

GAA HISTORY OF KILEEDY

ACCOUNTS of matches involving teams under the name of Ashford St. Ita's—for almost a century—are once again being researched for the compiling of the history of the GAA in Killeedy parish.

But the history of the Gaelic activities in the western parish since 1884, which is hoped to publish within the next year, may yet coincide with an old ambition of the players to become county senior champions.

Parishioners socialised with friends and supporters of the club from all parts of County Limerick at the ninth annual dinner held at the River Room Hotel, Newcastle West.

They were joined by West Board secretary, John Whelan, and the special guest of the evening, Eamonn Cregan, of the Claughaun club.

In the foyer of the hotel to welcome the guests as they arrived was Joe O'Connor, whose main ambition is to see the county hurling championship celebrated in the parish of St. Ita. He said later at the dinner that the club senior team was now all set to win outright the West Limerick senior hurling cup and for the county cup — "it's only a puck of a ball away" and would be won in 1977.

He pointed to the long history of the club in Killeedy. There were accounts of matches with players from St. Ita's parish, which dated back to the foundation of the G.A.A. in 1884. The club history, now actively being compiled, will include many such accounts and he was requesting the full and enthusiastic support for the project.

Trophies

But the winning of county trophies and the recording of the past is not the only ambition of the Killeedy club.

Joe is recognising the existence of exceptional qualities among club members and another action front of the organisation isto make Killeedy G.A.A. "an exceptional parish organisation functioning democratically at all times and catering for everybody — young and old, men, women and children".

There was a warm welcome for Eamonn Cregan, who was accompanied by his wife. "Why wouldn't I come?" was the reply from the Claughaun



Joe O'Connor, Killeedy G.A.A.

star to the invitation from the club.

He paid tribute to Killeedy G.A.A. and to its county hurling representatives in particular. He said that Claughaun intend to upset Killeedy's plan for 1977 by winning the county title in hurling . . . but the happy gathering did not seem to take that threat too serious.

The function was attended by all the club officials, including the newly-appointed secretary, P. J. Cronin; joint treasurers, Michael Fitzmaurice and Kevin Barry; asst. secretary, John Magner, and vice-chairmen, William Doody and Michael Cunningham.

Fr. J. D. Griffin, C.C., attended, as well as the 1977 senior hurling selectors — Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice, Patrick Curtin, Bernard Kenny, Michael Delee and Donal Flynn.

Killeedy A.G.M.

At the annual general meeting of Killeedy G.A.A. Club, Mr. John Cunningham, in the absence of the Chairman, presided.

The outgoing Secretary reported that all outstanding debts had been paid and there was a little surplus on hands.

The delegates were addressed by Rev. P. Burke, C.C., and Rev. Fr. O'Connor, both of whom appealed to the players to train earnestly for the coming championship engagements.

The following officers were elected for 1968: President, Very Rev. J. Halpin, P.P.; Chairman, Mr. Maurice Lynch; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Cunningham; Secretary, Mr. Eamon Scanlan; Asst. Secretary, Mr. M. Delee; Treasurer, Mr. Pat Scanlan; Chaplain to team, Rev. P. Burke; trainer and coach, Rev. Fr. O'Connor; Selection Committee — Chairman and Fr. O'Connor, Captain junior team, M. Colbert; vice-capt., Eddie Kelleher; capt. under 21 team, Conor Magner; vice-capt., Johnny Breen. Selections for the juvenile and under-14 teams were adjourned to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

Killeedy

A great crowd attended the annual general meeting of Killeedy G.A.A. in Cronin's Hall, Raheenagh, and re-elected all the outgoing officers, while no championship honours and only one tournament was won during 1979, it was nevertheless an historic year, said Patrick Curtin, outgoing chairman, in which the club acquired its own playing pitch. Mr. John Magner, sec., reviewed the year's activity including the winning of the McAuliffe Cup and trophies in Kilmallock. Mr. Ben Joe Mullane presenting the joint treasurers report, recorded a splendid fiscal year and paid glowing tribute to all patrons and focussed special attention on the outstanding success of the Christmas draw.

The meeting was united in its resolve to regain the West Limerick senior hurling title again this year and many resolutions promising better attention to under age teams were passed. It was suggested that the new playing field be named Oairc Ide Naofa and medical officers were appointed to deal thoroughly with injuries and insurance claims. Mass celebrated by Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice preceded the meeting and votes of sympathy were extended to the families who suffered bereavements during 1979. Fr. Martin O'Donnell P.P., was a very welcome guest at the meeting and chairman, Patrick Curtin indicated this would be his last year in office.

Officers for 1980: Fr. Griffin, C.C. president, Fathers Martin O'Donnell and Willie Fitzmaurice vice-presidents; Con Herbert, N.T., registrar; Patrick Curtin, chairman; John Magner, sec.; Ben Joe Mullane and Michael Fitzmaurice, joint treasurers; Donal Flynn and Michael Deely, trainers; Michael Browne and Michael Delly, medical men; Pat Meehan, senior hurling captain; Conor Magner, Donal Flynn and Michael Deely senior hurling selectors, to be assisted by Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice and Pat Meehan. This year's working committee has twenty-two members.

9. 2. 1980

Killeedy A.G.M.

At the annual convention of above held in the local hall, all outgoing officers were re-elected: Rev. Father Halpin, President; Chairman, Jerry Scanlan; Vice-Chairman, John Cunningham; Secretary, M. Lynch; Treasurer, Eddie Kelleher; Chaplain to the teams, Rev. Father Bourke.

The Chairman, in a brief address, welcomed all the members present and said he was very glad to see such a big muster of the Gaels of the parish. He said it was a good omen for the future and with such spirit and enthusiasm as shown here to-night by the youth there is no fear our Gaelic games will die in the Parish of Killeedy.

The Secretary, in his report, congratulated the under-21 hurling team in being the first ever to bring the Championship to West Limerick. He also thanked the Feohanagh players and supporters who helped them to win it. All the under-age groups gave a very good account of themselves except the under-14 hurling team, who for some reason were not called to play their second game. The juniors went out by the smallest of margins in the first round. He warned the players not to take Championship matches so lightly and put in some training to be able to take the field more fit than they were on that occasion. He also congratulated St. Ita's in their wonderful displays during the year in all their games; it was their first year together and their three games with St. Pat's was a treat to watch. They put a new lease of life into hurling in this part of West Limerick.

On behalf of the club he thanked Mr. Cronin for the use of the Hall for all their meetings and functions; all the people who put their cars at their disposal for all their different matches; all those who helped at the silver circle and annual collection, etc.; and all those who helped to make his job a pleasure during the year.

The Treasurer said he was very glad to report that all outstanding bills were paid and left a little surplus to the account. He also congratulated the minors in helping Tournafulla to bring the cup to Tournafulla.

J.H. "B" Corp.

9th June 1935

Killeedy Players

J. Mullane, Captain

J. Dore, M. Lynch

Cregan, P. Bennett

D. Fitzpatrick, C. Leahy

J. Shanahan, M. Shanahan

Y.O'Garra, J. Dore

J. Hayes, J. Fitzmaurice

J. Dore, J. Leahy

C. Scanlan

Father David's farewell

A YOUNG West Limerick priest who returned from the missionary fields of Mississippi two years ago and brought the Gaels of Killeedy from oblivion to champions of the west left them last week with those parting words: "You have proved what you can do. With support you will continue to succeed and by 1975 can be one of the top four teams in the county championship."

Father David O'Connor was saying farewell to the people of his home parish of Killeedy and the members of the G.A.A. club for whom he had done so much in such a very short time.

Since he returned from the United States two years ago he has instilled a new spirit and a new awakening has been created in the G.A.A. in Killeedy. And it was his joy that during the past year he saw them win the West Limerick under 21 championship and crown their season with three sets of hurling medals and a set of football medals in junior grade in tournaments. For the coming season they are now looking optimistically with renewed life and spirit to prove that the G.A.A. is very much "living" in the parish.

The Future

What Father David, as he is so affectionately known in Killeedy, has done for the rural western parish will long be remembered in G.A.A. circles in the area. Before leaving he instilled them with some more words of wisdom on the place of the association in the future.

There are too many, he said, leaving the general meetings with delight that they "did not get stuck in any job" and this attitude was the reflection of lack of proper leadership training. He called upon the association to arrange leadership courses in the rural parishes and to bring in the "people" who know the workings. People in management, public relations and journalism who are capable of putting the skills into the association for the running of the G.A.A."

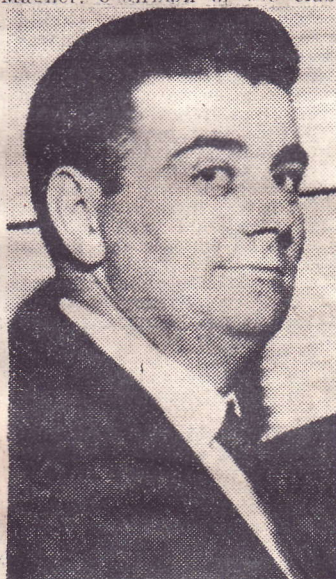
Referring to the proposed handball alley at Croke Park, he appealed to the Limerick County Board to "get that alley for Limerick" because he felt that this alley to be erected by the Central Council should not be erected in Dublin.

Father O'Connor spoke also of live television coverage for finals which the Central Council "seems to be hesitant to allow" and issued a warning that as soon as they feel they cannot "live with live coverage of their matches it is almost in sight."

Presentation

Father O'Connor was speaking at the second annual dinner of the club at Cronin's Hotel, Charleville, where he was presented with a gold watch in appreciation of his work for the club over the last two years.

The occasion was an outstanding success and was attended by more than 300 parishioners, neighbours and friends of the G.A.A. in West Limerick. It was the pleasure of John Magner, chairman of the club,



William Doody, Killeedy captain of last year, was also at the social.

to welcome the "fine gathering here tonight" and compliment everyone on the success of their teams during the past year.

Killeedy had always been a name in hurling, Father P. de Burca, C.C., recalled, but now Father O'Connor had put them on the map in the county again and shown them that the G.A.A. is a force in a parish in the religious, social and economic way of life and that was how he wanted it to be.

"We all owe it to our community to give of our best," Fr. de Burca said, "and through our achievements we can build that community, religiously, socially and economically to be alive and good and then wide fields will open to us. A man who returned from the deep South of America has shown what can be done. I hope the message has been grasped."

Very Proud

John Whelan, secretary of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, said that he was very proud of Killeedy and added jovially: "If every club in the county was like Killeedy, I would have more hair on my head than I have."

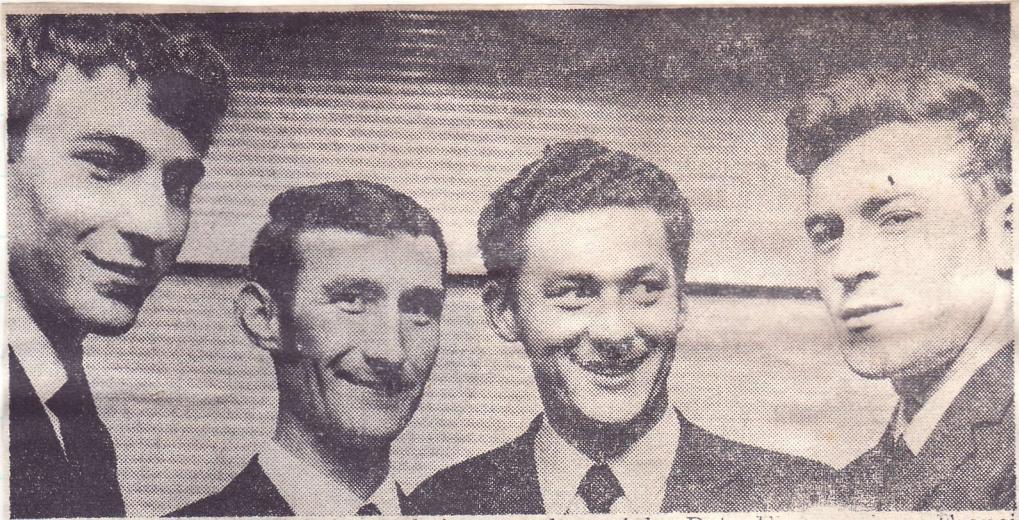
The drop in interest in Irish dances was also referred to by John Whelan and he expressed the wish to see more classes for Irish dancing and Irish music in our schools.

The club are at present hoping to be able to run a bus to the League final at Croke Park and this is another of Father O'Connor's ideas. "Young players have very often seen Croke Park on the television screen, but very many of them have not had the opportunity of being there", he told me. "The National League final should be a thriller and our plans are well under way to run a bus, and I am hoping that the County Board will be able to arrange stand tickets in advance."

Among the Gaels whom I dropped into during the night were, William Doody, last year's successful captain, Michael Deely, their junior captain. Another noted G.A.A. follower for

many decades present, was Maurice Lynch, and as he chatted with Ben O'Sullivan and John Whelan, there was a lot in common.

The Mighty Oscar showband soon filled the air with pleasant dancing music and the hours slipped quietly away in a most enjoyable atmosphere.



Members of Killeedy G.A.A. at their annual social, Pat F. O'Connor, Jim Mulcahy, and William Fitzmaurice

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Attending the Killeedy I.C.A. and G.A.A. Club dinner at the Devon Inn: Mr. Michael Fitzmaurice and Mr. Den Mullane, joint treasurers; Fr. P. Fitzmaurice, Fr. O'Donnell, P.P.; Mr. Pat Curtin, chairman; Fr. Griffin, C.C., club president; Mr. John Magner, secretary; Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice, Mr. G. Scanlon, vice chairman; Mr. Jacky O'Sullivan, vice chairman, West Limerick G.A.A. Board.

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Some of the attendance at the Killeedy G.A.A. and I.C.A. Dinner.

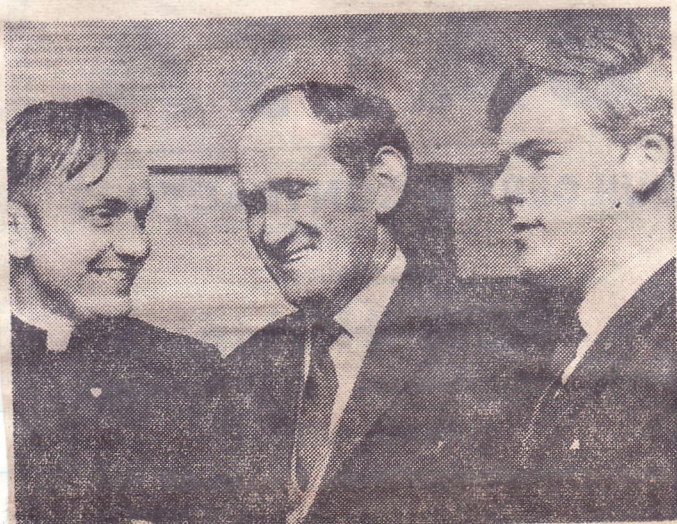
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Rev. Fr. D. O'Connor is presented with a gold watch by Rev. Fr. de Burca, for Kileedy G.A.A.



Ben O'Sullivan and Maurice Lynch, were also at the annual dinner of Kileedy G.A.A., at Cronins Hotel.



Rev. Fr. de Burca, C.C.; John Whelan, secretary of the Western G.A.A. Board, and Pat Barry at Kileedy G.A.A. dinner.



Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice receives a set of hurling jerseys on behalf of the Kileedy senior hurling team from Mr. Michael Murphy, of "Murphy and Sons" gent's outfitters, Newcastle West, at the Kileedy club house on Friday night.



Mr. Joe O'Connor receives a set of hurleys and six sliothars on behalf of the Kileedy senior hurling team from Mr. Jim Hickey, of the Tudor Style Tavern, Ashford, at the Kileedy club house.

