree paved the way to victory in the first half when playing with the wind, they were ahead by 3-10 to 2-0. They had an early point on the turnover, and although Bruff did try all the way, Bruree were completely on top and went on to qualify to meet Kilmallock in the semi-final.

SCORERS

Bruree: M. Mullins and J. Potter (1-3 each), J. Bresnihan (1-0), G. Mullane (0-3), G. Randles (0-2), P. Potter, D. Mullane, P. O'Brien and D. Deady (0-1).

Bruff: W. Bulfin (1-1), A. Gubbins and T. McAuliffe (1-0 each), S. Bulfin, W. Irwin and R.

Ardpatrick 1-11
Stakers 2-7

Ardpatrick, unbeaten in the cup and championship in the past two years, had a close call from Stakers in the South Limerick junior hurling cup semi-final at Knocklong yesterday.

After playing against the breeze in the first half, Stakers were ahead at half time by 2-5 to 1-7, but they frittered away several chances of scores in the second half and Ardpatrick went on to retain their unbeaten record.

SCORERS

Ardpatrick: E. McGrath (0-8), J. McCarthy (1-1), E. O'Keefe and J. O'Connor (0-1 each).

Stakers: G. Carroll (1-4), M. Noonan (1-1), J. Lyons and J. Maguire (0-1 each).

Referee, Mr. K. Walsh, Garryspillane.

Bruree stroll to semi-final

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By SEAN MURPHY

Bruree 3-10
Adare 3-3

Bruree, still reeling after that shock thrashing by Croom in the South final replay, stormed back into contention for county championship honours when they hammered a fancied Adare side by seven points—3-10 to 3-3—in the quarter-final of the senior hurling championship at Pairc na nGael on Sunday.

A near gale-force wind was a vital factor in the outcome of this encounter, which provided some good passages of hurling, without ever reaching the classical mould.

Bruree laid the foundation for their success when aided by the elements in the first half, as from the outset they served notice that they really meant business.

They opened the scoring after six minutes when John Potter pointed from a side-line puck, and they got a real boost after ten minutes when Michael Mullane outwitted the Adare defence to shoot a great goal.

Adare were, however, moving well, with Mike Butler really posing problems for Jim O'Brien by his tearaway tactics and only two great saves by

Mike O'Brien, the Bruree goalie, prevented major scores for the West champions.

Shane Fitzgibbon gave Adare renewed hope when he crashed home a superb goal just before the break to leave Adare trailing by 2-6 to 1-1 at half time.

When Mike Alfred pointed for Adare early on resuming, the stage was set for an epic struggle with the odds now definitely favouring Adare.

But Bruree had other ideas, and with John Lyons, Danny Deedy, Pat Potter and Donal Mullane performing heroics, they consolidated their position and continued to maintain their dominant grip.

The goal that finally sealed Adare came in the 13th minute of the second half and was a real present, which was graciously accepted with telling effect by Mike Moloney, when he coolly crashed a pass from an Adare defender to the net.

From then onwards Adare were fighting an uphill battle, and never shaped up as a rallying force, despite some spirited promptings from Brendan Flynn, who scored a peach of a goal, P. J. Kinnevene, goalie Pat Brennan, Ger Hickey, Mike Butler, Mike Alfred, Shane Fitzgibbon and veteran substitute Dick Cos-

telloe.

For Bruree, John Lyons, Pat Potter, Donal Mullane, Danny Deedy, Ger Randles, Mike Mullane, Mike Moloney and Jim O'Brien in the second half were best.

Scorers

Bruree: M. Mullane 1-1, G. Randles 1-1, M. Moloney 1-0, D. Mullane 0-2, P. O'Brien 0-2, G. Mullane 0-2, J. Potter 0-1, P. Potter 0-1. Adare: S. Fitzgibbon 2-0, B. Flynn 1-1, M. Alfred 0-2.

Teams

Bruree: M. O'Brien, H. Hogan, J. O'Brien, J. Moloney, J. Lyons, D. Mullane, E. O'Dea, D. Deady, P. Potter, J. Potter, P. O'Brien, G. Randles, G. Mullane, M. Mullane, M. Moloney.

Adare: P. Brennan, P. Doherty, T. Normoyle, M. Dundon, P. Hickey, P. J. Kinnevene, E. Fitzgerald, G. Hickey, D. Marron, P. Marron, S. Tierney, M. Alfred, B. Flynn, M. Butler, S. Fitzgibbon.

Subs.: D. Costello for D. Marron, T. Dunne for S. Tierney.

Referee: S. O'Connor (Claughaun).

