

Pa Clancy toast of Rathkeale

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# St. Mary's beat K'aderry in thriller

("Leader" Staff Reporter)

ST. MARY'S ... 3-4  
KNOCKADERRY ... 2-5

PA CLANCY must have been the toast of the Rathkeale fans on Sunday evening when St. Mary's arrived back in the Lower Deelside town with the premier West Limerick hurling trophy amidst scenes of wild excitement and enthusiasm. And well he might be, as it was Pa's spectacular performance in the Rathkeale net that contributed more than anything else to St. Mary's 2-point victory after one of the most exciting and keenly contested finals in the annals of Western hurling.

There were, of course, other contributing factors to St. Mary's hard-won victory, including Tom Markham's fine display at midfield and that all-important goal by John Kelly, who came on as sub. in the concluding stages. But in the final analysis it was Pa Clancy's sparkling exhibition that really won the day for the victors and brought them their first Divisional junior hurling title since 1961.

Patrons, who paid nearly £200 to see the final, were treated to a fine, hard-hitting, sporting exhibition in bright sunshine but under bitterly cold conditions. However, the spectators were entirely indifferent to the biting November blast as thrill succeeded thrill in a game that reached unusually high standards, having regard to the rather difficult underfoot conditions.

There wasn't a dull moment during the sixty minutes of all-out effort by two great teams. Throwing themselves with almost reckless abandon into the fray, they contested every inch of the way and the issue was exasperatingly in doubt right up to the final whistle. Luck played no small part in the final outcome, and most of the neutral spectators left the pitch with a sense of regret that one of two great teams should have to taste the bitter pill of defeat.

St. Mary's, although they richly deserved their hard won victory, may consider themselves more than a shade lucky to have come out on top in the final tally. Undoubtedly they owe their success in no small measure to the spectacular performance of Pa Clancy in goal.

His clearances under constant pressure repeatedly averted disaster and he was ably assisted throughout by veteran, Tom McNamara, Steve McDonnell, Mick Murphy and Jim Walsh. At centrefield Tom Markham, just back from an enforced month's recess, played one of the best games of his outstanding hurling career, and as usual the McEnery cousins, "Blondie" and "Blackie", were very much to the fore throughout the hour. Jim Shaughnessy, Andy O'Dea, and Mick Hough never stopped trying hard in the attack against a formidable opposing last line of defence. John Kelly, who came on as sub for Andy O'Dea in the closing stages, was responsible for that vital goal that decided the issue.

## GALLANT EFFORT

The Knockaderry lads surely had every reason to feel disappointed after a really gallant effort that was supported by all the qualities that make for success—youth, speed and all-out determination. Looking back on the epic game they must have felt that ultimate defeat was due mainly to missed chances, a tragedy of lost scoring opportunities. Having failed to exploit at least a couple of easy chances in the opening half they succeeded in wiping out an early deficit to draw level at the interval, but their forwards were again remiss in the second moiety. Even when a point down with only a matter of minutes to go they still got an opportunity of pulling the fat out of the fire in those hectic closing minutes but failed to press home the advantage and were two points down at the final whistle.

Knockaderry's defeat was certainly not due to any fault in defence. J. McKessy, in goal, acquitted himself with distinction throughout, while the Frawley brothers Paddy Lyons and Moss Walsh more than held their own in the back line. At centre-field Sean Moloney and Jack Hennessy gave a sparkling performance and their efforts were deserving of a much better reward. Jim Begley never stopped but was pinned down by a determined St. Mary's defence, while his brother, Donal, who came on as sub., gave his side a very useful goal at a critical stage. Paddy O'Brien, Paddy Dowling and Jim Begley were all very much in the picture in the forward line, even if their efforts did not produce the expected results.

## TEAMS

St. Mary's—Pa Clancy, Tom McNamara, Stephen McDonnell, John Walsh, Mick Murphy, Tom Markham, "Blondie" McEnery, "Blackie" McEnery, John O'Shea, Jim O'Shaughnessy, Andy O'Dea, Pat O'Sullivan, Mick Hough, Sean Doherty and John Kelly (sub for Andy O'Dea).

Knockaderry — J. McKessy, Paddy Lyons, Gerard Frawley, Tom Frawley, Moss Walsh, John Butler, Paddy McMahon, Jack Hennessy, Sean Moloney, Paddy O'Brien, John Corkery, Paddy Dowling, Sean Quinlivan, Jim Begley, Jim Hennessy. Sub., Donal Begley.