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GRADE B. HURLING. KILEEDY.

1935

Unbeaten in Championship and qualified for final against Rathkeale. June 9th—At Broadford (Championship), Kileedy, 3-0; Feenagh, 2-3.

Replay at Broadford on July 7th—Kileedy, 6-7; Feenagh, 1-3.

Aug. 4th—At Broadford (Championship), Kileedy, 3-4; Feohenagh, 0-1.

Aug. 18th—At Newcastle (Championship), Kileedy, 4-2; Knockaderry, 2 goals 1 point.

Sept. 8th—At Broadford, (Divisional Final), Kileedy, 6-2; Dromcollogher, 4 goals.

Junior Hurling:

Kileedy Too
July 1935
Good For Adare

Kileedy, 7-5; Adare, 3-0.

Kileedy were too good for Adare in the Junior Hurling (B) Championship match played at the Gaelic Grounds, Newcastle West, in the presence of a fair attendance. Although the weather was tropical the match was one of the fastest seen in the West this season. Kileedy appeared to have a marked superiority at midfield. The score of the victors would have been still higher but for good play by Adare backs.

THE PLAY.

From the throw in Kileedy were very much on the offensive and after a short interval had their first goal. Thereafter the ball was stopped frequently at midfield, where Foley and Magner were conspicuous and several moments later a couple of major scores followed before the interval for Kileedy. The pace of the play continued very fast, and the players freely perspired in a broiling sun, the half-hour whistle bringing welcome relief. The half-time scores were: Kileedy, 2 goals 4 points; Adare, nil.

SECOND HALF.

When play was resumed Adare played with more confidence and in the second half their backs frustrated some formidable rushes by the Kileedy forwards, and from ensuing play which fed their own forwards, Adare had their first goal and shortly afterwards the Maigueside players had a second goal. Play then swung to the other end. Kileedy added 2 goals in quick succession (per Callaghan and Curtin). Towards the final whistle Adare had another goal, but a point per J. Callaghan and two further goals by T. Curtin, gave Kileedy a big lead at the end, notwithstanding a third goal scored by Adare.

Magner, Callaghan, Curtin, Foley, Browne, Lynch and Herlihy were prominent for Kileedy; while Murphy, Buckley, Normille and Twomey were conspicuous in Adare play. Full-time scores: Kileedy, 7-5; Adare, 3-0.

Mr. S. O'Connor (Newcastle West) refereed.

THE TEAMS.

The teams were:

Kileedy—T. Kelliher, R. Daly, S. Herlihy, D. Nunan, P. Lynch, C. Magner, P. Brown, D. Foley, D. O'Callaghan, S. Shiels, B. Kenny, S. Quinlan, P. Shanahan, S. Magner, T. Curtin, P. Shaughnessy.
Adare—L. Sheehan, S. Kennedy, T. Kennedy, A. Murphy, P. Conway, L. Burke, P. Buckley, J. MacEoin, F. McNamara, L. O'Kearns, D. Murphy, C. Kelly.

KILEEDY AND

CROOM IN

J.H. GAME

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At Knockaderry on Sunday last, where there was a small attendance, Kileedy beat Croom in junior hurling. The game was played under rather unpleasant conditions owing to heavy rain during the hour. Both teams were on the field in good time, and despite weather conditions the hurling was of a high standard.

Kileedy led at the end of the first half, the score at half-time being: Kileedy, 2-2; Croom, 2-1.

Encouraged by a goal early in the second moiety, Kileedy went all out to strengthen their lead, and were good winners at the end of the game on the final score:—Kileedy, 5-3; Croom, 3-1.

Sept WES LIMERICK 55 MINOR HURLING FINAL.

Kileedy 4-8; Newcastle West 3-2.

Kileedy scored a surprise win over Newcastle West in the semi-final of the West Limerick Minor Hurling Championship at Knockaderry after a game that did not come up to expectations. The winners qualified to meet Banogue in the Western Final.

Sunday's match coincided with the official opening of the splendid new Gaelic Grounds at Knockaderry where the pitch has now been enclosed. Arrangements by members of the local club were excellent. A second game listed for the occasion between Kilmeedy-Feenagh and Granagh-Ballingarry in the Junior Hurling Championship was cancelled owing to a bereavement suffered by the Chawke family. Granagh.

Despite the big disparity in the scores, the minor semi-final was a very exciting affair, but Kileedy proved superior in the closing stages and finished easy winners.

7-8-54 ATTRACTIVE

HURLING ENDS IN DRAWN GAME

HURLING at its best and brightest was the order of the day at Newcastle West on Sunday, when a big crowd saw Banogue and Killeedy play a drawn game in the West Limerick Juvenile Hurling Final, scoring 2 goals 1 point each. Indeed, the game, which was one of the best seen in the western division this season, would have done justice to any two first rate senior teams, and the Board has every reason to feel satisfied with its efforts to encourage the game amongst the more youthful exponents. While Banogue seemed all set for victory in the closing stages of the second half, the ultimate result was, perhaps, the most fitting one, as Killeedy had somewhat the best of matters in the opening moiety and they were well worth their last minute goal, which left the issue to be decided on another day. Incidentally, there was some confusion about this vital score, as some of the Banogue followers claimed that the ball went over the bar. However, it would appear that this impression was due to a pardonable misunderstanding as the sliotar had actually crossed the Banogue goal line before it was returned to play and then hit over the bar.

THE GAME.

The game opened in a rasping pace with the somewhat stronger Killeedy combination pressing hard from the start. Despite some spectacular clearances by Sheehan and Sullivan in the Banogue defence, the Killeedy lads maintained the pressure and their efforts were eventually rewarded with a goal from Kirby for the only score in the opening half. The issue was still very open on the resumption and after Dunworth had made a few spectacular clearances in the Banogue net, Banogue took up the running with a series of determined attacks. Eventually Kelly opened the Banogue scoring with a point, to which Rahilly added a goal shortly afterwards. Meanwhile, Liston had added a Killeedy point and with the scores now level interest and excitement increased with every succeeding minute. On entering the last quarter, O'Rahilly gave the Banogue boys the lead with a great goal. In the closing stages Killeedy fought back with all that was in them and in the last minute Magner succeeded in getting the ball across the Banogue goal line for the equalising goal.

Mr. Sean O'Connor (Newcastle West) refereed.

THE TEAMS.

The teams were:—

Killeedy—B. Kenny, J. Connellan, M. Shanahan, S. Shanahan, M. Barry, W. Doody, W. Kelly, S. Magner, S. Lynch, M. Duinnleibhe, M. Sigin, M. Foley, P. Kirby, J. McEnery, S. Connellan.
Banogue—S. Dunworth, J. Sheehan, S. Sullivan, P. Lordan, J. Mulcahy, J. Naughton, D. Dunworth, D. Cahill, E. Liston, N. Healy, J. O'Brien, B. Cronin, J. O'Rahilly, P. Lynch.

Warm Tributes And Presentation To Popular Gael

At a meeting of West Limerick Board of the G.A.A. held at Rathkeale, Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T., Chairman, presiding, warm tributes were paid and a presentation made to Mr. John Herlihy, Killeedy, prior to his departure to the United States.

Arising out of the minutes of the previous meeting, the Chairman said there would be a vacancy in the Finance and Appeals' Committees following the departure to the U.S. of John Herlihy. It would be necessary to co-opt a new member.

Mr. M. Fitzgerald (Adare) was co-opted on both Committees.

"LOSING A GREAT MAN."

The Chairman said he regretted very much that they were losing a great man, both as a member of the Board and an official of the Killeedy Club. Everybody knew what John Herlihy had done for the G.A.A. in West Limerick and it was sad to see his equals leaving the country. He wished Mr. Herlihy every success in the land of his adoption.

Mr. J. Whelan, joint Secretary, said he would like very much to be associated with the remarks of the Chairman. There was no one present but could realise what a big blow it was to the G.A.A. to have to lose John Herlihy. The services he had given to the G.A.A. in West Limerick as a referee, a Board member and an official of the Killeedy Club and playing member would be always remembered. In 1954 John Herlihy won a Munster and All-Ireland medal with the Limerick junior team. He was one of the most acceptable referees in the Western division and it was expected, if he had remained, he would have become an official of the West Board—an honour he would have very well deserved.

Rev. Fr. Greene said he was not long on the Board and he did not know John Herlihy as well as those present, but judging by the great tributes that had been paid him that day he felt West Limerick was losing a great man. He wished him every success and God's blessing for the future.

PRESENTATION.

Mr. Herlihy, who was present at the meeting, thanked the Board for their tributes and said he would always cherish happy memories of his association with the G.A.A. in West Limerick.

Before his departure, Mr. Herlihy was made a suitable presentation on behalf of the Gaels of West Limerick.

KILLEEDY CLUB

Addressing a very largely attended annual general meeting of Killeedy (West Limerick) G.A.A.

Club, Rev. Father Irwin, C.C., Chairman, said he was very glad to see such a large gathering, particularly of the youth of the parish as the boys of to-day were the men of to-morrow. That was, therefore, a good omen for the future of Gaelic games in the parish. He made a strong appeal to the players to come out on the practice field during the year, and expressed the hope in the same clean and sporting spirit which they had displayed during 1958.

The outgoing Secretary (Mr. James King), in his report, said he was very sorry they had no medals to give out for 1958 as they had in the previous year when they won two titles, but with a little luck and more attention to their training they might well achieve the same position in 1959.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Mr. R. Cunningham (Treasurer) explained that owing to other demands on the parish this year their financial position was not as strong as he would wish it to be. However, notwithstanding this, they were again starting off the year with a credit balance, for which they expressed their appreciation to their followers, who always stood by them in victory or defeat.

Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T. (President), also expressed pleasure at seeing such a large attendance. He congratulated Pat Hartnett, of Limerick minor fame, on his grand display during the year and said they were all very proud of this member of the Killeedy minor team which contested the County final on the previous year. He also thanked the club officials and members for their co-operation, and their supporters who had provided transport for the teams. After a long discussion it was decided to affiliate A and B teams in junior hurling, as well as minor, juvenile and under 14 hurling and juvenile football. It was also decided to hold a "41" drive at Ashford School on February 20, in aid of club funds.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The following officers and committee were appointed for 1959:—

President, Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T.; Chairman, Rev. Father Irwin, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Roger Danaher; Treasurer, Mr. R. Cunningham; Joint Hon. Secretaries, Messrs. P. J. Browne and W. Doody.

Captain, J.H. team, P. Daly; Vice-Captain, do., P. Nunan.

Selection Committee — Chairman, Secretaries and Captain; Messrs. M. Lynch and J. Callaghan.

Trainer, M. M. Lynch.

The election of captains to the other teams was deferred to the next meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Rev. Chairman recited a decade of the Rosary for deceased club members.

Killeedy Church Tournament Semi-Final

Feohenagh, 4 gls. 2 pts.
Feenagh, 1 gl. 4 pts.

Considerable interest was centred in the Killeedy Church Tournament semi-final which took place at Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds.

A close hard game resulted between two well matched sides. The winners were the stronger combination and the losers the faster side, but faulty finish by the forwards and a few defensive blunders proved to be costly factors in the defeat of Feenagh.

The opening half exchanges were very even with Feenagh early gaining a two points lead but Feohenagh fought back and at the interval led on the score: Feohenagh, 1 gl. 2 pts.; Feenagh, 3 pts.

On the resumption, Feohenagh made matters safe with two soft goals and in the concluding stages Feenagh added a goal and a point to one goal for the winners.

DEATH OF FATHER CAGNEY.

The Chairman proposed that the sympathy of the Board be extended to the Bishop of Limerick and clergy of the diocese, as well as to the bereaved relatives on the death of Rev. J. J. Cagney, C.C., St. Munchin's. The news of Father Cagney's passing, he said, had come as a great shock to them all. Deceased had been Chairman of the Killeedy Club for four or five years and he would be also remembered in West Limerick as the first lecturer in Sociology in the U.C.C. Adult Diploma Course in Rural and Social Science. While in the area he had also taken a very active and keen interest in amateur drama and his tragic death at such an early age would be very sincerely regretted throughout the west of the county.

The vote was passed in respectful silence.

21-2-59

Killeedy

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Hurling victory

The Killeedy under-21 hurling team had an impressive win over Adare in the first round of the championship at Ballingarry, on Sunday last.

At half time, Killeedy were ahead by four goals, but in the second half, Killeedy coasted to an easy victory, in what was a dull monotonous game. Best for Killeedy were, Willie Cronin, Pat O'Connor, Pat Joe Cronin, Denis O'Connor, James Mulcahy, Michael Scanlan and Ben Joe Mullane. Killeedy built up a score of 10-10; Adare failed to score.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FINAL

The Killeedy G.A.A. club will be host to all the under-18 hurlers in the parish on Sunday next. The club is organising a special low-fare excursion to the National League Finals in Croke Park. And will take all the under-18s to Dublin and provide them with a special dinner, all for just a little over one pound.

This is an ideal way to stimulate interest and enthusiasm in Gaelic games, and it is a move for which the Killeedy club must be congratulated.

PARISH LEAGUE FINAL

The final of the under 16 hurling league proved a most interesting and exciting match. The Barnagh team which had the upperhand in the first half had to withstand strong pressure from Devon Road in the second period before eventually gaining victory and a valuable set of medals.

The members of the winning team were: Eddie Dore, Jim Dore, Seamus Kelly, Timmy Kelly, Willie Murphy, Sean Shannahan, Willie O'Brien, Joe Sweeney and Brendan Dore (sub.).

Killeedy minor team beat the locals by a narrow margin in a very useful challenge match at the local sportsfield.

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G.A.A. meeting

At the annual general meeting of the Killeedy G.A.A. Hon. Presidents elected were: Very Rev. J. J. Halpin, P.P.; W. Fitzmaurice, N.T., and M. Lynch. John Magner was re-elected for another year as chairman, and J. O'Callahan was elected as vice-chairman. Secretary is Willie Cronin, assisted by B. J. O'Sullivan. Treasurer is P. Barry and assistant treasurer, P. Scanlon. Rev. D. O'Connor is trainer and manager of the team, and Rev. P. Burke, C.C., is Spiritual Director.

Killeedy 2-7
Tournafulla 2-3

At Newcastle West, on Sunday last, Killeedy reached the final of the Egan Cup competition by virtue of a very exciting win over their great rivals, Tournafulla.

The game was played under very bad conditions, with the cold, driving rain making it almost impossible for the players to hold their hurleys or their feet. To give both teams their due they served up a very entertaining game in the circumstances, and the very exciting last quarter kept the attendance on their toes.

Killeedy played with the advantage of a fairly strong breeze in the first half, and, adapting themselves much better to the conditions than their opponents, they picked off some fine scores. They led at half time by 1-5 to 1-2, but would have had a much larger lead but for the magnificent goalkeeping of Seamus Horgan for the Tour men. He made at least three brilliant saves from point blank range in the first half.

DRAMATIC TURN-ABOUT

Killeedy were soon on the attack in the second half, and when Mike Shiels crashed home a goal after less than 10 minutes play Tournafulla looked in real trouble. For the next ten minutes Killeedy were really on top, and were a little unlucky not to increase their lead. In the final ten minutes, however, the game took a dramatic turn-about as Killeedy fell back in defence and "Tour," helped now by the great attacking hurling of Pat Sullivan and Dan O'Connor, threw everything at the Killeedy goal. But the Killeedy defence stood very firm, despite the constant pressure, and were narrow but very deserving winners at the end.

STARS

In a team in which every man played his part, outstanding for Killeedy were Pat O'Connor, B. J. Sullivan, Mick Delee, Jim Mulcahy, Mike Shiels, Willie and Paud Fitzmaurice, Denis O'Connor and Willie Cronin, while best for Tournafulla were Seamus Horgan, Tom Mulcahy, Pat Sullivan, Mike Breen, Dan O'Connor, Moss Hartnett and Pat Horgan.