Easy for Bruree

Bruree 10-7-82 1-9
Kilmallock 0-4

Kilmallock, only a puck of the ball away from winning last year's Limerick senior hurling title, bit the dust at Bruff on Sunday when they were well and truly beaten by Bruree in the South division semi-final.

It was a rather poor exhibition of hurling and Kilmallock never lifted their game. Their forwards were hopelessly inept and their scoreline is stark indication of this.

Bruree had much more heart and showed this with a good second half display. They had the edge in the first half and led at half time by 0-3 to 0-2. Five minutes into the second half, Kilmallock had levelled but Bruree came back to lead again and at the end of the third quarter they were still a point ahead. Then early in this quarter a Bruree '65' went into the net off a Kilmallock defender. This was a signal for greater effort by the Bruree men and they finished up good winners by eight points.

Scorers - Bruree: G. Mullane 0-5, D. Mullane 1-1, P. O'Brien 0-1, and J. Potter 0-2.

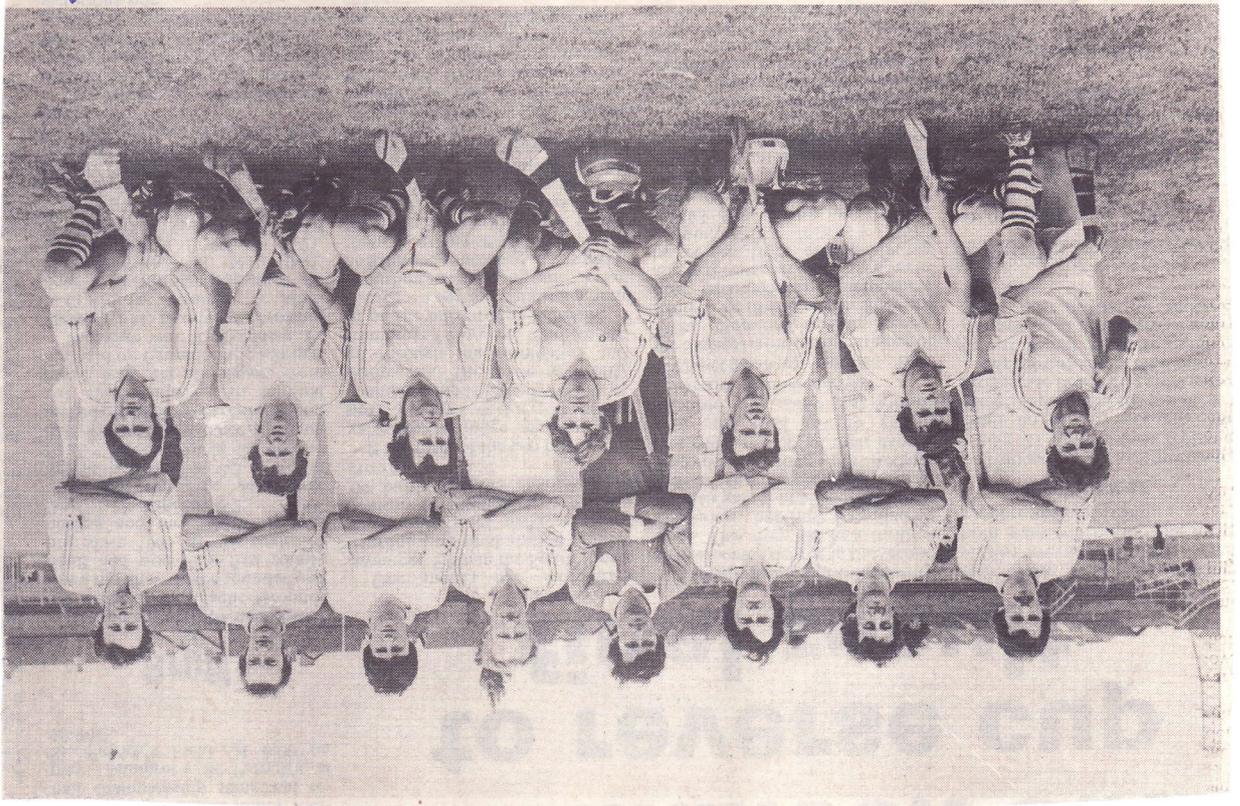
Kilmallock - P. Kelly 0-3, D. O'Riordan 0-1.

Referee Mr. Frank Costello, Banogue.



Bruree, holders of the South S.H. title, who played a draw with Croom at Bruff on Sunday last.