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# St. Mary's too good for Monegae

J.H.—St. Mary's, 8-8;  
Monegae, 1-2.

After a rather slow and unimpressive start, St. Mary's (Rathkeale) coasted home to a decisive victory over Monegae in the second round of the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship at Newcastle West on Sunday.

The Deelsiders fully deserved their win, but were far from convincing in the opening fifteen or twenty minutes when they were well held by the more youthful and less experienced Monegae lads, who showed plenty of spirit, but lacked the finish of their opponents. The game opened in a very promising note with the teams level twice in the opening ten minutes, but shortly before the interval, St. Mary's forged ahead and were pretty well on top at the interval. However, it was not until the closing quarter that the much fancied Deelsiders really got into their stride and brushed aside the Monegae challenge with a sequence of scores. Monegae continued to fight back gamely, but the game which opened with much promise of excitement finished in a dull and uninteresting note.

Pa Clancy in goal with veteran Tom McNamara, Stephen McDonnell, Tom Markham and Mick Murphy, provided a very sound and dependable St. Mary's defence, while the McEnery pair were very much to the fore around midfield.

Andy O'Dea, Patsy Sullivan, John Kelly, in attack, more than justified the confidence of their mentors, especially in the later stages of the hour. Monegae, a young team with much future promise, were well served throughout by the Mullane brothers, Tom McGrath, Liam Hough and the McKessy pair.

Only real excitement in the hour was in the opening ten or twelve minutes when the teams were level twice with every prospect of a close finish and a possible first class surprise. Patsy Sullivan opened the scoring with a Rathkeale goal, but Tom McGrath promptly replied with a similar score for Monegae. When "Blondie" McEnery again put the Deelsiders ahead with a point, Paddy O'Keeffe hit back with the equaliser for Monegae. After Monegae missed a couple of good scoring chances St. Mary's got more effectively into their stride with scores from Andy O'Dea, John Kelly and the long hitting "Blondie" McEnery, leaving the position at half-time: St. Mary's, 3-6; Monegae, 1-1.

Rathkeale continued to force the pace on the resumption and a goal by Patsy Sullivan was followed by a Monegae point from Liam Hough. A determined Monegae rally brought the challengers back into the picture again but Pa Clancy proved unbeatable in the St. Mary's net with a couple of spectacular saves. In the closing stages St. Mary's almost completely took over and the winning scores came in monotonous sequence.

Mr. Paddy Sammon (Newcastle West) refereed.



# Western Sports Round-Up

## GREAT WIN FOR

### ST. MARY'S

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St. Mary's are the new western junior champions, and nobody, least of all their rivals from nearby Knockaderry, will begrudge them the coveted honour. Even if luck favoured them a little more than their opponents in the final at Ballingarry on Sunday, they were worth their hard-earned win by the narrow margin of two points. It was only a reward for do-or-die spirit that enabled them in the dying minutes of the hour to turn what seemed imminent if not inevitable defeat into a late but nonetheless glorious victory.

#### PA CLANCY'S DAY

When it was all over, everyone, or almost everyone, on the field agreed that Rathkeale goalie, Pa. Clancy, contributed more than any of his individual colleagues to St. Mary's ultimate success. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that his devastating performance between the posts did more than anything else to rob Knockaderry of the victory that seemed well within their grasp during the hectic last quarter. Pa's numerous spectacular clearances included at least two efforts that must surely have found their mark against any other net-minder. Incidentally, his opposite number in the Knockaderry goals was very little behind in his really fine performance.

#### BITTER PILL

What of the vanquished, the gallant Knockaderry lads who fought so hard and continued the fight up to the first echo of the final whistle. Victory was well within their grasp for more than a brief spell, a realization that must have made eventual defeat all the more disappointing. Actually Knockaderry lost the game, not in the closing minutes of the hour, but during the much earlier stages when quite a few good scoring chances were virtually thrown away. St. Mary's, of course, had a generous quota of last chances but not quite as many as their rivals, who missed at least four points that were there for the taking; but that, of course, has really nothing to do with the final tally which is all that can go on record.