Killeedy—E. Kelliher, 1-0; M. Shiels, 1-0; P. Fitzmaurice, 0-6; W. Cronin, 0-1.

Tournafulla—P. Horgan, 1-0; D. O'Connor, 1-0; P. Harnett, 0-3.

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Tournafulla—S. Horgan; A. Reidy, M. Brosnihan, T. Mulcahy, C. Gorman, P. Sullivan, M. Breen, T. Horgan, D. O'Connor, M. Harnett, P. Harnett, P. Brosnihan, P. Horgan, J. Curtin, P. Collins.

Referee—Mr. Jack Quaid.



Successful — Killeedy.

17-9-71

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Kileedy 7-11
Ballingarry 3-2

At the same venue, Kileedy had no difficulty in accounting for a very disappointing Ballingarry team in the S.H.C. Kileedy, having played against the wind in the first half, led at the break by three goals, and the second half was a mere formality.

TEAMS

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Ballingarry — S. Roche, M. Roche, M. Enright, S. Sullivan, D. Keefe, M. Daly, J. Conron, M. Chawke, T. Harnett, J. Healy, M. McAuliffe, M. Sullivan, P. Daly, L. Daly, J. Carmody

Referee—Mr. Seamus Toomey.

KILLEEDY G.A.A.

The annual general meeting of the Killeedy G.A.A. Club will take place at Cronin's Hotel, Raheenagh, on this Sunday, December 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

There are a number of important items down for discussion.

The club's annual dinner dance will be held at the River Room Motel, Newcastlewest, on Jan. 4th. Early application for tickets is requested.

TOURNAMENT

In the final of the Castlemahon Tournament, (Senior Hurling), on Sunday evening, Kileedy defeated Newcastlewest by 3-6 to 1-7, while in the Junior final, on the previous Friday evening, Knockaderry had a one point win over Monagay, the score being 2-3 to 1-5.

SHANNON LEAGUE

Fitzmaurice, B. Mullane, M. Scanlon, P. O'Connor and W. Cremin. Subs.: J. Magnier for J. Mulcahy and J. Mulcahy for J. Magnier.

Pallasgreen: W. Shanahan, H. Connolly, C. O'Dwyer, M. Hayes, P. Hayes, J. O'Dwyer, M. O'Dwyer, P. McCarthy, D. O'Dwyer, M. Hayes, J. Franklin, O. Dillon, L. Bowles, T. Creed, J. Howard. Subs.: M. O'Donoghue for McCarthy, M. Power for O'Donoghue.

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NA FIANNA WIN

A report of the county junior hurling semi-final, in which Na Fianna beat Treaty-Sarsfields

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West Limerick G.A.A. final:

Historic first title for Kileedy

Kileedy ... 3-10
Adare ... 3-3

Kileedy made history at Newcastle West on Sunday week last when they brought the first ever senior hurling title to the parish. In doing this they defeated a rather disappointing Adare side of which much more was expected. Heavy rain just before the start of the game made conditions most hazardous underfoot but the Kileedy men overcame this hurdle in fine style to turn in a very impressive performance. They had strength in defence and attack and their all-round balance will make them a very hard side to beat. Adare lacked the overall balance of their rivals and were weak in too many vital positions. Their attack in particular lacked bite, and it is significant that of their total of 3-3 all but one goal came from one player.

Kileedy had a monopoly of the play in this first half and with Father Paudie and Willie Fitzmaurice in tremendous form had built up a 2-7 to 0-3 interval lead. Their first goal came after about ten minutes following a great solo run by Mick Scanlan, whose shot gave Adare goalie, Sean Sparling, no chance. Their second goal, a few minutes before the interval, was an opportunist effort by Willie Cronin following a defensive mix-up.

Kileedy's scoring rate was not as high in the second half but they had added 1-2 to their half-time total after 7 minutes, the goal being a fine effort from Donie Flynn. A couple of minutes before that Mick Bourke availed of one of his few opportunities to score a great goal for the losers, but try as they might the losers' forwards could make no effective headway against a bang in form Kileedy defence in which centre-back, Denis O'Connor, was outstanding. Tommy Reidy tried all he knew to get his side going and scored two great goals from 21 yard frees, but had little or no support from his colleagues. The champions appeared to slacken off a little midway through this second half and, actually, failed to score between the 7th and 25th minutes, and this lack of concentration could be costly against stronger opposition. The winners regained the initiative in the closing stages and were worthy and deserving champions at the end.

Apart from those already mentioned, Pat Meehan (goals), Ben Sullivan, Mick Delee, Jim Mulcahy, Con Herbert, Mick Fitzmaurice and Mick Shiels all contributed handsomely to this historic victory.

Best for Adare, who will be hoping for a big improvement from their side in the county quarter final against the Eastern champion (not yet known) were Sean Sparling, Tom Corrigan, Dick Costello, Tommy

ice 0-4, Fr. W. Fitzmaurice 0-3, D. Flynn 1-1, W. Cronin 1-0, M. Scanlan 1-0, M. Shiels 0-1, M. Fitzmaurice 0-1.

Adare — T. Reidy 2-3, M. Bourke 1-0.

TEAMS

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Subs.: B. Mullane, J. Magner. Adare — S. Sparling; P. Hall, T. Corrigan, B. O'Neill; S. Kavanagh, T. Healy, D. Costelloe; J. J. Mathews, T. Howard; B. Flynn, G. Reidy, T. Reidy; E. Mackessy, M. Bourke, M. Brennan. Subs.: G. Shire, E. Ryan.

Ref.: Mr. Toomey (Mitchelstown).

PRESENTATION

Mr. T. Woulfe, chairman of the West Limerick Board, presented the cup to the winners' captain, Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice.

West) was referee and added further lustre to his rapidly growing reputation.

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West Limerick

KILEEDY AND ADARE FINALISTS

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Scorers: Kileedy: P. Fitzmaurice 0-10 (8 from frees), D. Flynn 1-2, M. Shiels 1-1, W. Cronin 0-2 and a point each from M. Fitzmaurice J. Cunningham and J. Forde.

Feohanagh: J. Colum 2-0, T. Downey 0-1, M. Hanlon 0-1.

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Feohanagh—T. Quaid, B. Flanagan, S. Kenny, S. McAuliffe, J. Phillips, B. Quaid, N. O'Mahony, T. Quaid, J. Flanagan, C. Butler, J. Colum, P. Scanlan, M. Hanlon, T. Creaney, J. Young, subs: M. Quaid, M. Mullane.

WEST LIMERICK G.

Kileedy

15/8/74
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On the evidence of this display even taking into consideration the obvious weakness of the opposition, Kileedy are going to make a very determined bid for this year's Western title.

The defence, with P. J. Cronin, Denis O'Connor and Ben Sullivan in fine form, was very solid all through. Con Herbert had a great game at mid-field, while Mick Shiels, Mick Scanlan, Dessy Flynn and Mick Fitzmaurice were best of a very lively attack. Fr. Willie and Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice were both in subdued form, but perhaps they were sparing themselves for a bigger occasion.

For Feohanagh, only Tom Quaid, Billy Quaid, Noel O'Mahony, oJhunny Flanagan and Johnny Colum made any impression.

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The game, apart from a few minor incidents, was sportingly contested.

Ref.: Mr. Neilly Duggan (Rathkeale).



Killeedy, who defeated Feohanagh 2-18 to 2-2. 17-8-74

Fr. Fitzmaurice *Killeedy* Is Their Captain

Born 4-12-1946

1974

Is Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice, C.C., at St. John's in Limerick City, and a native of Killeedy, West Limerick, the first priest to captain a senior county team?

It certainly is the first time in Limerick that a priest has been skipper and it would appear that it hasn't happened elsewhere either.

Fr. Fitzmaurice is a brother of Paudie, who himself is fast approaching ordination at Maynooth, and was a sub in the All-Ireland team. His father, Liam Fitzmaurice, who died a few years ago, was for years chairman of the West Limerick Board, County Board chairman and one of the great supporters of Gaelic game the county.

Fr. Fitzmaurice gains the captaincy in unusual circumstances. The relegation of Moss Dowling to the reserves panel means that there is no member of the county champions, Kilmallock, in the Limerick team. So Fitzmaurice, as the only Killeedy player in the side, gets the job, Killeedy

being the county final runners-up.

It seems a rather ridiculous way to do business, especially as Fr. Fitzmaurice is in the rather difficult position of having scraped into the team himself and was not even a member of the panel for last year's All-Ireland. But this is the system dating back many years and the Limerick selectors are to be admired for sticking rigidly to traditional policy.

Furthermore, Fitzmaurice is a tough, spirited player who gives his all for sixty minutes and has a very good record against Tipperary's star midfielder, Seamus Hogan. If he can again get the better of Hogan this afternoon, Limerick will have gone a long way towards ensuring victory.

A final word on today's game... the programme is being produced by the Ballybrown club, who received a tremendous boost with the selection of their own Tom Ryan at right-half back this afternoon.

Killeedy 11-10-75 1-3
Castlemahon 0-0

In the J.F.C. game between Killeedy and Castlemahon, which preceded the minor game, Killeedy had little difficulty in disposing of the Castlemahon challenge in a featureless encounter. The winners led at half time by only two points, having played with the strong breeze, but the rally expected from the losers never materialised, and had Killeedy one good forward they would have won by a far bigger margin. The losers were awarded a penalty a few minutes from time, but Fr. Paud Fitzmaurice, who took over temporary goal-keeping duties, saved a good effort from Tom Greaney. Scorers: M. Cunningham (1-0), P. Fitzmaurice (0-2), R. O'Connor (0-1).

TEAMS

Killeedy — O. Cunningham, B. Sullivan, D. O'Connor, B. Mullane, M. Fitzmaurice, W. Fitzmaurice, J. Mulcahy, T. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, P. J. Cremin, P. Fitzmaurice, J. McCarthy, R. O'Connor, J. Cunningham, C. Magner.

Castlemahon — T. Quaid, M. O'Mahony, B. Quaid, M. Quaid, N. O'Mahony, P. O'Mahony, J. O'Mahony, T. Quaid, J. Butler, C. Butler, J. Cutrin, J. Neenan, M. Hanlon, T. Greaney, J. Colum, Subs.: J. Flanagan, T. Gillen.

Ref.: Mr. T. Woulfe

Killeedy 75
A.G.M. 75

The following officers were elected for 1975 at the Killeedy A.A. Club A.G.M.
Chairman, Joseph O'Connor; st. chairman, William Doody; cretary, John Magnier; asst. cretary, Michael Scanlan; treasurer, Michael Fitzmaurice; st. treasurer, Patrick Barry; airman, Bord na nOg, Gerry orde, N.T.; senior hurling captain, B. J. O'Sullivan; junior otball captain, John J. McCarthy; senior hurling selectors, William Doody, Patrick Curtin, Jerome O'Callaghan.

5.7.75



The Killeedy senior side that lost to Adare at Newcastle West on Sunday,

KILLEEDY ARE A STEP NEARER TARGET

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BY SEAN MURPHY

KILLEEDY 1-11

PATRICKSWELL 1-7

KILLEEDY, already tagged the surprise packet of the current campaign, performed another giant-killing

act at Kilmallock on Sunday when they dismissed fancied Patrickswell by a four-point margin, 1-11 to 1-7, in the semi-final of the County Senior Hurling Championship before a capacity attendance.

Unfancied Killeedy reaped the reward for honest endeavour when they lifted their game to outscore a 'Well combination boasting a big percentage of highly-rated players.

This fairly decisive defeat of a team featuring such talent must be regarded as another milestone in the onward march to glory of Killeedy hurlers and they must now fancy their chances of ultimate honours against Bruree or South Liberties on October 3rd.

This was not champagne hurling by any means but the closeness of the exchanges and the tit-for-tat scoring kept the huge crowd interested and entertained throughout.

Scorers: Killeedy — W. Fitzmaurice (0-7), M. Fitzmaurice (1-0), P. Fitzmaurice, T. Mulcahy, W. Cronin, D. Flynn (0-1 each). Patrickswell—R. Bennis (0-5), J. Lynch (1-1), L. Enright (0-1).

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Patrickswell—T. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, P. Bennis, B. Nolan, J. Enright, S. Foley, D. Punch, L. Enright, R. Bennis, T. Murray, F. Nolan, D. Punch, J. Lynch, W. Fenton, L. Foley.

Referee: B. Crosse (St. Patrick's).
N. Herbert, J. McGrath, P. J. rick's).

URDAY, SEPT. 3, 1977



West senior hurling champions, Killeedy.

12-11-77

Hurling year reaches climax

BY SEAN MURPHY

THE HURLING year in Limerick reaches its climax on Sunday next at the Gaelic Grounds when Kileedy and Patrickswell clash in the Blue Riband of the local G.A.A. scene—the County Senior Hurling Championship final, commencing at 2.30. The game will be preceded at 1.15 by the juvenile football final between St. Mary's (Limerick city) and Kilmallock.

Will it be third time lucky for Kileedy or will the 'Well resume their reign as Limerick's hurling kingpins? These are the questions that makes Sunday's game an titrugging decider.

It is a fitting finale to long drawn-out championship campaign. This is the game that counts and this is the prize most eagerly sought after.

The issue is delicately poised, and the pairing, by its novelty, has aroused widespread interest. Enthusiasm is unbounded in both camps.

This, then, is the backdrop to Sunday's much discussed and keenly anticipated decider that lifts it out of the ordinary and transforms it into a county final of great appeal.

At stake, too, is the leadership of Limerick hurling at a time when our fortunes on the inter-county scene are at a very low ebb. The winners will have the privilege and responsibility of leading Limerick back to the top echelons of hurling.

Sunday's final could be named "The Family Affair" or it might be aptly labelled another episode of "The Brothers" with no fewer than 25 brothers in action for both panels.

Both sides have been most impressive on their way to the decider. Kileedy played no fewer than 11 games, winning ten. Their only defeat was at the hands of Tournafulla in the league section of the west championship.

Kileedy's finest hour was in the semi-final replay against "Tour" and a reproduction of this form will certainly pose problems for the resurgent 'Well combination.

Kileedy have outstanding players in the Fitzmaurice brothers, goalie Pat Meehan, John McGrath, Denis O'Connor, P. J. Cronin, Neilus Herbert and Donie Flynn and are confident of breaking the championship barrier after 93 years on the wings.

The 'Well are dour championship fighters and possess an abundance of hurling as the appearance of their under-21 and junior teams in the concluding stages of this year's county championships graphically illustrate.

The senior squad did not

sparkle in the early stages of the championship but under the guidance of trainer Timmy O'Neill seem to be hitting form at the right time.

The 'Well showed amazing potential, resilience and great all-round teamwork when disposing of South Liberties in their semi-final replay.

"Veterans" Tony O'Brien and Phil Bennis, Eamonn Kelliher, Sean Foley, Terence Murray, Dom and Dave Punch and Ritchie Bennis are the chief architects of the 'Well's onward march to date and will, no doubt figure prominently on Sunday.

Despite the lateness of the season this could be the final to beat all finals, and it will provide worthy champions whether the title goes west or to the 'Well for the fifth time.

A special souvenir programme in incorporating The Treaty Gael will be on sale for Sunday's final.

KILLEEDY GENERAL MEETING

Kileedy senior hurlers will have good reason to remember 1978—they became the first West Limerick side to win 3 divisional championships in a row and their hopes of winning a county championship were well and truly dashed. However, there is an urgency within the club to prepare for next year and so the annual general meeting of the club will be held in Cronin's Hall, Raheenagh, on this Saturday evening, December 2, at 7.45 sharp. The meeting will be preceded by Holy Mass for past and present members of the club at 7.30 sharp.