The Bruree team beaten by Patrickswell in the county senior hurling final. 18-9-82



EASY FOR 2/
 BRUREE 5
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 By SEAN MURPHY

BRUREE4-4
 ARDPATRICK0-8

FORMER Limerick defensive stalwart, Jim O'Brien, was slotted into an attacking role at full-forward for Bruree's engagement with debutants, Ardpatrick, at Kilmallock, and with able assistance from fellow veteran, Pat O'Brien, was the springboard of Bruree's 4-4 to 0-8 victory over the reigning county junior champions.

The issue was more or less decided in the first half of this game, which provided little entertainment for the fair-sized crowd at the venue. The Kilmallock pitch was in fair condition considering the recent wretched weather, and incessant rains.

Ardpatrick, aided by a strong breeze, enjoyed territorial advantage, but their forwards frittered some glorious opportunities and generally were held in a vice-like grip by the Bruree defence.

In stark contrast, Bruree, with the O'Briens wreaking havoc, clinically picked off their scores and at half-time led by 3-3 to 0-6.

With Jackie McCarthy now curbing the threat posed by Jim O'Brien, Ardpatrick improved immensely on resuming, but again found it well nigh impossible to pierce the Bruree citadel in which goalie Mick O'Brien was outstanding.

They missed three chances of goaling, before Pat Potter sounded the death-knell for their aspirations in the 15th minute when a lobbing shot from 60 metres by the towering mid-fielder went unimpeded to the Ardpatrick net for a fortuitous goal.

Ardpatrick fought gamely to the end, but Bruree, displaying far greater cohesion and composure, finished deserving winners.

Goalie Mick O'Brien, John Lyons, Mick Barron, Pat Potter, Ger Mullane, Pat O'Brien and Jim O'Brien were the most impressive for Bruree, while Jackie McCarthy, Pat McGrath, Eamon O'Keefe, Eddie McGrath, Pat McCarthy and Donie O'Sullivan caught the eye for Ardpatrick.

Scorers

Bruree: P. O'Brien 2-1, J. O'Brien 1-3, P. Potter 1-0.
 Ardpatrick: E. McGrath 0-4, P. McGrath 0-2, D. O'Sullivan 0-1, E. O'Keefe 0-1.

County Senior Hurling

Championship

26-6-83
Bruree
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There is one game in the County senior hurling championship listed for Kilmallock on this Saturday evening at 7.30 when last year's finalists, Bruree, take on near neighbours Ballingarry in what promises to be a closely contested game.

Bruree showed good form when ousting reigning county junior champions, Ardpatrick, in the first round, with former inter-county stalwart, Jim O'Brein, showing tremendous ability at full-forward. Others to shine were Donal Mullane, Danny Deedy, John Potter, Mick Mullane and Pat O'Brien.

Ballingarry will rely strongly on the defensive talents of Con O'Keefe and the scoring thrusts of UCC player, Mick Quaide, but overall Bruree should have the craft and experience to surmount this hurdle.

S.H. championship 2.7.83

Bruree given a scare by Ballingarry

Bruree 4-11
 Ballingarry 4-7

with goals from Pat O'Brien and John Potter.

For long periods of this senior hurling championship tie at Kilmallock on Saturday last, it seemed as if Bruree would coast to a runaway win.

Indeed they held a four goal advantage at the end of the third quarter, but were forced to pull out all the stops in a hectic last fifteen minutes as Ballingarry staged a grand stand rally.

Bruree played a fine brand of attacking hurling in the opening half and held an interval advantage of 1-9 to 0-2. The opposition had no answer to their fast, intelligent play. Pat Potter, Danny Deady, Pat O'Brien, John Potter and Michael Mullane picked off great scores as Ballingarry could only make feeble efforts to make an impression on the scoreboard.

Ballingarry realised the gravity of the situation and made an interval change, which certainly worked to their advantage. John Hogan, who made some daring saves in goal in the first half, was moved to full forward and substitute Michael Clancy took over between the posts.

Hogan raised Ballingarry hopes early in the second half with a well taken goal, but Bruree struck back

Odds

Ballingarry pegged away against the odds, but when the occasions arose, Hogan, Danny O'Keefe and Tadg Costelloe began to cause problems for the Bruree defence.

Pat Cagney and Danny O'Keefe raised green flags for Ballingarry and the deficit was down to two goals. In the 28th minute of the second half, John Hogan was grounded and Sean Dunworth crashed home the penalty to leave a single goal between the sides.

Amid high excitement Ballingarry went in search of the equaliser, but it was Bruree who finished better and a point from a free in the dying seconds tied up the game firmly in their favour.

Bruree P. Murphy, P. Stanton, D. Mullane, H. Hogan, M. Barron, J. Lyons, E. O'Dea, D. Deady, P. Potter, G. Mullane, P. O'Brien, J. Potter, M. Molony, J. O'Brien, M. Mullane. Sub., G. Randles.