Jim Begley, who played one of his hardest if least fruitful games of the season, has every reason to be proud of the gallant, all-out effort by the Knockaderry men. The fair-haired Sean Moloney gave one of the best of his many fine

performances, and he was very effectively assisted by the hard-hitting Jack Hennessy. The Frawley brothers (Tom and Gerard), Moss Walsh and Paddy Lyons were always very much to the fore on backs and Jim McKessy was most impressive in the last line of defence. He was certainly not to blame for the vital goal that was destined to decide the issue in favour of St. Mary's.

#### CC. SEMI-FINAL

Having survived Sunday's Divisional decider, there will be little rest for the Deel-siders. They will be out again next Sunday, this time in Kilmallock, where they meet Boher in the County semi-final. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries in the Western final and they will make the journey to the Southern Capital with a strong degree of confidence and more determination than ever to make 1965 a year to remember in the Western parish of St. Mary's.

#### RATHKEALE

## Successful Function

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The supper dance organised by Cappagh Muintir na Tire was held on Thursday, January 26, at the Deel Hall. A very large number attended, and all spent a very enjoyable night. Music was provided by Bud Clancy and his Band. The catering was very efficiently carried out by an energetic ladies' committee.

#### NEW HEATING FOR CINEMA

The management of the Central Cinema have recently installed a new type of heating. American made, the new space heater is reckoned to be one of the most up-to-date of its kind. Regular patrons have commented favourably on the new system. It is also appreciated by the children at the Sunday matinees, which are now a regular feature in the town.

#### C.Y.M.S.

At a meeting of the C.Y.M.S. on Tuesday, January 24, it was decided to revive the billiards and snooker handicaps, and the first games are expected to commence in two weeks time. There will be replicas of the Geo. Spillane Cup and the Canon Carroll Cup, both of which are perpetual. The present holders are Sean Hayes (billiards), Jack Culhane (snooker).

#### G.A.A. NEWS

Sean Giltenane, who emigrated to America some fifteen years ago, has recently been elected President of the New York G.A.A. Board. His election to the position was unopposed. He has held the position of Vice-President for the past two years.

Peter Fitzgerald, who is Vice-Chairman of the local G.A.A. Club, was elected as Registrar on the County Board of the G.A.A. at the annual Convention held in Limerick last Sunday. He was elected by a very large majority.



WEST LIMERICK G.A.A.

12/10/68

# St. Mary's are Hurling Champions But Footballers Draw

Two interesting games were played in Ballingarry on Sunday last. The first game, West Limerick under 21 hurling final, between old rivals, St. Mary's and Newcastle West, was won by the former on a score of 5-6 to 2-6. The second, a semi-final of the junior football championship, was played to an exciting draw between Glin and Askeaton on a score of 2-5 each.

The hurling encounter, while not reaching the same high standard as last year's thriller between the same teams, nevertheless produced a fine hour. The game was hard and fast and sportingly contested by two very fit teams. St. Mary's on the day proved the better balanced combination and at the end of the hour's play there was no doubt, but that the better team had won.

This was mostly a team victory but there were a few individual performers worthy of mention. P. Markham and D. Doherty were outstanding in a very solid full back line, while J. Young and W. Mulcaire were fine half-backs. J. Jones had a great hour at midfield and got good support from V. White. The half forward line, A. Supple, J. Doherty and N. Fitzgerald were very impressive all through and paired off some delightful scores.

Newcastle West, though they tried hard up to the final whistle, never really got into their stride. The back line never settled down while the forwards could never get loose enough from the St. Mary's backs to look dangerous. Their best players were W. Lenihan, D. D. Kennedy, W. Nash, R. Liston and M. Walsh.

## SCORERS

St. Mary's — N. Fitzgerald (2-3), J. Fitzgerald (1-0), J.

Jones (1-2), D. Doherty (0-1), A. Supple (1-0).

Newcastle West — M. Walsh (1-3), W. Nash (0-3), D. Donovan (1-0).

## TEAMS

St. Mary's—J. Culloty, goal; J. Brennan, D. Doherty, P. Markham, J. Young, P. Lynch, W. Mulcaire, J. Jones, V. White, A. Supple, J. Doherty, N. Fitzgerald, S. Byrne, A. Woulfe, J. Fitzgerald.

Newcastle West — B. Nash, goal; J. Shiels, D. Kennedy, W. Renihan, J. Doody, T. Downes, D. Sammon, W. Nash, J. Nash, R. Liston, P. Dunworth, M. Wall, D. Keane, A. Reidy, K. O'Donnell.