The meeting, which will end at 9.45 p.m., will outline club strategy for 1979, the fruits of which should be 3 divisional titles and 2 county titles for the parish during next year. To ensure that the best players are adopted everybody is asked to make a special effort to attend—young and old, boys and girls. Everybody is welcome.

The selection committees and officers wish to acknowledge the co-operation they received during the year and hope the attendance at the meeting will be a record.

2-12-78



Kileedy officials (from left): William Doody, vice-chairman; P. J. Cronin, hon. sec.; Joe O'Connor, chairman, and Michael Fitzmaurice, treasurer.



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Successful Kileedy

15.7.78



Kileedy, who advanced in the senior hurling championship by defeating Adare at Newcastle

AUGUST 4, 1979

Kileedy West SH Final



Country

12-8-79

Holders beaten

KILEEDY, holders of the West Limerick Senior hurling championship for the past three years, are out of the current competition. Before a record crowd at Newcastle West ('gate' £1,800) they lost to Tournafulla in an exciting final.

County S.H.C. semi-final re-play:

Kileedy reach 3rd final in 5 years

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Sub., Willie Cronin's goal proves decisive

BY SEAN MURPHY

KILEEDY, 1-11; TOURNAFULLA, 1-7.

FOR THE third time in 5 years, Kileedy, drawn from the Ashford/Raheenagh district of West Limerick, are within one hour of grabbing the Limerick Senior Hurling Championship title for the first time in the history of the club. At wet and windy Newcastle West on Sunday they tumbled their great rivals, Tournafulla, out of the reckoning in a semi-final that never reached the high-class standard of their drawn encounter.

Kileedy, without question, deserved their victory, even though they only gained it on their second-half performance. It was a victory wrought more from determination than from style. It was no day for style in any case.

A swirling wind and continuous rain forced players to draw on their more rugged qualities rather than on grace and elegance.

Full marks, though to the Newcastle West Fields Committee who had their pitch in fine trim on this occasion, with the goal areas expertly re-sodded. The St. David's Pipe Band added a touch of glamour to the occasion with the martial airs, while the Gardai deserve a special "thank you" for their excellent handling of traffic arrangements.

A huge crowd turned up for the replay and though the classical fare of two weeks ago never surfaced on this occasion, the fans got great value for their money as these two talented and dedicated sides fought tooth and nail for ultimate victory.

To coin an oft-used phrase—it was a game of two distinct halves, with Tour holding all the aces in the first half, but Kileedy were definitely in the driver's seat throughout the second-half, although they did not clinch the issue until just before the finish.

Aided by the elements, Tournafulla opened in whirlwind fashion and points from Danny O'Connor (3), and Conny Brouder, put them 4 points ahead before Willie Fitzmaurice opened Kileedy's tally with a point from a free.

DOMINANT

Tour were completely dominant at this stage with Chris O'Connor and Willie Hartnett lording it in the vital midfield sector, but their forwards who had a scoring complex in the drawn game, still had not overcome their problem and threw away scoring chances like snuff at the old-time wakes.

Danny O'Connor was their chief striker and his goal and a point from close-in frees forged his side ahead 1-5 after 23 minutes play. Only a superb save by Pat Meehan in the Kileedy goal prevented a sizzling shot from

Kileedy on to greater efforts.

Willie Cronin was drafted in from the Kileedy reserve benches and he left an indelible imprint on the game being one of the chief architects who fashioned his side's merited victory.

Willie Fitzmaurice pointed two frees before Willie Hartnett and Willie Cronin exchanged points to leave Kileedy a mere four points—1-6 to 0-5 in arrears at the interval.

Tempers became a little frayed for a brief spell on the resumption, but referee Sean O'Connor kept the situation under control and suddenly Kileedy began to assume control in all sectors. Willie Fitzmaurice flags so the tide of change slow and Willie Cronin raised white ly gathered. The ripples that were building up against Tour suddenly erupted into a tidal wave as substitute Willie Cronin tore through to shoot a decisive goal to give Kileedy a lead they never relinquished.

DISORGANISED

Tour became completely disorganised for a while and loose marking gave Kileedy acres of

room to manoeuvre. Kileedy were now putting a solid effort in everything they set out to achieve. Their concentration never strayed from the task on hand.

Despite Kileedy's edge they failed to raise a flag for the 15 minutes as the Tour defence expertly marshalled by Tom Carroll, Tim Horgan and Mike Collins up to the time of his injury, displayed courageous credentials in the face of adversity and snuffed their best scoring efforts.

Tom Mulcahy broke the deadlock with a flaming point in the 22nd minute and Willie Cronin made a clear goal lead with 4 minutes remaining. Visions of extra time loomed on the horizon as Tour were awarded a 35 yards free with two minutes remaining but Danny O'Connor's searing effort for the equaliser sailed over the bar and Kileedy breathed a sigh of relief.

Kileedy finished with a flourish as Willie and Paudie Fitzmaurice flashed over two points in the closing minutes to put the seal on their victory.

Superior stamina and the ability not to panic in tense situations were vital ingredients in Kileedy's victory prescription. Pat Meehan had a fine game in goal, John McGrath, P. J. Cronin and Denis O'Connor at centre-back were most effective in defence. Willie Fitzmaurice and Neilus Herbert were cool and efficient at mid-field, while Paudie Fitzmaurice, Donie Flynn, Gerry Forde and Willie Cronin were best in the attack.

Tournafulla tried their hearts out but they failed to last the pace. But Tom Carroll, Mike Collins, Timmy Horgan, Chris O'Connor, Willie Hartnett, Con Brouder and Danny O'Connor

cannot be blamed for the defeat.

SCORERS

Kileedy—W. Fitzmaurice (0-6), W. Cronin (1-3), T. Mulcahy, P. Fitzmaurice (0-1 each).

Tournafulla—D. O'Connor (1-5), C. Brouder, W. Hartnett (0-1 each).

TEAMS

Kileedy—P. Meehan, J. McGrath, B. O'Sullivan, B. Mullane, J. Mulcahy, D. O'Connor, P. J. Cronin, N. Herbert, W. Fitzmaurice, T. Mulcahy, P. Fitzmaurice, M. Fitzmaurice, G. Forde, D. Flynn, M. Shiels. Sub.: W. Cronin for M. Fitzmaurice.

Tournafulla—S. Horgan, T. Carroll, M. Bresnihan, G. Sheahan, M. Collins, T. Horgan, S. Hartnett, W. Hartnett, C. O'Connor, S. O'Sullivan, G. Sweeney, M. Hartnett, C. Brouder, P. O'Sullivan, D. O'Connor. Subs.: P. Horgan for G. Sweeney, C. O'Sullivan for M. Collins.

Sean O'Connor (Claughaun) was a strict and efficient referee.

COUNTY S.H.C. SEMI-FINAL:

10/10/77

Danny Boy' grabs great draw for 'Tour'

Kileedy overhauled in late rally

BY SEAN MURPHY

KILEEDY	2-9
TOURNAFULLA	2-9

"OH, DANNY BOY, a point, a point is what we need," might well be the "Tournafulla Air" with 45 seconds remaining in their County Senior Hurling Championship semi-final game with Kileedy at Newcastle West on Sunday. Just then Danny O'Connor was entrusted with the taking of a free 60 yards out on the right wing. The crisp-striking corner-forward duly obliged by lifting the sliothar straight between the uprights for the equaliser to give his side a deserved draw.

It was an equitable result to a fascinating duel, that produced the best hurling in the championship schedule to date.

The game was played in atrocious conditions before a big crowd, with passionate intensity. The wind-whipped rain eased only before the throw-in and thankfully held off for the duration of the match. The sodden underfoot conditions, greasy ball and "sawdust" goalmouth were excuse indeed for shortcomings. Instead, both teams hurled with bone-crushing abandon and more astonishingly produced hurling of remarkable merit. To the credit of both teams nobody was spared, and although five names were entered in Sean O'Connor's note-book in the first-half, little was done that was unsporting.

Kileedy played with the elements in their favour in the first-half, but Tournafulla were the early pacemakers with Conny Brouder grabbing a 4th minute point to give them the lead. The ads from the hillside village played some beautiful hurling now, but they had precious little to show for their endeavours because their forwards could make no headway whatsoever against a resolute Kileedy defence.

Gradually, however, the Tour challenge petered out as Kileedy asserted their superiority,

especially at mid-field where Willie Fitzmaurice was now beginning to rule the roost. The St. John's-based curate pointed a 70 yards free in the 8th minute to equalise and two minutes later Mike Shiels forged Kileedy to the front with a point from play.

Kileedy were now definitely in the driver's seat and ignited by a superb goal in the 13th minute from Willie Fitzmaurice, whose ground shot from the left wing ricocheted off Seamus Horgan's hand to the net, they cruised rather effortlessly to a commanding interval lead of 2-7 to 1-2. The Tour goal was a majestic effort by Danny O'Connor in the 26th minute, when his blistering shot from a free was saved, but he flashed the rebound to the roof of the net.

The second Kileedy goal came in the 24th minute when Gerry Forde punished a hesitant Tour defence by flicking home a goal when two defenders should have cleared. Such was their supremacy that few could visualise Kileedy being caught, but like Claughaun the previous Sunday, this is what happened.

Displaying courageous credentials in the face of adversity, Tour set about their task in earnest on resuming, when the forwards exploded and the game sprung to life with dramatic suddenness. In the 7th minute,

substitute Pat O'Sullivan, who scored the winning point against Bruree in the quarter final, staked a further claim for the mantle of "super sub.", when he flashed a Danny O'Connor free to net for a truly great goal.

This was the psychological boost Tour needed, and Danny O'Connor (3) and Seamus O'Sullivan (1) sent over a series of sparkling points to reduce the deficit to two points after 12 minutes play in the second half.

Then followed a 13 minute spell of non-stop action without a score and when Gerry Forde pointed from play in the 25th minute, Kileedy looked set for another county final appearance.

However, as the game ebbed and flowed with emotion, and the hurling played at a fast and furious pace, Tour picked up the pieces again and points from Sean Hartnett, Willie Hartnett and of course, Danny "Boy" O'Connor earned them a second bite at the cherry.

Tour appeared in serious trouble when their star centre-back, Timmy Horgan, was forced to retire midway through the second half, but full-forward Mick Collins had a real stormer when moved to the defensive berth.

Timmy Horgan re-appeared as a substitute near the end, and others to shine for Tournafulla were Mick Bresnihan, very sound at full-back; Tom Carroll, a tenacious and attacking

half-back; and Willie Hartnett and Chris O'Connor, and Con Brouder and elusive Danny O'Connor in the forwards.

Willie Fitzmaurice was magnificent at midfield, with able assistance from Denis O'Connor, while other Kileedy stalwarts were John McGrath, P. J. Cronin, Jim Mulcahy, Paudie Fitzmaurice, Donie Flynn, Mike Shiels and Gerry Forde.

Scorers:

Kileedy — W. Fitzmaurice, 1-3; G. Forde, 1-1; M. Shiels, 0-2; M. Fitzmaurice, P. Fitzmaurice, D. Flynn, 0-1 each.

Tournafulla — D. O'Connor, 1-4; P. O'Sullivan, 1-0; C. Brouder, 0-2; S. O'Sullivan, S. Hartnett, W. Hartnett, 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Kileedy — P. Meehan, J. Mulcahy, B. O'Sullivan, B. Mullane, N. Herbert, J. McGrath, P. J. Cronin, W. Fitzmaurice, D. O'Connor, M. Scanlon, P. Fitzmaurice, M. Fitzmaurice, M. Shiels, D. Flynn, G. Forde, Sub., R. O'Connor for M. Scanlon.

Tournafulla — S. Horgan, C. O'Gorman, M. Bresnihan, P. Sheahan, T. Carroll, T. Horgan, S. Hartnett, W. Hartnett, C. O'Connor, G. Sweeney, P. Horgan, M. Hartnett, C. Brouder, M. Collins, D. O'Connor. Subs., P. O'Sullivan for T. Horgan, S. O'Sullivan for P. Horgan.

Referee, S. O'Connor (Claughaun).

Sept 77

West Limerick S.H.C. final: Killeedy hold out in hard fought decider

**KILLEEDY 3-3
TOURNAFULLA ... 0-10**

THE clash of those great rivals, Killeedy and Tournafulla, in the final of the West Limerick Senior Hurling Championship attracted a huge attendance to Newcastle West on Sunday, and after a "tough as teak" encounter, the reigning champions held out for a two-point win after being in arrears at the break.

The close marking and resolute mood of both teams dismissed any notions of fast, open hurling. Atmosphere, excitement and plenty of hard but fair pulling was always in evidence, but the expected hurling spectacle did not materialise. It must be admitted, however, that the lack of good hurling was compensated for by the close exchanges and the honest to goodness endeavour.

Tournafulla opened the scoring in the sixth minute when midfielder Gerard Sweeney sent over a long range point. Danny O'Connor raised another Tournafulla white flag a minute later and this two-point lead after seven minutes play was poor reward for the challengers. They missed golden opportunities in those early stages and one only has to refer back to the glaring miss of Seamus O'Sullivan in the third minute.

With fourteen minutes played, Killeedy had their first score and the lead for the first time. Donie Flynn, operating at full-forward, evaded the clutches of the opposing full-back and belted home a well taken goal.

He almost repeated the dose ten minutes later, but his effort just failed.

Tournafulla came back to make the running and added on

five further points. With four minutes remaining until half time, Mike Shiels was drafted from the substitutes bench to the left corner forward position. Within two minutes he sent Killeedy hopes rocketing by crashing home a beautiful goal. This score put Killeedy in a comfortable position at the interval, they now trailed 0-7 to 2-0 after playing against a lively breeze.

Willie Fitzmaurice sent over the equaliser in the third minute of the second half and added another in the fifth. But in between these scores he sent a rasping shot goalwards, which Seamus Horgan pulled down — the rebound went to the unmarked Donie Flynn who tapped home a simple goal. The last score for the winners came in the tenth minute of this half and for the remainder of the game, Tournafulla fought courageously to turn the tide. They did succeed in cutting the deficit to two points and with extra luck could have snatched a draw in the final five minutes.

Ben Sullivan, Denis O'Connor, Mike Scanlon, P. J. O'Connor, Con Herbert, John McGrath and Tom Mulcahy were best for Killeedy. Their inter-county men, Paudie and Willie Fitzmaurice were well below their best.

Seamus Horgan, Con Gorman, Tim Horgan, Danny O'Connor, Willie Hartnett and Tom Carroll were Tournafulla's most prominent players.

Killeedy scorers—D. Flynn 2-0, M. Shiels 1-0, W. Fitzmaurice 0-1, C. Herbert 0-1.

Tournafulla scorers—D. O'Connor 0-7, G. Sweeney, C. Brouder and W. Hartnett 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Killeedy—P. Meehan, J. Mulcahy, B. Sullivan, B. Mullane, J. McGrath, P. Fitzmaurice, P. J. Cronin, C. Herbert, D. O'Connor, M. Fitzmaurice, T. Mulcahy, W. Fitzmaurice, M. Scanlon, D. Flynn, W. Cronin. Subs., M. Shiels for W. Cronin (26 minute), G. Forde for D. Flynn, injured (42 minute), P. O'Connor for M. Fitzmaurice (46 minute).

Tournafulla — S. Horgan, Gorman, M. Brosnihan, P. Han, T. Carroll, T. Ho.

Hartnett, W. Hartnett, G. Sweeney, D. O'Connor, M. Collins, C. O'Connor, C. Brouder, P. Horgan, S. Sullivan. Subs., M. Hartnett for M. Brosnihan (34 minute), P. O'Sullivan for S. O'Sullivan (42 minute).

Referee: N. Duggan (Rathkeale).



Mick Deely, trainer of Killeedy. 12/11/77



Paudie Fitzmaurice, the Killeedy captain.