Ballingarry — J. Hogan, L. Fitzgerald, C. O'Keefe, T. Quaide, M. Quaide, D. Clifford, D. O'Keefe, S. Kennedy, M. Healy, D. O'Keefe, T. Costello, D. Fitzgerald, P. J. Barrett, S. Dunworth, P. Cagney. Sub., M. Clancy.

Referee — P. Byrnes (South Liberties).

10.9.83

Death of P. J. Moloney, Bruree

By A SPECIAL
CORRESPONDENT

THE death occurred at the Regional Hospital, Limerick, of Mr. Patrick J. Moloney, Bruree, aged 64.

A native of Hospital, he came to Bruree more than 30 years ago and became very much involved in the business life of the village, first as a victualler and later as a licensed vintner.

He took an active part in the affairs of the area generally. He was a lifelong supporter of the G.A.A. and was a well-known figure at Gaelic games. His sons all played hurling and football.

He was father of Laurence Moloney, who has played full-back in rugby for Garryowen, Munster and Ireland; of John and Michael Moloney, both of whom are on the Bruree senior hurling, and of the late Gerard Moloney, who was a prominent member of the Limerick senior hurling team.

Esteem

He is also survived by his wife, Mrs. Rita Moloney (nee O'Connell); sisters, Mrs. Mary O'Neill, Limerick; Mrs. Lizzie Canty, London, and Mrs. Bridie O'Brien, Main Street, Charleville; brothers, Mr. Michael Moloney, Dublin, and Mr. James Moloney, Kilmallock; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

There was a very large attendance, representative of all sections of the community, at the removal of the remains to St. Munchin's Church, Bruree, and again at the funeral to Athlacca Cemetery.

This was a tribute to the esteem in which he was held over a wide area.

The funeral Mass was celebrated by his brother-in-law, Rev. M. O'Connell, who also recited the prayers at the graveside.

Bruree

29.10.83

On Sunday last at Bruff, in the South senior hurling final, Bruree and Kilmallock played a draw on the scorline 1-6 to 1-6. This game was played in atrocious weather conditions, considering that Bruree had been in the final since early August, and that there were only two other matches to be played in the competition at that stage, there should have been no need to play the final at the end of October, when it could have been completed in mid September.

Bruree GAA Club and School Building Fund will hold the monthly draw for October, on Saturday night. Promoters are requested to attend or to have their cards handed in.

The annual sale of work, wheel

Bruree win at third attempt

19.11.83

Bruree 2-9
Kilmallock 0-9

Kilmallock — P. Kelly 0-4, D. O'Riordan 0-3, D. Barry and M. Neligan 0-1 each.

The South Limerick senior hurling title rests safely in the hands of Bruree, who won it last year. This year, they had to play three hard hours of hurling against Kilmallock before retaining the title. And in the second replay of the final at Bruff last Sunday they had two goals to spare over their opponents.

The two goals between them at the end hardly reflected the closeness of the game. The first one came ten minutes into the game, when Kilmallock were leading by three points. Goalkeeper T. J. Moloney took a high ball down with his hand and in doing so stepped behind his line, and Bruree were level. The second one came near the end of the third quarter, when referee Frank Costello of Banogue awarded Bruree, who were then down to 14 men, a doubtful penalty, which veteran Jim O'Brien scored.

Although the game was not as good as the two drawn games, there was good hurling and the teams were level at the end of a fairly entertaining first half. The game deteriorated in the second half and five minutes into the second half, a Bruree man was sent to the line. Kilmallock took the lead a minute later and then came the debatable penalty. Thereafter, Kilmallock did not seem to do anything right, while Bruree picked off the points that counted. In the last quarter, one of Kilmallock's players was sent to the line and the game ended on an unsatisfactory note. There was a late rally by Kilmallock and during this goalkeeper M. O'Brien brought off two great saves in the Bruree goal.

SCORERS

Bruree — J. O'Brien 1-1, G. Mullane 0-4, M. Mullane 1-0, P. O'Brien 0-2, D. Mullane and P. Potter 0-1 each.

The trophy for the championship was presented to captain Dan Deady by Mr. P. Murnane, chairman of the South Limerick GAA Board.

TEAMS

Bruree — M. O'Brien, P. Staunton, J. Moloney, H. Hogan, M. Barron, D. Mullane, J. Lyons, D. Deady, P. Potter, E. O'Dea, P. O'Brien, J. Potter, M. Mullane, J. O'Brien, G. Mullane. Sub., G. Randles for E. O'Dea.

Kilmallock — T. J. Moloney, S. O'Grady, M. Burchill, J. J. O'Riordan, G. O'Riordan, L. Tobin, O. Cussen, D. Barry, M. Neligan, P. Kelly, D. O'Riordan, P. Lynch, B. Savage, T. Moloney, G. O'Brien. Subs., M. Leahy for G. O'Brien; N. Hanley for S. O'Grady.

18-5-85
Bruree

After a lapse of 27 years Bruree have at last won an underage final. Last Saturday in Knocklong Bruree beat Emly by 2 goals and 1 point to 3 points. The excited team later celebrated with great enjoyment, they travelled from door to door carrying their prized cup. Great credit is due to all those who helped them in any way.

Sympathy is extended to the

18-5-85
Bruree

On Saturday last the much awaited final of the South Primary League was played at Knocklong between Bruree and Emly. This was a great game of hurling, fast and exciting from start to finish. At half-time Bruree led by 1 goal and 2 points. We really struck form in the second half with some fine ground hurling and first time pulling, and after a hectic finish Bruree won by 2-1 to 0-3. This has been our first under-age trophy for almost 27 years and on a day like this it is hard to single out players.

The full-back line, with Michael Hennessy like a rock, Aidan Frawley, the captain, grabbing and clearing everything, Patrick Cullen had a powerful game, David Cussen was first for every ball and had a great game, John Carey at centre back drove some great balls upfield, Francis Finn had a stormer of a game, at midfield Seamus Murphy and Tony Randles were seldom beaten, the half line, with Hallie O'Regan playing a blinder, and Francis Murphy doing trojan work, and John Randles having his best game yet.

The full-forward line, with Michael Carey always there for the ball, and John O'Halloran playing great stuff and Christopher Sexton playing his heart out. This is a team that will be remembered for many years to come. The celebrations went on for most of the day and the team and cup going into most houses in the village and surrounding area.

The full panel: Paul Sexton, Michael Hennessy, Aidan Frawley, David Cussen, John Carey, Francis Finn, Seamus Murphy, Tony Randles, Hallie O'Regan, Francis Murphy, John Randles, Christopher Sexton, John O'Halloran, Michael Carey, Michael O'Kelly, Brian Frawley, T. J. Murphy, Thomas Hedderman, Tony Carey, Declan McCarthy, Raymond Fitzgerald.

15-6-85
Bruree

In the final of Bruree G.A.A. Hurling Tournament played at Bruree on Sunday evening last, Athlaca had a good win over Granagh. This was a very good game of hurling played in good weather conditions. The match was refereed by Terence Murray, Patrickswell, who did an excellent job of refereeing.

The trophies for the tournament were kindly sponsored by Hugh Hogan and John Moloney Bruree G.A.A. Club would like to thank them both.

Bruree played Bruff in the second round of South Limerick Senior Hurling Championship on Sunday, June 9, at Kilmallock. After playing with a very strong breeze in the first half, Bruree led 2-7 to 0-0 at half time. Bruree finished the stronger team and Bruff could only score 4 pts. in the second half. The final score was Bruree 2-9, Bruff 0-4. They will now meet Athlaca in the semi-final.

MUMMUS.

On Monday, July 22, Bruree's under 14 hurlers qualified for the county group C final by beating Croagh/Kilfinny by 7-1 (22) to 2-2 (8). The novice hurlers were well beaten on Friday night when they fielded an under strength team against Camogie Rovers at Meanus. On Wednesday, July 24, the under 16 hurlers qualified for the South group C final. The senior hurlers played Dromin Athlaca in the South championship semi-final.

3-8-85

COUNTY HURLING

Bruree defeated Kildimo 2-9 to 1-0 in the under 14 county hurling final, at Croom. Best for the winners were Aidan Frawley, Sean Quirke, John Carey, Francis Murphy, Paudie O'Regan and Edward Potter. The losers were best served by Stephen and Sean Hannon, Jed Lunn, Joe Moloney, Aidan O'Brien and Conor McCormack.

10-8-85

Bruree

The local sportsfield committee are very busy presently putting the finishing touches to their new dressing rooms.

Bruree won South Limerick Bord na nOg title after a lapse of 27 years. On Saturday, July 6th last in the replay of the under 12 football B final, played at Kilmallock. Bruree beat Castletown/Ballyagar, 2-1 to 1-3.

July 85



Bruree, winners of the South Limerick under-12 B Gaelic football championship. 20-7-85

Bruree

The A.G.M. of Bruree G.A.A. Club was held in the Community Centre last Saturday night. There was a fair attendance. The chairman, Shamus Sexton, welcomed all present. The secretary, Mr. Gearoid Mullane, presented his report and the treasurer, Mr. Paddy Carey, showed the club in a good financial position. The following officers were elected for 1986.