Oct. 1980

Killeedy coast to final

Killeedy 3-14
Doon 0-10

IN THEIR quest to win a coveted county senior hurling title for the first time, Killeedy overcame another serious obstacle at Kilmallock on Sunday last, when they put paid to rising Doon aspirations on a scoreline of 3-14 to 0-10.

There was certainly no doubting the merit or the extent of Killeedy's comprehensive victory in this dull county championship semi-final, the West Limerick challengers winning just as easily as the final score indicates.

It was a most disappointing game, especially for the quite respectable crowd that braved the artic-like weather conditions (gate receipts £1,041), for at no stage of a one-sided affair, did anything other than a resounding win for Killeedy suggest itself.

As a yardstick towards the fulfilment of their ultimate ambition, Killeedy folk can scarcely be overjoyed with this particular performance. True, the team did enough to win, and that perhaps in the final analysis is all that matters, but after a promising first half, they never revealed their true potential in the second moiety, thus making a realistic assessment against favourites South Liberties, somewhat difficult at this distance.

It is not easy to fathom the reason for Doon's unexpected facile eclipse. Admittedly, the absence of Michael O'Donnell through injury was a mighty blow, but then too many of their key men hurled well below par and they never really recovered from a disastrous start when aided by the elements.

Killeedy laid the foundation for their success with a power-packed first-half display even though facing a biting-cold cross wind.

Mike Scanlon shot Killeedy into the lead after just 2 minutes had elapsed with a point from play, and Ger McNamara equalised for Doon five minutes later after some fine bouts of hurling.

Gradually, Killeedy began to assert their superiority with Ger Magner and Willie Fitzmaurice on top at mid-field and they got a real morale booster in the 10th minute when Denis O'Connor, playing a menacing role at full-forward, grabbed a high ball and planted it in the Doon net for a great goal.

BODY BLOW

Willie Fitzmaurice struck another body-blow in the 19th minute when he crashed a 40 metres free direct to the net to put Killeedy ahead 2-4 to 0-2.

Doon rallied somewhat and sec-

ured points from Mike Ryan and John Quinlan, but this game ended as a contest four minutes before the interval when Tom Mulcahy goalied for Killeedy who eventually led 3-7 to 0-7 at the break.

Doon impressed immensely on resuming, achieving much by first time ground hurling, but their forwards could not penetrate a sound Killeedy defence, although they could be termed very unlucky on a few occasions not to have sneaked major scores.

However, Killeedy were never in trouble, they took their scores well, as this game fizzled out to its inevitable conclusion like a damp squib, and at the final whistle were clear and undisputed winners on an eventual tally of 3-14 to 0-10.

Without setting the world alight, Killeedy can again point to superb spirit, teamwork and understanding. No where was this more in evidence than in attack, where the likes of Denis O'Connor, Tom Mulcahy, Mike Scanlon and Donie Flynn combined ever so effectively.

Ger Magner and Willie Fitzmaurice gave them the edge at midfield, while in a flawless and solid defence, goalie and team captain Pat Meehan, Paudie Fitzmaurice, Con Herbert and Ben Mullane repeatedly came under special notice.

It was not a very distinguished hour for Doon but they were particularly well served by John Quinlan, John Cummins, Sean Ryan, Roger Ryan, Tony McGrath, Willie Moore and Martin Thompson.

SCORERS

Killeedy:—W. Fitzmaurice 1-7; D. O'Connor 1-2; T. Mulcahy 1-0; M. Scanlon 0-2; J. McGrath 0-2; D. Flynn 0-1.

Doon:—G. McNamara 0-3; R. Ryan 0-2; T. McGrath 0-2; J. Quinlan 0-1; W. Moore 0-1; S. Ryan 0-1.

TEAMS

Killeedy:—P. Meehan, B. Mullane, E. Mullane, M. Cunningham, J. Mulcahy, P. Fitzmaurice, C. Herbert, G. Magner, W. Fitzmaurice, J. McGrath, M. Fitzmaurice, M. Scanlon, T. Mulcahy, D. O'Connor, D. Flynn.

Doon:—P. Ryan, P. Moloney, P. Ryan, D. Anderson, J. Cummins, R. Ryan, M. Thompson, E. Maher, J. Quinlan, S. Ryan, G. McNamara, M. Ryan, T. McGrath, T. Keogh, W. Moore.

Sub: B. Ryan for T. Keogh.
Referee: Kevein Walshe (Garryspillane).

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MIKE'S GOAL MAKES IT KILLEEDY'S FIRST TITLE

KILLEEDY 2-7; SOUTH LIBERTIES ... 1-7

A GOAL by centre-forward Mike Fitzmaurice enabled Killeedy to win the Co. Limerick senior hurling championship title for the first time when they defeated South Liberties 2-7 to 1-7 before a crowd of 5,000 who paid gate receipts of £6,600 at Limerick Gaelic Grounds yesterday.

LIMERICK FINAL

time after great work by John McGrath and Donie Flynn.

SCORERS — Killeedy — W. Fitzmaurice (0-5), M. Fitzmaurice (1-1), T. Mulcahy (1-0), M. Scanlon (0-1c. South Liberties — E. Grimes (0-6), J. McKenna (1-0), M. Butler (0-1).

Killeedy—P. Meehan; M. Cunningham, E. Mullane, B. Mullane, J. Mulcahy, P. Fitzmaurice, C. Herbert, G. Magner, W. Fitzmaurice, J. McGrath, Mike Fitzmaurice, Michael Scanlon, T. Mulcahy, D. O'Connor, D. Flynn. Sub. — L. Shine for J. Mulcahy.

South Liberties — B. Slattery; S. Butler, J. Grimes, B. O'Riordan, M. O'Brien, W. Shanahan, M. Grimes, M. Butler, E. Grimes, T. Ryan, L. Grimes, M. Butler, J. McKenna, P. Hartigan, D. O'Sullivan. Subs.—J. Grisewood for T. Ryan; M. Shanahan for J. Grisewood.

Referee—N. Duggan (Rathkeale).

Man of the match for the winners was Denis O'Connor who moved to centre-back in the second-half, goalie Pat Meehan made some vital saves and the Fitzmaurice brothers — Paudie, Willie and Mike Scanlon also impressed.

Eamonn Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Joe Grimes, Martin Butler, Joe McKenna, and Michael O'Brien tried hard for Liberties.

The turning point came in the 23rd minute of the second half when Michael Butler of South Liberties was clean through but his shot was expertly saved by Pat Meehan in the Killeedy goal and from his clearance a move was set up which led to Tom Mulcahy getting a vital goal which reduced the deficit to a single point.

Willie Fitzmaurice who was now operating at centre forward, brought the sides on level terms when he pointed a free in the 26th minute and then came that decisive goal by Mike Fitzmaurice three minutes from

Killeedy

May 80

At peace in the hallowed precincts of Killeedy Cemetery, once the home of the beloved St. Ita, is the late Mr. Charlie Nolan, of Ashford, Ballagh, Co. Limerick, whose unexpected death followed a short illness. The large crowds attending the removal from the Regional Hospital and the interment was evidence of Charlie's popularity and involvement in the local community. A life long member of Ashford Dianna Fáil and Killeedy G.A.A. he was one of the founder memxbrs of the local Mass Rock committee which holy monument resplendently overlooks Charlie's residence today. Deepest sympathy is extended to his widow Mary.



Pat Meehan, captain of the Killeedy team that won the county senior hurling championship, receiving the "Limerick Leader" sports personality award for the month of October from the sponsor, Patrick C. Fitzgerald, auctioneer.

Nov. 1980

Oct 1980

Former Cappamore hurling star, SDonie Flynn, has won his third Co. Limerick senior hurling championship medal by helping Killeedy to defeat South Liberties in the Co. Final which was played at Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last. Donie who is manager of Kantoher Creamery has been a very prominent member of the Killeedy Club since 1974. He won his other two Co. Limerick Senior Hurling Championship medals with his native parish, Cappamore, in 1959 and 1964. While graduating at U.C.C. he also won a Co. Cork senior medal with U.C.C. in 1963 and Fitzgibbon Cup medals in 1961 and 1962. He also won a National Hurling League medal with Limerick in 1971 and he also won five West Limerick senior hurling championship medals with Killeedy.



Killeedy, who scored a late goal to force a draw with Claughtaun. 27-9-80



The Killeedy team.

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MUNSTER INTER-CLUB HURLING:

Missed chances prove costly as

Barry-Murphy's goal halts Killeedy

BY SEAN MURPHY

ST. FINBARRS (Cork) 3-14
KILLEEDY (Limerick) 3-7

The lethal hurling skills of Jimmy Barry-Murphy, which lay dormant for long spells, finally surfaced eight minutes from the end of this Munster inter-club senior hurling championship game at Dromcollogher on Sunday, and his quick-silver goal heralded the demise of Killeedy's aspirations of ending Limerick's barren record in this competition.

But the Limerick champions have only themselves to blame for their elimination, because they should have had the game well and truly wrapped up at that stage.

The failure of Willie Fitzmaurice to score from no fewer than seven frees, the conceding of an easy goal at a vital stage, an unbelievable miss of a sitter by Denis O'Connor, their inability to make worthwhile use of liberal possession, and their tendency to foul, even by forwards, when the pressure was really on in that tension-packed second half, were the vital factors that finally sealed their ultimate fate.

The game attracted a huge crowd to the West Limerick venue, and the fans were rewarded with a rip-roaring struggle, fought with deadly grit and determination from start to finish.

Both sides must be complimented for serving up such excellent hurling on a sodden pitch, and for their excellent sportmanship during a fiercely contested game.

CRACKING PACE

The match started at a cracking pace and both sides swapped scores early on, with John Miler, John Cremin and Eamonn Fitzpatrick on the mark for the 'Barrs, and Denis O'Connor, Willie Fitzmaurice and Mike Fitzmaurice raising white flags for Killeedy, which enabled the Cork lads to lead 0-4 to 0-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Charlie McCarthy opted for a point from a semi-penalty in the 16th minute and when Nial Kennefick, who had an outstanding game throughout, pointed from long range in the 22nd minute, it looked as if St. Finbarrs were about to assert their stamp of authority on proceedings.

But then the Killeedy mentors made the same switch that proved so vital in the county final, with Denis O'Connor dropping back to the pivot spot in defence and this time Paudie Fitzmaurice moved to the fringe of the square.

The move reaped rich dividends almost instantly, as Paudie Fitzmaurice with his first touch in attack outwitted the defence, and buried the ball in the Finbarrs' net.

Killeedy were now rampant, as Mike Scanlon lofted over a point, and Tom Mulcahy topped up their tally with a superb goal to leave them ahead 2-4 to 0-6 at the interval.

With a four point advantage after an unstable first half, no one could have anticipated such a gap at the finish. But within two minutes of the resumption, St. Finbarrs really showed their power and class when they had erased Killeedy's lead with two telling scores.

DEFENSIVE ERROR

Firstly, Christy Ryan availed of a defensive error to set up Tom Maher from a tonic goal, while Charlie McCarthy equalised from a free.

Then followed a ding-dong struggle as both sides strove manfully for supremacy. Willie Fitzmaurice and John Cremin exchanged points, before Paudie Fitzmaurice in a fine linking movement placed Tom Mulcahy, who expertly hand-passed his second goal, and things looked rosy for Killeedy once again.

Charlie McCarthy and Eamonn Fitzpatrick picked off two points for the 'Barrs before Willie Fitzmaurice boosted Killeedy's ego with a flaming point from play.

Again equality was reached with points from John Cremin and Eamonn Fitzpatrick, before Charlie McCarthy gave St. Finbarrs the lead with ten minutes remaining amidst mounting tension and excitement.

The transformation of the game in St. Finbarrs favour was masterminded by the switch of Jimmy Barry-Murphy from full-forward, where he was held scoreless by Eddie Mullane, to centre-forward, where he was in destructive mood and engineered those telling late scores.

KILLER BLOW

The killer-blow as far as Killeedy are concerned came in the 22nd minute when Donie Flynn fouled a defender and, from the resultant free out, the quick-thinking Jimmy Barry-Murphy grabbed a goal that really mesmerised Killeedy.

Although they fought tenaciously to find their range and

Killeedy 1-11
Tournafulla 1-8

In a second senior hurling game at Drom, on Sunday Killeedy came through in a last minute flourish to snatch the game from Tournafulla in a last gasp goal powered by Mike Scanlon.

The final scoreboard shows a 2 point margin but it doesn't show that two evenly matched teams drew level on 5 occasions, and that one stroke could win, and in actual fact it did.

That is the story of the game, which gave plenty of resourceful hurling especially in the second half, with both 'keepers fully tested and not found wanting. Killeedy will recognise their P. Meehan for his brilliant goal-keeping and their saviour on more than one occasion while at the other end Seamus Sullivan had one of his finest hours. There was many stars on both sides but the brilliance of Denis O'Connor, Con Herbert and the Fitzmaurice brothers for Killeedy was always in evidence with the Horgans and the Hartnatts always impressive for Tour.

Referee, N. Duggan (Rathkeale).

rhythm once more, Killeedy had shot their bolt and were struggling uphill all the way as St. Finbarrs, now scenting victory, really turned on the style.

The final nail in Killeedy's coffin was hammered home three minutes from time when John Miler did the spadework which eventually saw Charlie McCarthy snatch a typical opportunist goal and seal the verdict in the 'Barrs' favour.

Nial Kennefick, Tony Maher, Denis Burns, John Cremin, Tomas Maher, Eamonn Fitzpatrick, Jimmy Barry-Murphy and Charlie McCarthy must be given the main credits for fashioning St. Finbarrs victory.

Best for Killeedy were Ger Magner, Con Herbert, Eddie Mullane, Paudie Fitzmaurice, Tom Mulcahy, Willie Fitzmaurice, John McGrath and Donie Flynn.

St. Finbarrs: C. McCarthy 1-4; J. Cremin, 0-5; T. Maher, 1-0; J. Barry-Murphy 1-0; E. Fitzpatrick, 0-3; J. Miler, 0-1; N. Kennefick, 0-1.

Killeedy: T. Mulcahy, 2-0; P. Fitzmaurice, 1-0; W. Fitzmaurice, 0-4; M. Fitzmaurice, 0-1; D. O'Connor, 0-1; M. Scanlon, 0-1.

TEAMS

St. Finbarrs: G. Cunningham; T. Maher, D. O'Grady, J. Blake; D. Burns, B. O'Brien, N. Kennefick; J. Cremin, G. Murphy; T. Maher, G. Miler, C. Ryan; E. Fitzpatrick, J. Barry-Murphy, C. McCarthy.

Killeedy: P. Meehan, M. Cunningham, E. Mullane, B. Mullane, W. Cronin, P. Fitzmaurice, C. Herbert, G. Magner, W. Fitzmaurice, T. Mulcahy, M. Fitzmaurice, M. Scanlon, J. McGrath, D. O'Connor, D. O'Flynn.

Referee: S. O'Meara (Tipperary).

KILLEEDY G.A.A. 31/1/81

At their A.G.M. the following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. Fr. Griffin; vice-presidents, Rev. Fr. W. Fitzmaurice, Very Rev. Fr. O'Donnell. Chairman, Paddy Curtin; vice-chairman, Jerry Scanlan; sec., John Magner; asst. secs., Eddie Mullane, Ml. Cunningham. Treasurer, Ben Mullane; asst. treasurer, Ml. Fitzmaurice; registrar, Con Herbert. PRO, Joe O'Connor.

Senior hurling selectors: Ml. Deely, Connor Magner, Donie Flynn. Senior trainer, Mick Deely; senior capt., Ml. Scanlan; vice-capt., Eddie Mullane. U. 21 capt., Gerard Magner; vice-capt. Jack O'Connor. Junior and minor selectors, Pat Hayes, John Magner, Ben Mullane. Junior F. capt. Jodie O'Connor, vice-capt. Ml. Fitzmaurice. Medical officers, Ml. Cunningham, Mick Browne.

Killeedy

After Mass in Raheenagh church a large crowd attended the annual general meeting of Killeedy G.A.A. in Cronin's hall. The joy of being county champions permeated the entire meeting and featured prominently in the secretary's report and chairpersons address. Mr. Pat Curtin was returned as chairperson and Mr. John Magner as secretary. An outstanding treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £2,300 on a turnover of about £13,000. The response to the Christmas raffle and to the club's sponsorship appeal were mainly responsible for this. Mr. Ben Joe Mullane was returned as treasurer.

A special Scór committee was selected to improve the club's performance in the cultural field - it includes Gerry Forde, N.T., Con Herbert, N.T., Sean Collins, Ben Mullane and Jody O'Connor.

Killeedy 7-3-81

At the annual general meeting of Killeedy Bord na nOg the following officers were elected: Fr. Griffin, C.C., PRESIDENT; Michael Browne Senior, chairman; Eddie Mullane, vice-chairman; Jerry Forde, N.T., secretary; John Mullane, asst. sec.; Pat Hayes, treas.; Donie Browne, asst. treas. John Magner and Pat Hayes were selected delegate to the West and County Bord na nOg. Pat Hayes and Donal Flynn are the trainers with Teddy Murphy under 16 hurling captain and Pdraig Hennessy vice-captain. John Hennessy is under 14 hurling captain and John Magner is vice-captain. Diarmuid O'Connor is under 12 hurling captain and Michael O'Donnell is vice-captain. Kevin Kelly is under 16 football captain and Don Flynn is vice-captain.

Much time was devoted to a discussion on players wellbeing with regard to injuries and insurance at the annual general meeting of Killeedy G.A.A. Father Willie Fitzmaurice undertook an investigation of available insurances while Michael Browne and Michael Cunningham will attend to the day to day problems. It was stated the 1980 senior selectors "were true to their word" in determining line-outs relative to the fitness of individuals-Michael Deely, Donal Flynn and Conor Magner were re-appointed selectors. Recognising the mammoth task of retaining the county senior hurling title within the county senior hurling title within the parish in 1981 the club was wise to re-appoint Michael Deely as trainer and team coach. In 1980 his experience, dedication and enthusiasm contributed significantly to Killeedy winning their first senior county title.

Killeedy

Mass for deceased members of Killeedy G.A.A. at 7.30 p.m. in Raheenagh church this Saturday evening will precede the annual general meeting which begins at 8.00 p.m. sharp in Cronin's Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and contribute and no doubt arrangements will be made for the retention during 1981 of the county senior hurling title.

Last Saturday night's dinner dance sponsored by Killeedy I.C.A. and G.A.A. in the Devon Inn, Templeglantine, was the first since Killeedy captured the county senior hurling title and this was a recurring theme of most of the speeches during the night. Jerry Forde N.T. skillfully introduced the speakers and presided over the drawing of spot prizes. Fr. O'Donnell's complementary words to both associations were seconded by Fr. Griffin and Mrs. Hannah Long of the I.C.A. congratulated the G.A.A. and all who had helped her association. Limerick I.C.A. Federation President Mrs. Kelly reminded the gathering of the I.C.A. goals and achievements and Pauline Downey high-lighted the benefit to the community of the joint I.C.A.-G.A.A. venture.

Limerick hurling captain, Sean Foley was appreciative of the Killeedy achievement, and West Board Chairman, Eddie Corbett spoke of the honor, Killeedy had brought to the West. Mr. Rory Kiely, County Board Chairman, was cognisant of the inspiration Killeedy had given to other small rural clubs, and noted the club's progress in acquiring its own field. Mr. Pat Curtin, Killeedy Chairman, expressed gratitude to all who helped Killeedy in 1980 and especially to the players, officials and selectors. He noted in particular the outstanding achievement of the Under 14 hurlers in the National Community Games. The large attendance enjoyed John Magner's commentary as the 1980 trophies were presented to the players-special merit presentations were made to trainer Michael Deely, and selectors Conor Magner, and Donal Flynn. As the strains of Donal Flynn's music, and novel spot competitions died down early Sunday morning a tired but contented Killeedy contingent made their way homewards over the Mullaghareirk mountain.



West Minor Final: Kileedy defeated by Granagh.

20th DEC 1980



KILLEEDY - WEST UNDER 16 HURLING CHAMPIONS 1982

BACK ROW (L. to R.): John Magner, Jerry Murphy, Padraic Hennessy, Joe Long, Gerry Forde, Kevin Kelly (Captain), John Hennessy, Tom Davis, Ollie Kenny.
FRONT ROW (L. to R.): Don Flynn, Seamus Murphy, John O'Connor, Maurice Browne, Tim Quinlin, John Barrett.



Michael Deely, chairman, and Rev. Fr. Wm. Fitzmaurice with some of the young players of Kileedy GAA at their annual dinner, John Mullane, Donal Browne, Gerry Ford, Teddy Murphy, Seamus Culhane, John Ford, with the Munster Cup.

23-1-82

Club G.A.A.:

Killeedy

Bord na nOg

A meeting of the above club was held on Sunday, January 3, 1982. The following officers were elected:

President, Mick Brown; chairman, Pat Hayes; vice-chairman, Mrs. Kelly; secretary, Jerry Ford, N.T.; assistant secretary, John Mullane; treasurer, John Magner; assistant treasurer, Donie Browne; P.R.O., Ben Mullane; assistant P.R.O., Mrs. Flynn. Trainers: Pat Hayes and Conor Magner. Selectors, Jerry Ford, Mrs. John Magner, Donie Flynn, Pat Hayes, Ben Mullane. Team captains for 1982: u-14 captain, Joe Mulcahy; vice captain, Tim Quinlivan. U-15 captain, John O'Connor; vice captain, John Magner. U-16, Kevin Kelly; vice captain, Jerry Ford. Minor, Teddie Murphy; vice captain, John Mullane. U-16 football, Don Flynn; vice captain, Tom Davis.

Killeedy

At the recent AGM the following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Ben Mullane; Sec., John Magner; Asst. Secs., Jack O'Connor, Mike Cunningham, Treasurer, Jim Barry, Pat Curtin.

These officers will be backed up by a 15 strong committee. Donal Flynn, Michael Deely and Conor Magner will be the new selectors and Eddie Mullane will captain the senior hurling team.

The outstanding team of the year just finished, was the u-16 hurling team. They played with skill and determination in winning the West and reaching the county semi-final. Great credit is due to the mentors for producing such a well-drilled outfit.

Killeedy

Mrs. Paddy Cregan and Joe Cunningham were the winners of the recent 45 drive. Another drive takes place on Saturday night. Your support would be appreciated. At the players meeting on Saturday night it was decided to have the training sessions in Cronin's Hall on Tuesdays and Fridays. Training begins at eight o'clock and the trainer wishes to make it clear that punctuality will be insisted upon. Sunday's will be set aside for challenge games, but failing that, training will be at Hennessy's field, 2.30 sharp. Queries re above schedule should be made to Donal Flynn.

Killeedy

Sunday last was an historic day for the club as the first ever match was played on the new pitch.

There was little else to cheer about however, as the senior hurlers lost to Ballybrown by four points.

If any progress is to be made in the league a big improvements will be necessary. The minors beat Ballybrown by a couple of points in a challenge game.

The dressing room project began last week when the foundations were dug out. There will be a card drive in aid of this development at the community centre, Raheenagh, on Saturday night next, at 8.45 sharp.

Killeedy

At the weekend a gallant U. 13 team were beaten by Monagea in the Feile na nGael competition.

The U. 16 hurlers drew with Drom. on a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-8 in the juvenile league.

The senior hurlers had a good workout against Cappamore on Sunday last. This was a keenly contested match which was very beneficial to both sides. It is evident however that there is still a lot of homework to be done by both teams. Scoreline 2-7 to 1-10.

This coming week is a busy one with junior, minor and senior outings. The junior fixture has yet to be decided upon. The minors play Knockaderry on Saturday night and the senior play Feohagh in the league on Friday night.

SPENDING £10,000 on development of playing facilities for the young sportsmen of Killeedy has not daunted the local G.A.A. club during the past year.

In addition, they have had to provide up to £7,000 to meet the administration and players expenses in the running of the club and the fielding of the teams in the championships.

It all means that the club required a sizeable measure of support to achieve their objectives.

The necessity for loyalty to the club and for more people to become involved in the activities of the G.A.A. in the parish was stressed at their annual dinner at the Devon Inn, Templeglantine, which was held in conjunction with the local I.C.A. guild.

Very Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, P.P., said that the holding of the joint social between the G.A.A. and the I.C.A. was part of the spirit of the parish.

Games

"The spirit is there, and the idea of putting the games before the young people is a sign of the life in the parish, and the spirit which will always be in the parish," he said.

Michael Deeley, chairman of the G.A.A. club, said that they had a lot of people in the parish who were prepared to do a lot for the club. They took their hats off to those who went before them and it was now the time for the present generation to do their bit.

"Providing amenities and facilities is the job of a parish, and the parish is ever individual in it. In the G.A.A., as in other organisations there are three layers of membership.

"There are the people who are very active in everything that is going on; those who support some of the activities, and those who offer very little support or assistance."

Michael went on: "I would appeal tonight to those on the edges to move in, a bit and to

£17,000 did not daunt Killeedy

make life a bit easier for everyone else. Rekindle the will to work our own parish and co-operate with all our organisations."

Privileged

He said that they were privileged to work with the ICA in the organising of the function. They had been together now for a number of years and he hoped that the good relationships between the two organisations would continue.

He said that it was up to all the organisations in the parish to work together because they were all striving for the same purpose, the betterment of their own areas.

"We are Killeedy," he declared, "We are in it together and if we are not able to do it together we will not be able to do it at all. We must stand together for all that is Killeedy and in that way we will succeed in making it a better place for everyone."

Among their guests at the function was Jimmy Hickie, chairman of the Limerick County G.A.A. Board, who paid tribute to the officers of the club. He said that he was very conscious of the great work being done by the club at Killeedy.

He said that the effort which they had put into the club over

the years had paid off in 1980 when they won the county senior championship in hurling. On the success of the team in 1980 they were building up the facilities for the players and he was aware of their effort and work in the developing of the playing field.

Confident

Jimmy said that he was confident that the plans which they have will be brought to fruition. The success which they had in 1980 was just the forerunner to further success which they will have in the future.

He remarked on their under 14 years and under 16 years teams as the training ground for some of the young players who will help to bring further glory to the parish in the future.

Eddie Corbett, chairman of the West Board, thanked the organisers for the invitation to Paddy Brown and himself from the West Board. He said that he realised that there was more to the I.C.A. than basket making and tea.

"Any parish without a guild of the I.C.A. was the poorer," he said.

He said that the G.A.A. in Killeedy had the youth—they went as far as Mosney last year—and he could see a very bright future for the organisa-

tion in the parish.

Mrs. Hannah Long, president of the I.C.A. said how pleased they were to unite with the G.A.A. in the running of the function.

Tribute

She paid tribute to the outgoing officers of the G.A.A. and said that it had been a pleasure to work with them in the past. She felt sure that the same cordial relations would exist with the new officers of the club.

They were all working together for the good of the community.

Representing the county Federation of I.C.A. was Mrs. Irene Ryan who told the parishioners that they were fortunate to have an organisation such as the I.C.A. in their parish.

Unfortunately, she said, in some places, the I.C.A. had not got the right image. The ICA do more than making tea and chatting. They had a membership of 80,000, but they seldom got the headlines, because they were not seen as a pressure group.

Their motto was the betterment of rural life and she hoped that more ladies would join the I.C.A. and realise the benefits which they could gain from it.



Jimmy Hickey, chairman GAA County board; Rev. Fr. Griffin, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Fitzmaurice, Gerry Ford, N.T.; Jim Barry, treasurer; Paddy Curtin, vice-chairman; Eddie Mullane, secretary; Ben Mullane, joint treasurer; Eddie Corbett, chairman West Board; John Magnier, assistant secretary; Paddy Browne, West Board; Donie Flynn, V. Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, P.P., and Michael Deely, chairman. 23
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At Killeedy GAA and ICA dinner at the Devon Inn, Templeglantine, were Jimmy Hickey, chairman GAA County Board; Rev. Fr. D. Griffin, C.C.; Rev. Fr. Wm. Fitzmaurice, Mrs. Hannah Long, President ICA; Mrs. Irene Ryan, Mrs. Donal Cremin, Mrs. David Hayes and Very Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, P.P.

13-8-83 Killeedy

On Wednesday night last the junior hurlers were beaten in the first round of the championship by Adare.

The team just weren't in it in the first half and this was reflected in the half-time score of 2-4 to 2 pts.

In the second half the team played with much greater spirit and determination. The arrival of Mike Shields made a great difference to the forwards. John Lacey and James O'Connor were also making inroads in Adare defence. The great second-half rally was not enough however, and we eventually lost by 3 points.

12-2-83 Killeedy

The senior hurlers had a useful outing against Mungret on Sunday last. After a lively game we emerged winners by a point. We wish Con Herbert a speedy recovery from a nasty facial injury which he received in that match. We urge every player to join the insurance scheme immediately. It costs £2 for students, £8 for workers and £12 for farmers and self-employed.

We have our first outing in the county senior league on Sunday next. Our opponents are Ballybrowne and this is sure to be a lively encounter.

16-4-83 Killeedy

The past few weeks have been quiet on the playing fields due to the bad weather and Limerick's league campaign. The under 21s made their exit from the current championship when they went under rather tamely to Ardagh. This is a very disappointing start to the season. Most of the team have a second chance with either the minor or senior panels. A full turnout therefore is expected at all training sessions.

If things are quiet on the playing field the same can't be said of off the field activities.

The handball and squash court development is well under way. The skeleton of the building was erected last week and everything is in readiness for the block laying. The new field hasn't been played on recently due to the bad weather.

Club G.A.A.: 4-6-83 Killeedy

Our win over Croom in the first round of the championship was a major boost for the club. This was a great team victory with every player showing great commitment. One would have to single out Denis O'Connor at centre back for his superb display of power packed hurling. We look forward to many more such performances during the year. Liam Shine can also take credit for getting that vital point in those last few minutes.

The junior hurlers continued the good run by trouncing Monagea in the junior hurling league. The Flynn family created their own little piece of history with father and son playing on the team. Don was full of running and youthful exuberance, while Donie used all his craft and experience to good effect by bagging a few great goals.

Other stalwarts to play well were James Mulcahy, Ben Sullivan, Billy Walsh, P. J. Cronin and the accuracy of John Lacy from frees.

Anybody interested in a ticket for the Ballybrowne Stand should

Killeedy 15-1-83

The annual dinner dance, held in conjunction with the I.C.A., took place on January 7. It was a great success and a very enjoyable night was had by all. Highlight of the evening was the presentation of a sizeable cheque to Fr. Burke for the Lourdes Invalid Fund. County Board chairman, Mr. J. Hickey, congratulated the u-16 team on their great achievements throughout the year.

The final leg of the road race took place on Sunday last. Murt Mulcahy, Mike Scanlon, Jack O'Connor came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. The overall team result was Jack O'Connor's team first, Neil Brown's team second, and Mike Scanlan's team third.

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Killeedy 21-5-83

On Sunday last the senior hurlers played Mungret in a friendly. The match was played at Croagh in bright sunshine. Killeedy started well with the backs defending well and the forwards picking off some nice points. John Cunningham was outstanding at right half back while Mike Fitzmaurice, Liam Shine played well in attack. Mungret came back at Killeedy in the third quarter but we finished brightly with some well taken points.

Sunday next is a very important day for the club. We play Croom in the opening round of the county championship. This will be a very difficult match to win.