President, Rev. Fr. Moran, P.P.; vice-president, Mr. Michael Hogan (Snr.); chairman, Shamus Sexton; vice-chairman, Mr. Michael O'Brien; secretary, Mr. Gearoid Mullane; asst. secretary, Mr. Donie Deady; treasurers, Mr. Jim O'Brien and Mr. Paddy Carey.

It was decided to enter the following teams in 1986 - senior, u-21, novice and minor hurling and junior, u-21 and minor football.

Bruff

Bruff 4-12
 Kilfinane 5-9

Bruff and Kilfinane played at Knocklong in the South under 21 hurling c'ship on Sunday. The game was very even throughout and the highlight of the game was Pat Barrett's first goal. Two of Kilfinane's goals were due to deflections which beat the Bruff goalie, Tom Coleman.

Kilfinane raised a green flag to go a goal ahead late in the game. Bruff, sensing defeat, stepped into top gear to score three points to equalise. Mike Reale played well throughout and James Riordan finished strongly. Pat Barrett was the best of the forwards and the half backs held tough.

Bruff under 14s won the Meanus hurling tournament for the first time last weekend. Bruff beat Adare 2-3 to 0-1 in the semi-final and had a convincing victory over Granagh, 3-5 to 0-1 in the final.

They play in the under 14 hurling South final on Friday evening.

Bruree under 12 hurling team had a good win in the South Bord na nOg B hurling final played at Kilmallock on Saturday last. They beat a good Garryspillane team by 2-2 to 0-3 after a great game of hurling.

The annual ...

na nOg Chairman Jim Lyod,

The Bruree Team was; John O'Brien, Patrick Cullen, Willie Farrell, Brian Frawley, Kevin Carey, Raymond FitzGerald, Anthony O'Brien, John Randles (Capt.) William Horgan, Eamonn FitzGerald, John O'Halloran, T.J. Murphy, Brendan Hogan, J.J. Hayes, Michael Dillon.

Referee: Congratulations to Ray Moloney on being referee in the Cork-Kerry Munster Final in Killarney.

19.7.86

G.A.A. Juvenile South Final Bruree 2-2 Garryspillane 0-3

In a very exciting game at Kilmallock Bruree defeated Garryspillane to win the South B. Hurling Championship for the first time.

There was great excitement as Captain John Randles received the South trophy on behalf of his team mates from Bord

G.A.A. 23-8-86
 Congratulations to Bruree Minor hurlers who won the South final recently by beating Castletown-Ballyagran at Effin.

The Bruree minor hurling team were defeated in the county semi-final of the B championship on Friday night last. The score was Cappamore 1-6 to Bruree's 0-3. The team was D. O'Kelly, D. Frawley, P. Randles, D. Ryan, M. O'Connor, S. McDonagh, J. O'Gorman, D. McCarthy (capt.), R. Sheahan, R. Kelly, M. Sexton, M. Sheahan, K. O'Regan, N. Sexton, J. Sexton. Subs.: E. Potter for J. Sexton, D. Cussen for R. Sheahan (inj.). Scorers, R. Sheahan 0-2, M. Sexton 0-1.

30/8/86

Bruree minor hurling team made their own piece of history last week when they won the first ever minor hurling title for Bruree, after a great game with Castletown/Ballyagran, the final score was Bruree 2-6 to 2-4. The Bruree team lined out as follows: D. O'Kelly, D. Frawley, P. Randles, D. Ryan, M. O'Connor, S. McDonnagha, J. Gorman, D. McCarthy, R. Sheehan, R. Kelly, M. Sexton, N. Sexton, K. O'Regan, M. Sexton, M. Sheehan. Subs: D. Cussen for N. Sexton, J. Carey for K. O'Regan.

23-8-86
 Cappamore

Bruree senior hurlers were well beaten by a youthful Bruff team in the semi-final of the South championship. The scoreline read: Bruff, 2-15; Bruree, 1-2. The Bruree team, and scorers: M. O'Brien, P. Stanton, J. Potter, M. Hogan, J. Lyons, G. Mullane, M. Barron, M. Mullane (0-1), D. Deady (0-1), P. Hogan, P. Potter, P. Finn, M. Moloney, J. O'Brien (1-0), M. Stanton. Subs.: P. O'Shea for M. Stanton; D. McCarthy for M. Moloney; G. Finn, M. Potter, E. O'Dea, S. Finn, P. Randles.

The U-13 footballers were also beaten on Saturday by Ballylanders.

15-11-86

UNDER 15 B FOOTBALL FINAL

Dromin Athlaca and Bruree fought out a stirring struggle on Saturday 29th November at Effin. At the end of a very exciting hour Dromin Athlaca emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins of 1-5 to 2-1.

Bruree Team: D. Cussen, T. Sexton, M. Murphy, P. Buckley, F. Murphy, K. O'Regan, J. Carey, J. Murphy, E. Potter, A. Frawley, T. O'Dwyer, N. O'Regan, S. Murphy, D. Frawley and M. Sheehan.

7-12-86

On Friday, December 19, Bruree Juvenile G.A.A. Club held their second annual dance at the Woodlands Hotel; Adare. A large crowd attended. Music was provided by Noel Glynn. Some of those in attendance were Rev. Fr. Greene, Fr. Kennedy, the chairman of the senior club, Seamus Sexton, senior captain, Mike Barron, members of the juvenile board and players from the past and present.

Those to speak were Lena O'Regan, juvenile secretary; juvenile chairman, David Cussen, who congratulated the players on winning the South U-12 hurling, U-15 hurling and U-18 hurling. He also thanked club members and parents who provided transport. He then spoke on the matter of club finance, especially for hurleys and also asked parents to influence the youngsters to participate in hurling and football.

Rev. Fr. Greene spoke of some of the most famous Bruree hurlers - Mick Sexton (R.I.P.), Mick Mullane (R.I.P.) and Jim O'Brien. He also congratulated the young hurlers of Bruree for their success during the year. He thanked the club officers for their work in the juvenile club. Fr. Kennedy also congratulated the juveniles on their success and paid tribute to the officers. He wished them the best of luck in 1987. Seamus Sexton, chairman of the senior club, thanked the members of the juvenile club and looked for more support at the matches.

Next came the presentation of medals (South U-12 hurling, U-15 hurling and minor hurling). Those to receive medals were - U-12: J. O'Brien, W. Farrell, B. Frawley, P. Cullen, K. Carey, R. Fitz, A. O'Brien, J. Randles (capt.), W. Horgan, E. Fitz, J. O'Halloran, T. J. Murphy, B. Hogan, M. Dillon, J. J. Hayes, D. O'Brien, A. McGrath, A. O'Shea, C. Howard, H. Hogan, G. Carey, O. O'Regan, S. O'Halloran, D. O'Keefe, T. Cussen, M. Cullen, G. Fitz, P. Sexton, P. Murphy, E. Coleman, J. O'Connor, N. Crowley; U-15: F. Finn, D. Frawley, K. O'Regan, P. Buckley, J. Carey, J. Murphy, A. Frawley, H. O'Regan, E. Potter, S. Murphy, M. Sheehan, F. Murphy, M. Murphy, T. Sexton, T. Randles, T. Dwyer, W. Farrell, D. Cussen, M. O'Connor, M. Carey; minor B: D. O'Kelly, D. Frawley, P. Randles, D. Ryan, J. O'Gorman, S. McDonagh, M. O'Connor, R. Sheehan, D. McCarthy, M. Sheehan, M. Sexton, R. Kelly, K. O'Regan, N. Sexton, J. Sexton, J. Carey, D. Cussen, J. Carey, E. Potter, B. Carey, J. Murphy, M. Murphy.

All in all, a great night was enjoyed by everyone.

Bruree

19-1-87
On January 30th the first draw of the new and revived Mick Mackey draw will be held. There are 18 prizes to be won monthly ranging from £1,000 to £100 plus also 6 Toyota Starlets, one each, every second month. All this for a modest fee of £5. The draw will be on the last Friday of every month starting Friday, January 30th. Anyone interested in joining please contact Seamus Sexton, Water Street, Bruree, as he is the local agent for the draw.

Bruree GAA Club will hold their third draw of the 400 club on Thursday night 15th. The draw will be made during a dance at the Community Centre. Music by the Vantones. Tea and sandwiches supplied, for the modest sum of £1. Dance starts at 9 p.m., everyone welcome.

Bruree G.A.A. Club will hold their A.G.M. on Monday night, January 19, at 9 p.m. sharp. All members and intending members are requested to attend.

ALL-IRELAND MEDAL FOR BRUREE GIRL

14/3/87
The All-Ireland final of the student teachers camogie competition for the Purcell Cup took place recently. Thomond College and St. Patrick's Training College Dublin contested the final. Thomond College took the title and helping them was Bruree girl Vera Mullane of Knockmore, Bruree. Coming from such a well-known sporting family. Her late father Michael and her uncles Bertie and Frank Mullane won county medals with Bruree in 1957. Vera played at centre-forward contributed in no small way to the victory. Well done Thomond College and well done Vera!