Killeedy 10/83

Though activities on the playing fields have now ended, the same cannot be said for off the field business. The handball alley and squash development project is nearing completion. The centre was a hive of activity last week-end and it was good to see so many volunteers offering their services. Hardworking chairman Ben Mullane says the alley and squash court should be ready by the first week in November. A lot will depend on the success of the "Mayor of Killeedy" venture. The race is really reaching a climax this week as candidates and their promoters are turning up in all sorts of places. Though it is impossible to gauge who is ahead, it will be a very close thing between the top three or four.

Killeedy 12-11-83

At a very enjoyable function held recently in the Ashford Tavern, Denis Casey was elected Mayor of Killeedy. Chairman Ben Mullane thanked all the candidates, promoters and everybody who worked so hard to make this a successful venture. The aim was of course to raise funds for the handball and squash project. We are delighted to announce that building is now completed and the handball alley and squash court are ready for action. The maple floors were laid last week enabling immediate use. Anybody wishing to use the facilities should contact any of the following re. membership: Ben Mullane, Paddy Curtin or John Magner.

Killeedy 18-6-83

The junior hurling team were narrowly beaten by Croagh on Thursday night. A late goal by the visitors gave them victory. The team, however, is shaping up well for the championship and got a timely boost with the return of Mike Shiels. Our next outing is against Knockaderry. This will be a tough match, as the opposition have a very strong junior team.

Sunday next is a big day for the senior hurlers as they take on Kilmallock in the championship. County finalists last year, they have a very good side. Killeedy will really have to spark on all cylinders if they are to be in with a chance. Denis O'Connor at centre back can repeat the form he showed against Croom. It would surely give the team a great boost. Others on whom a lot will depend are Ned Mullane, Con Herbert, Liam Shine, Jack O'Connor and of course, the Fitzmaurice brothers.

Killeedy 23-8-83

The senior hurlers made their exit from the championship on Friday night at the hands of Kilmallock. With only minutes remaining Killeedy were clinging to a two-point lead. Sadly, however, Kilmallock got two goals to grab a late victory. It was from Killeedy's viewpoint a cruel blow but again it demonstrated clearly that a match is never over until the final whistle. This was a keenly contested game of hurling between two evenly matched teams. The closeness of the scoring ensured that interest was maintained right up to the final whistle. The Killeedy full-back line played solidly and Ger Magner had his moments at centre-back. Liam Shine had a great game at midfield, while the forwards tried hard they never really clicked as a unit.

All in all the Killeedy players need not be too despondent. They showed great commitment and spirit.

Killeedy 3-9-83

The past week has been a very successful one for the senior hurlers. They have just completed a hat-trick of victories in local tournaments. In the Castlemahon tournament we beat Bruree, in the Abbeyfeale tournament we beat Lixnaw and in the Broadford tournament Feenagh were the victims. What makes the victories all the more impressive is that they were achieved by what is basically a very young team. Players like John Lacey, James O'Connor, Teddy Murphy, Padraig Hennessy, Don Flynn forming the nucleus of what looks like a very promising team.

Work on the development project continues. The internal roofing being the task on hand at the moment. Funds are badly needed at this stage. The club is depending a lot on the Baron of Killeedy promotion and would appeal to anybody who can to sell as many cards as possible for their chosen candidate. The race between the candidates is hotting up at the moment. Spokesman for the candidates are very reluctant to give progress reports, preferring to play down their man's chances.

Paudie Fitzmaurice, Denis Casey, Mike Cunningham seem to be making the running at the moment but I gather there are a few dark horses who may spring major surprises before this race is over.

Fixtures for the coming week include junior hurling league against Ardagh; junior football championship against Adare. The under 15 hurlers also have a match in the championship at Broadford.

Killeedy 30-7-83

Our junior football team had a very impressive win over Knockaderry at Dromcollogher on Sunday last.

The final score was 1-9 to 2-2. This was the first outing in the present campaign. It was a very keenly contested game, with direct no-nonsense football.

Killeedy scored all their points from play. John Cunningham scored a very important goal in the second half. It resulted from a splendid movement downfield in which Cunningham took a neatly placed pass from James O'Connor, and he duly planted it in the back of the net.

Gerard Magner had an outstanding game at centre back. His superb fielding was a joy to watch.

The veteran, Oliver Cunningham made a welcome return to goal and he brought off one point blank save early in the second half.

Others to shine for Killeedy were Ben Mullane, Paudie Fitzmaurice and young Brian Kenny.

The team lined out as follows — Oliver Cunningham, Ned O'Connor, John Magner (capt.), Ben Mullane, Mike Fitzmaurice, Gerard Magner, Mike Cunningham, Jack O'Connor, Jody O'Connor, Con Herbert, Paudie Fitzmaurice, Brian Kenny, John Lacey, Willie Fitzmaurice, James O'Connor. Subs., E. Mullane for M. Cunningham, J. Cunningham for J. Lacey, M. Scanlon, N. Browne.

Training has already started for football. All players are requested to attend training as a lot of ball work has to be done. Only players that train will be selected.

Killeedy 20-8-83

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KILLEEDY HAD LATE WINNER

By SEAN MURPHY

Killeedy 0-8
Croom 0-6

TWO points in the last ninety seconds gave Killeedy a narrow victory over Croom in a dour, low-scoring and unspectacular first round of the county senior hurling championship at Rathkeale on Sunday.

It was a keenly contested game between two evenly matched sides, and will be remembered most for a majestic performance at centre-back for Killeedy by Denis O'Connor and for the amazing lack of scoring power by both attacks.

Nine minutes had elapsed before Mike Fitzmaurice opened the scoring for Killeedy with a nice point from play, but rapidly Donie Murray equalised and Croom began to assert their superiority.

From this juncture to the interval, Croom enjoyed territorial advantage, but squandered numerous scoring chances, and had to rely on the accuracy of Donie Murray to edge them into an interval lead of 0-4 to 0-3.

Both sides were reduced to 14 men when referee Sean O'Connor gave Mike Fitzmaurice and Arthur Culhane "marching orders" late in the first half.

When Eugene Mackessy shot an early pt. on resuming for Croom, it looked as if the Maiguesiders were firmly on a winning streak.

But the introduction of Paudie Fitzmaurice, even though he was sporting a plastered hand, had a settling effect on the Killeedy forward division.

He struck up great understanding with his brother, Willie, and by the 12th minute had his team on level terms. Donie Murray regained the lead for Croom but Paudie Fitzmaurice once more shot the equaliser for Killeedy in the 17th minute.

Then followed an intense battle for supremacy as both teams strove valiantly for the vital scores. Croom fluffed a few gilt-edge chances and a draw seemed imminent as time ticked away. But then Liam Shine surged upfield to shoot the golden point that cracked the deadlock and on the stroke of time Paudie Fitzmaurice added the insurance point from a free to seal the verdict in favour of Killeedy.

Denis O'Connor, Con Herbert, Eddie Mullane, Jack O'Connor, Liam Shine and Paudie Fitzmaurice were the chief architects of Killeedy's success, who were only a pale shadow of the team that annexed county honours a few years ago.

Best for Croom were Tony Kiely, Anthony Howard, Pat Culhane, Donie Murray, Brendan Gallagher, Eugene Mackessy and cool goalie, Kevin Kiely.

Killeedy: P. Fitzmaurice 0-3, W. Fitzmaurice 0-2, K. Kelly 0-1, M.

Killeedy 1/1/84

A meeting of Bord na nOg will be held at the Community Centre, on Saturday, January 7, at 7.30 p.m. All under age players are requested to attend as captains, selectors etc., for the coming season will be elected.

Club vice-chairman, Thomas McEnery's name was inadvertently omitted from the list of officers which was published in a recent column. Anybody wishing to join the handball or squash club may contact any of the club officers. Demand for the use of the courts has been hectic over the holiday period. To ensure the smooth running of the operation, booking rules must be strictly adhered to.

Killeedy 14.1.84

At the Bord na nOg meeting which was held on Saturday night the following were elected for the coming season: Chairman, Pat Hayes; secretary, Jack O'Connor; assistant secretaries, Tom Shine, Jerry Forde; treasurer, Neil Brown.

Under 18 selectors—J. Magner, B. Mullane, T. shine, P. Hayes, M. Cunningham.

Trainer—M. Cunningham.
Under 18 hurling captain, Jerry Forde.

Under 18 football captain, Don Flynn.

Under 16 hurling captain, Joe Mulcahy.

Under 16 football captain, Diarmuid O'Connor.

The annual supper dance will be held at the Devon Inn on Sunday, January 15th. Tickets are great value at £5 each, so a good turnout is expected.

KILLEEDY'S NEW PITCH

12.5.84

LIMERICK MEET CLARE

By SEAN MURPHY

THE President of the GAA, Mr. Paddy Buggy, will officially open the new pitch and sports complex of Killeedy GAA Club at Kantoher on next Sunday evening at 6.30 p.m.

The complex, which incorporates a squash court, handball alley, dressingrooms and a meeting room, cost in the region of £100,000 and took four years to complete.

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Killeedy 16.6.84

The only satisfactory point to emerge from the Killeedy-Ballingarry match on Sunday last was that it ended in a win for us. This was a very scrappy match full of picking, poking and mis-hitting. Most players were off colour with the notable exception of Paudie Fitzmaurice who really stamped his class on the proceedings. Many people have been talking during the week of his great display against Cork on Sunday week, notably his timely interception when Jimmy Barry-Murphy had a goal at his mercy. This was a classic piece of defending, epitomising all that is good in hurling, namely speed, skill and courage. So apart from Paudie's display last Sunday's match is best forgotten and nobody knows that better than the players themselves. The final score was 0-12 to 1-6.

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The Killeedy team who won the West senior hurling championship on Sunday last. 8-12-84

Killeedy

26.5.84
The under-14 hurlers put up a great performance before losing to Newcastle the other night. With the defence playing great stuff in the first half Killeedy were still in it at half time. In the second half Newcastle's superior strength finally told as they scored a few goals.

Killeedy stars on the night were Tom Kelleher, Adrian Shanahan, Padraig Kenny, Mike Delee and Declan O'Connor. The team lined out as follows: Tom Kelleher, Adrian Shanahan, Padraig Kenny, Tom Dore, Mike Noonan, Mike Delee, Kevin Kiely, Declan O'Connor, Maurice Magner, Michael Curtin, Gerard Lacey, Mike O'Leary, Patrick Curtin, Gerard Quinlivan and John O'Callaghan.

The junior hurlers had a good win over Croagh in Croagh on Tuesday night. A good second half performance paved the way for this victory. This was a good, all-round team performance with Murt Mulcahy, Gerard Long, Mike Cunningham, Kevin Kelly and Gerry Forde particularly prominent.

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Killeedy

19.5.84
Last Sunday was a great day for Killeedy GAA. Years of planning and months of hard work came to a fitting climax as Paddy Buggy officially opened the splendid sports complex and new pitch. The many visiting officials were pleasantly surprised that such high standards were achieved in such a small place. The people of Killeedy were justifiably proud. The president of the GAA praised all the people who worked so hard for the GAA down through the years. He had a special mention for the late Liam Fitzmaurice, who served so well for so long. Killeedy is lucky that the present day officials are of a similar high calibre.

Club chairman, Ben Mullane, has spearheaded the whole campaign in an excellent manner. Equally, John Magner, Paddy Curtin and all the people who have worked so hard to achieve this goal. The end result is a fitting reward for their tremendous dedication.

As Paddy Buggy said in his opening address, the best way the people can than them is by treating the facilities with respect and using them to the fullest. A good crowd turned up to see Limerick play Clare in the first inter-county match at Pairc Ide Naofa. In a very disappointing match, a skeleton Limerick team were beaten by Clare. This could not take, however, from the excitement of what will be remembered as one of the greatest days in the history of the club.

Killeedy

23.5.84
The senior hurlers gave a very satisfactory performance in defeating Adare in the first round of the West championship. This match was played at Newcastle West on Saturday night last. Killeedy were in control throughout with the backs playing solidly and the forwards scoring a bagful of goals. Ger Magner was outstanding at centre-back and grew in confidence and stature as the game progressed. Man of the match would have to go to the excellent Denis O'Connor. Playing his best game for a long time he ended up with a personal tally of 2-3. His second goal was one of the finest seen at Newcastle for many a day. Though these two players excelled this was a great team effort and the type of commitment shown augurs well for the remainder of the championship.

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P.S. Congrats. to Don Flynn on his selection for the county minor team.

Killeedy

20.10.84
The senior hurlers had a good win over Adare in the semi-final of the centenary cup on Sunday last. Adare had the better of the play in the earlier stages, but gradually Killeedy took a grip on proceedings and a good goal by Don Flynn before half time set them up well for the second half. The second half was evenly fought, but with two Denis O'Connor goals and some well taken points by Paudie and Willie Fitzmaurice. Killeedy emerged worthy winners on a scoreline of 3-10 to 0-13. The Killeedy team lined out as follows: P. Meehan, M. Cunningham, B. Mullane, J. Cunningham, J. McGrath, L. Shine, G. Magner, T. Murphy, J. O'Connor, C. Herbert, M. Scanlon, P. Fitzmaurice, D. Flynn, J. O'Connor, D. O'Connor, W. Fitzmaurice.

KILLEEDY'S NEW PITCH

12.584

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Killeedy

17.3.84
The senior hurlers began the centenary year with a friendly against Mungret. They played quite well, considering it was the first outing of the year. The evergreen Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice served notice to the young pretenders that they will have to fight every inch of the way for their places. The final score was 5-11 to 1-8.

On Sunday last Milford were visitors to the new pitch at Raheenagh. A stiff breeze and long grass did not help matters, but after a lively match Milford emerged deserving winners. They looked fitter and sharper all through. They have been playing matches for over a month now and their match practice showed. The Killeedy team featured M. Cunningham at full-forward — a big change from his usual corner-back role. Other points of interest were the return of Tom Mulcahy, John McGrath and Denis O'Connor. The team lined out as follows: J. Forde, B. Mullane, E. Mullane, J. McGrath, J. O'Connor, G. Magner, T. Murphy, M. Scanlon, D. Flynn, M. Fitzmaurice, J. Lacey, T. Mulcahy, J. O'Connor, M. Cunningham, W. Fitzmaurice, J. Cunningham, D. O'Connor.

Killeedy

2.6.84
The junior hurling team gave a very poor performance when losing to Knockaderry in the league. Even though missing a few players this could not be offered as an excuse for such a lack lustre performance. Knockaderry however, are a good junior team and will take beating in this year's championship. The seniors played Kilmallock in the Ballyagran tournament on Wednesday night and had a comfortable eight point winning margin.

A feature of this game was the fine performance given by some of the junior players like Mike Cunningham and Gerard Long.

The final was played on Sunday night when Killeedy drew with Bruree. Man of the match was Willie Fitzmaurice, who scored points from all angles. The replay will be fixed at a later date.

On Sunday night next Ardagh meet Meelin in the semi-final of our junior hurling tournament. This promises to be an enjoyable game so a good turnout is expected at Pairc Ide Naofa. The game is



The Killeedy team who lost to Bruff in the County Senior Hurling Final.

8-6-85

Killeedy

Our novice footballers had a very comprehensive 4-4 to 2-1 win in the semi-final of the west against Rathkeale at Coolyroe on Sunday last. Although short a few key players, our lads came through with flying colours.

Playing with a strong breeze in the first half Killeedy built up a six point lead at half-time. A feature of the first half was the expertly taken goals by Kevin Kelly and Teddy Murphy. Teddy Murphy's goal was reminiscent of the goal scored by Mickey Sheehy in this year's Munster final.

Murty Mulcahy and Jack O'Connor were in top form at midfield and ensured a constant supply of ball to the forwards.

In the second half Killeedy were aware of the challenge facing them especially with the strong breeze against them.

Johnny Magner, the Killeedy coach, had a few stern words to say at half-time and the lads responded magnificently. Kevin Kelly scored 2-4.

Others to shine were captain M. Fitzmaurice, J. Magner, J. O'Connor and T. Murphy.

We are now looking forward to the final on Sunday next v. Dromcollogher at Tournafulla. Our last football final was in 1975.

Last Sunday's team only contained two of that team namely D. O'Connor and M. Fitzmaurice.

I am sure that Killeedy will have plenty of support on Sunday next. Many of the old warriors will be there giving words of encouragement. We hope that Killeedy will live up to the high standards set by the likes of Oliver Cunningham, Paddy Curtin, Joe Moloney and J. J. McCarthy.

For the record the team on Sunday was G. Kelly, M. Cunningham, D. O'Connor, N. O'Connor, M. Fitzmaurice, G. Magner, J. Magner, J. O'Connor, M. Mulcahy, T. Murphy, J. O'Connor, P. Hennessy, K. Kelly, M. Cunningham (R.), D. Flynn, sub. B. Kenny for M. Cunningham (R.).

Congratulations also to Mike Fitzmaurice the Killeedy captain in finishing the Dublin City Marathon in just under four hours.

NOVICE FOOTBALL

Killeedy 4-4
Sean Finns (Rathkeale) 2-1

In the curtain raiser at Quaid Park on Sunday last, Killeedy even though they had to line out without the services of their "All Star", Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice, proved to be much too strong for a second string Rathkeale side in the novice football semi-final.

At the interval Killeedy led by two goals and three points to Sean Finns solitary goal.

Ted Murphy and Don Flynn had Killeedy's goals whilst James O'Connor, Kevin Kelly and Jack O'Connor had white flags. James Connie O'Connor had the goal for the Deelsiders. In the second half Kevin Kelly had a brace of goals for Killeedy, whilst a point was scored by Pdraig Hennessy. The Rathkeale point came from Mike Power and Liam Casey had a spectacular goal from a free about 30 metres out on the wing. The Killeedy side were fitter and faster and fully deserved their victory. They will now meet Dromcollogher in the final at Tournafulla on Sunday next.

TEAMS

Killeedy — J. Kelly, M. Cunningham, D. O'Connor, N. O'Connor, M. Fitzmaurice, G. Magner, J. Magner, J. O'Connor, M. Mulcahy, P. Hennessy, T. Murphy, D. Flynn, K. Kelly, M. Cunningham, J. O'Connor. Sub., B. Kenny.

Sean Finns — O. Hartnett, J. Sheehan, J. O'Keeffe, L. Kennedy, D. Dillon, N. O'Keeffe, J. Lyons, L. Casey, J. O'Connor, E. Dollery, N. Hartnett, M. Power, P. Sheehan, T. Markham, J. Conmy.

Referee, Jim Long (Feenagh).
Man of the match, Jack O'Connor (Killeedy).

Killeedy's good year for sport

23-2-85

A great time was had by all those who attended the Killeedy G.A.A. Victory Dinner Dance at the Devon Inn recently, during which the Killeedy senior hurling team were highly praised for their success during Centenary Year in winning no less than five tournaments.

The awards included the Centenary Cup and the West Limerick Senior Hurling Championship. Among those in attendance were Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman of County Board; Mr. John Carrig, chairman of West Board; Senator Rory Kiely, Munster Council representative, and Mr. Paddy Brown, secretary of West Board.

The chairman, Ben Mullane, in his address, thanked everybody who had helped in any way during the year. He congratulated the senior hurling panel on their success and also thanked them for their commitment and dedication during the year. He also said that 1984 had been a great



John Magner presenting Pat Meehan with his medals at the Killeedy G.A.A. function.

off the field as well, the highlight being the official opening of the new pitch and sports complex by the President of the G.A.A., Mr. Paddy Buggy.

He continued that this was a great facility for the parish and was very glad that it was being used by everybody and its finances were in a healthy

state. This, he said, was due to the great efforts by the ticket sellers for the Christmas draw.

Ben congratulated Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice on being the first West Limerick man to be selected as a Bank of Ireland All Star and also for being chosen as Limerick's Hurler of the Year. He also congratulated Don Flynn on winning an All-Ireland minor medal and John Magner on captaining the St. Ita's School team to county success. In conclusion, Ben Mullane said that he hoped that 1985 would be even more successful than 1984 for the club.

The president of the club, Jerry Scanlon, presented them with trophies in honour of their achievements during 1984. The West Limerick senior hurling medals and the Centenary championship medals were also presented to the senior team and subs.

Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice, in his address, thanked the club for their presentation. He said he always enjoyed playing for Killeedy and was delighted to see the number of young players making the senior ranks. This, he said, was a very healthy sign of the club.



Officers of Killeedy G.A.A. with members of the County and West Boards at their annual dinner.



Killeedy U/14 hurling team.



Mr. Jerry Scanlon, president, Killeedy GAA, making a presentation to Rev. Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice to mark the occasion of his selection as a Bank of Ireland All Star. Also included are club officials John McGrath, John Magner, Ben Mullane, Mike Fitzmaurice, Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice and Jim Magner.

Killeedy

Our Senior hurlers had a very comprehensive 1-15 to 2-4 win over Newcastle West at Dromcollogher in the west final on Sunday last.

The conditions were ideal. The pitch was in magnificent form, with little or no breeze present.

The first half was a very exciting affair with both teams frequently exchanging points. Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice was razor sharp and picked off some lovely points. The teams were level at half-time.

The second half was totally dominated by Killeedy. They constantly attacked the NCW goals and forced them to commit many fouls. Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice duly punished the NCW defence with his deadly free taking.

NCW did manage to get a goal in the last quarter but Killeedy were too far ahead at this stage. Killeedy crowned off their fine victory with a superbly taken goal by T. Murphy.

Man of the Match was that supreme sportsman, Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice. Not too far behind was his younger brother, Fr. Willie.

Pat Meehan had another fine game in goal and was ably supported by T. Murphy, G. Magner, J. O'Connor and J. Magner.

This was Killeedy's 11th west final appearance since 1972.

Fr. Paudie and Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice, D. O'Connor, P. Meehan, C. Herbert, M. Scanlon collected their 7th medal.

They have done Killeedy proud over the years.

We say a special thanks to Fr. Paudie for his wonderful display on Sunday and for the enjoyment he has given to Killeedy people in both playing for his club and county. He is a shining light to all younger players in the parish in both his dedication to training and his displays on the field.

9/2/85

6-12-86 Killeedy

THE club AGM was held recently and the following officers were elected:

President, Gerry Scanlon; vice presidents, Fr. Neville, P.P., Fr. Doolin, C.C., and Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice; chairman, Paddy Curtin; vice do., Oliver Cunningham, Sean Cunningham; secretary, James O'Connor; asst. do., Johnny Magner; treasurer, James Barry; asst. do., Nellie Browne; registrar, Con Herbert; PRO, Mike Cunningham; senior hurling capt., Liam Shine; U21 hurling capt., Kevin Kelly; senior selectors, Donal Flynn, Johnny Magner and Ben Mullane; U21 selectors, 3 senior selectors, Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice and Mike Cunningham.

It was a well attended meeting with a lot of interesting discussion: full time co. board secretary; inter-divisional championship and income and expenditure for the past year.

Activity on the playing fields came to a close for 1986 on Sunday last when our gallant minor hurlers lost to Drom-Broadford in the league final, after a hard fought battle. The stronger and more experienced Drom fifteen edged out for a six point victory. Most of our team are very young for this grade but this courageous display indicates bright prospects for these lads in the future. The Community Games AGM will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at sports complex at 8.00.

Killeedy

27.6.87

The senior hurlers of Killeedy turned in a great performance at Bruff on Friday evening last to defeat a fancied Mungret site in the County League Final.

Mungret put up a tough battle all through but on this occasion Killeedy stood a class apart and their eleven point victory was a true reflection of their superiority. It was a great team performance but Killeedy had great displays from Fr. Paudie, Murty Mulcahy and Ed Lignane in defence. Captain Liam Shine led the team with a great display at midfield while Denis O'Connor was the key to success. Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice, Gerry Forde and K. Kelly were the best of the forwards.

Line-out: Pat Meehan; Murty Mulcahy, Fr. Paudie Fitzmaurice, Cathal Breen; Mike Cunningham, Ed Lignane, Teddy Murphy; Lian Shine, Joe Mulcahy; Gerry Forde, J. Magner, John Lacey, Kevin Kelly, Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice and Denis O'Connor. Subs.: Mike Scanlon and Jody O'Connor.

Scorers, Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice 2-1, K. Kelly 1-3, P. O'Connor 1-1, Ed Lignane 0-5, frees; Gerry Forde 0-3.

Junior B Championship v. NCW at Coolroe Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

Killeedy 4/4/87

Our senior hurlers had a very surprising finish to the county league match against Tournafulla. With wind in our faces, in the first half Killeedy played with great spirit and determination to go into the interval leading by 1-4 to 1-3, with the goal coming from the ever reliable Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice and points from the very impressive Teddy Murphy and Fr. Paudie. A rip roaring second half seemed very likely but it was never to be as the referee called off the match because the pitch was unplayable at that stage.

Training resumes again Friday night for U. 21, Junior and Seniors at 7 o'clock sharp. Our junior hurlers make their debut against Gerald Griffins at home on Tuesday night at 6.30 sharp. It is important that all players should be there.

Our u. 14 hurlers are also out at the weekend against Ardagh. Tickets for the fashion show are still available.



At the Killeedy G.A.A. dinner dance held at the Devon Hotel, Templeglantine were, l. to r.: Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman, County Board; Rev. Fr. Dowling, C.C. Mrs. Hickey and Mr. J. Scanlon.

GAA SUPPORT FOR LOURDES INVALID FUND 8/2/86

Killeedy GAA Club in West Limerick has set a headline for all other clubs in the county by presenting a cheque for £500 to the Lourdes Invalid Fund.

The annual dinner dance of the club was held at the Devon Hotel, Templeglantine recently. Guests at the function were Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman, Limerick County Board; Mr. Paddy Browne, secretary, West Board; Senator Rory Kiely, Munster Council; Michael Hanley, P.R.O., Limerick County Board, and Fr. Peader De Burca, P.P., Cappagh.

Mr. Tom McEnery, chairman of the Club, presented the cheque to Fr. P. De Burca,



Rev. Fr. P. de Burca, P.P., Cappagh, accepting a cheque on behalf of the Lourdes Invalid Fund at the Killeedy G.A.A. Dance.

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Local curate Fr. Dowling, C.C., congratulated the club on clearing the debt on their recently completed sports complex.

Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman County Board had many fine words of praise for the Club. He congratulated them on winning the west senior hurling and novice football championships. He made a special appeal to parents in the parish to get involved in the club, and to help with the under age teams by providing transport and support for teams. Paddy Browne and Senator Kiely also paid glowing tributes to the club.

Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice on behalf of the Club thanked all those present for their support. It was also announced that the Club's hard working official, Mr. Paddy Curtin would this year receive the "Cospor Sports Service Award," in recognition for his involvement in the club and community.



Killeedy G.A.A. officials and guests pictured at their annual dinner dance in the Devon Hotel, Templeglantine.

FITZMAURICE INSPIRES KILLEEDY . . .

GARRYSPELLANE SURPRISED

By JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

Killeedy 2-11
Garryspillane 1-10

Paudie Fitzmaurice, now at the crossroads in his inter-county hurling career, once again demonstrated the art of taking scores at Bruff on Sunday when, almost single handed, he put an end to Garryspillane's title aspirations.

The fact that he was pitted against Mossy Carroll didn't trouble the Killeedy centre-forward one iota, for he was clever enough to roam freely against a suspect rearguard and took his scores-1-5—from all angles.

Even when the Garryspillane mentors brought back their centre-forward, Willie Burke, to try to contain him, it made little difference, as Fr. Willie had by then done the damage, though in fairness to Burke it must be said that he played an important role in keeping the winners scoreless for a ten minute period.

No doubt the inquest into the defeat will go on for weeks out Garryspillane way. Powered by Mossy Carroll, Brian Carroll, Ray Sampson and Brian Stapleton, and fresh from their big win over Feohanagh, they were confidently expected to progress to the semi-final stages, but for some inexplicable reason they failed to get going on the day.

Level

But let us not detract from the merits of this Killeedy performance. They took the lead through John Magnier in the first minute, then trailed 0-4 to 0-2 after ten minutes and seemed to be struggling at that stage. They soon got their act together again, and though they never scaled to any great heights there was a determination about their play which suggested they were going to make it close for the favourites.

Garryspillane were in second gear for too long to make a real contest of it in the second half, and lost direction as Will Fitzmaurice set up in Kiely for a well ex-

ecuted goal just on the resumption, after the sides had finished level 1-5 to 0-8 after 30 minutes.

Killeedy were now in full flight, and while Kevin Walsh replied with a white flag, the next five points went to the West Limerick side.

We saw the best of the winners on the changeover. They not alone gained in confidence but also in maturity and prepared to fight for every ball, they upset Garryspillane's rhythm.

Distress signals were sent out by the latter and they swapped and changed their combination without meeting with any degree of success.

The more the match progressed the more Killeedy were in command, and even the presence of Ray Sampson up front was unable to stir Garryspillane into action. The inter-county player was out of touch and his sole contribution to the proceedings was a point. Indeed, the black-and-amber were very much off key up front, with six of their points coming from the stick of midfielder Kevin Walsh, and his colleague, Brian Carroll, chipping in with 1-1.

Killeedy gave nothing away at the back. Mike Cunningham was a tower of strength at No. 3, but it was young Don Flynn who really caught the eye. They were also well served in the half back line and midfielder Kevin Kiely and Mick Scanlan gave as good as they got.

Tactics

But their real hero was Paudie Fitzmaurice. His fitness has often been questioned in recent times, but not on Sunday when he must have covered every blade of grass, much to the annoyance of Mossy Carroll and Co. Some of his points were beautifully struck and his goal, which came five minutes from half time, was a real tonic to Killeedy, and also helped to give the game a lift.

Willie Fitzmaurice may have scored just a solitary point but his bustling tactics helped to unsettle the Garrys-

pillane rearguard. Tom Mulcahy also did quite well over the hour.

Now that they have progressed so far Killeedy are not going to be a soft touch for anybody. They are tough and strong, have some quality players and with Paudie Fitzmaurice in his present scoring form will provide a hard examination for Cloughaun in the semi-finals.

Garryspillane were defeated at the finish. They have nobody else but themselves to blame for they never rose to the occasion.

Firm

The first half was disappointing enough and it was a case of point for point until the 25th minute when Paudie Fitzmaurice blasted the ball past Bill Hayes. A point from Willie Burke in the final seconds left it 1-5 to 0-8 at the short whistle.

Killeedy showed that they meant business on the changeover. Garryspillane had hardly taken their positions when Kevin Kiely made it 2-5 to 0-8, and they managed to tack on another five points to one from Garryspillane at the three quarters stage.

Brian Carroll goaled in the 24th minute but the sturdy Killeedy defence held firm to the end.

Scorers: Killeedy-P. Fitzmaurice 1-5, K. Kiely 1-0, T. Mulcahy 0-2, M. Scanlan, J. Magner, W. Fitzmaurice, D. O'Connor 0-1 each; Garryspillane-K. Walsh 0-6, B. Carroll 1-1, D. Barry, W. Burke, B. Stapleton 0-1 each.

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Garryspillane-B. Hayes, B. Mansfield, N. Walsh, G. O'Brien, J. Murnane, M. Carroll, E. O'Donnell, K. Walsh, B. Carroll, D. Barry, W. Burke, J. O'Donnell, B. Burke, B. Stapleton.

Referee: T. Lyons (Caherline).



Don Flynn, who will be in action for Killeedy in the County semi final against Cloughaun at Kilmallock on Sunday evening.

Photo: Michael Hanley, Rathkeale