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of John Sexton, Lottera, who died recently.

23-5-87
Bruree under-12 footballers won the South Football Championship recently. They defeated Dromin-Athlaca on the scoreline of 1 pt. to no score. Brendan Hogan was the scorer. In the first round of the novice cup, Bruree were beaten by Bruff. The senior hurlers beat Kilfinane in the south senior championship, and now advance to the second round.

BRUREE G.A.A. 7-2-87

A.G.M.
The Annual General Meeting was held recently in the Community Centre. There was a good attendance of members. The following officers were elected for 1987: President: Michael Hogan Snr.; Chairman: Paddy Carey; Vice-Chairman: Eamonn O'Dea; Secretary: Gerard Mullane; Asst. Secretary: Danny Deady; Treasurer: John Moloney. The meeting decided to enter teams in the following grades for 1987. Senior U.21, Under 18 and Novice Football. The following are the selectors in the various grades: Novice Hurling and Football, Eamonn O'Dea, Noel Brosnan and P.J. Boyce. U.21 Hurling and Football: Pat Staunton, Peter Finn and James O'Dea. U.18 Hurling and Football: Fr. Green P.P. Liam Hogan and John McDonogh. It was further decided that a special effort be made in 1987 and that the club would secure the services of an outside trainer for the Senior hurling team for the coming season.

JUVENILE GAA A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of the Juvenile Club took place on Saturday January 17th. This meeting attracted a very good attendance. The Chairman David Cussen welcomed all present in reviewing the past year. He said it had been a very successful season with teams contesting four south titles of which they won two. The Treasurer Lena O'Regan gave a detailed account of the expenses for the past year. The major expense for the year was the provision of hurleys a cost which amounted to about £400.

Officers elected for 1987 are as follows: Chairman: David Cussen; Secretary: Lena O'Regan; Treasurer: Anna Murphy; P.R.O.: Seamus Sexton; Trainers and selectors U-14 and U.12: Hurling and Football: Billy Carey, Peter Buckley and Pat Cullen. Under 16 Hurling and Football: Seamus Sexton and Richard O'Regan. It is estimated that it will cost in the region of £800 to run the club in 1987 so determined fund-raising effort is to be made during the year. Hurleys for the juvenile club now cost £6 each.

The officers asked for more support from parents at matches.

Bruree

14-2-87
The senior A.G.M. was held recently and the following officers were elected: President, Michael Hogan; chairman, Paddy Carey; vice-chairman, Eamonn O'Dea; sec., Gerard Mullane; asst. treasurer, Danny Deady; treasurer, Seamus Sexton; asst. treasurer, John Moloney.

Selectors for senior hurling: Jim O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Kevin Murphy, and team captain. Novice hurling and football, Noel Brosnan, Eamonn O'Dea, and P. J. Boyce. U. 21 hurling and football; Pat Staunton, Peter Finn, James O'Dea. Under 18 Hurling and Football: Liam Hogan, John McDonagh, and Rev. Fr. Greene, P.P. Captains to be picked at first training session.

Monday, March 2

On Saturday last Bruree minors had a very good win over Castle-town-Ballyagran in the minor hurling league. The score was 5-10 to 2 pts. in favour of Bruree. This was a good team performance. The team was D. O'Kelly, D. Frawley, J. O'Gorman, D. Ryan, D. Cussen, S. McDonagh, J. Murphy, R. Sheahan, M. O'Connor, M. Sheahan, D. McCarthy, E. Potter, J. Sexton, M. Sexton, K. O'Regan. Subs. (used): J. Carey for J. Sexton, B. Carey for K. O'Regan, J. Carey for D. Cussen.

Bruree
The senior hurlers were also out last Sunday playing Kileedy in the league. The score was Bruree 1-6 to Kileedy's 2-9. Bruree lined out as follows: M. O'Brien, P. Stanton, J. Potter, M. Barron, P. Finn, J. Lyons, R. Sheahan, M. Mullane, G. Mullane, P. Hogan, P. Potter, D. McCarthy, M. Stanten, P. Shea, D. Deady. Subs (used): G. Finn for M. Stanton, M. Potter for R. Sheahan, L. Hogan for D. Deady. 7-3-87

Bruree

5-9-87
Bruree minor hurlers defeated Ballinacurra Gaels in the county semi-final of the B championship on Tuesday night last. The score was Bruree 4 goals and 6 points to Ballinacurra Gaels 2 goals and 5 points. Bruree under 16 footballers were defeated by Adare in the county semi-finals.