Sub., D. Noonan.

## 15/1/69 GOOD START THE FOUNDATION

St. Mary's (Rathkeale) 4-6  
Tournafulla ... 0-4

As was generally expected the holders' St. Mary's, retained their junior football title at the expense of Tournafulla at Newcastle West last Sunday. The game never rose to any great heights due to the very bad conditions existing. The pitch was cut up a little after the first game and numerous showers of hail and rain made the task of even standing a hazardous one.

Tournafulla played with the wind in the first half and the writing was on the wall for them at half time when St. Mary's led by 1-2 to 0-3. They (St. Mary's) added a goal and a point to their total after six minutes and it appeared that Tour. would be over-run. They played, however, with great spirit and determination and with a bit of luck might have scored a few times. But in the 27th and 28th minutes Jim Shaughnessy scored two great goals for the champions and that was that as far as Tournafulla were concerned.

Playing in their first ever junior football final, Tournafulla put up a very creditable performance, but were unlucky enough to come up against a team as talented as St. Mary's obviously are.

Mossy Woulfe in goal for the champions dealt capably with anything that came his way and was well protected by Flan Lillis, Terry Moloney, Pa. Clancy and John Lynch. John Cavley and Tom Markham won most of the balls at midfield, while Jim Shaughnessy, Brendan Fitzgerald, Vin. White and Aidan Supple were very dangerous forwards.

Fonsie Collins had some fine saves to his credit in the Tour. goal, and Pat Sullivan and Dan O'Connor tried very hard in a rather hesitant back line. Mossy Bresnihan played a very good game at midfield and of a forward line which was given absolutely no scope by the St.

Mary's backs, only Patsy Harnett and Frank McLoughlin made any impression.

Scorers — St. Mary's: J. Shaughnessy, 2-0; B. Fitzgerald, 1-1; V. White, 1-0; J. Cavley, 0-3; J. McEniry, 0-1; A. Supple, 0-1. Tournafulla: P. Harnett, 0-2; Moss Brosnihan, 0-1; Mike Brosnahan, 0-1.

## TEAMS

St. Mary's — M. Woulfe, F. Lillis, M. Dillon, T. Moloney, M. Murphy, P. Clancy, J. Lynch, T. Markham, J. Cavley, V. White, J. Shaughnessy, A. Supple, B. Fitzgerald, P. Markham, J. McEniry.

Tournafulla — F. Collins, P. Beasley, T. Mulcahy, P. Sullivan, M. Breen, M. Brosnihan, D. O'Connor, S. Horgan, M. Brosnihan, P. Harnett, F. McLoughlin, T. Horgan, P. Horgan, P. Ward, G. O'Brien.

## Easy win for St. Mary's

Junior football semi-final:

St. Mary's ..... 3-8  
Carrickery-Ardagh ..... 0-6

Leading by only 2 points, 0-5 to 1-0, at half-time, having played with the gale force wind in the first half, Ardagh were well and truly beaten by the holders in this J.F. semi-final on the above score. The game was most disappointing as the Ardagh men were never really in the hunt against a fitter, better balanced St. Mary's combination. From goalkeeper to corner-forward this team appeared to have no weak link, while there were glaring weaknesses both in the Ardagh defence and attack. A tendency by some of the losing team to play the man rather than the ball did not help their cause either.

Outstanding for St. Mary's were Moss Woulfe (goals), Mike Dillon, Terry Moloney and Pa. Clancy (backs). Tom Markham and John Cauley had matters mostly their own way at centre-field, while best of a very impressive forward line were Jim O'Shaughnessy, "Blackie" McEnery, Brendan Fitzgerald and Aidan Supple.

John Ward, John Kenneally, Sonny Crowley (second half), Sean Greaney and John Enright were the only members of the losing side to make any impression.

## Scorers—

St. Mary's—B. McEnery, 2-1; J. Shaughnessy, 1-1; J. Cauley, 0-2, and points from A. Supple, B. Fitzgerald, Pat and Tom Markham.

Ardagh—P. Molyneaux, 0-3; J. Enright, 0-2; D. Collins, 0-1.

Referee — Mr. Billy Aherne (Abbeyfeale).

## WEST BOARD MEETING

The remaining games to be played in the Division were fixed at a meeting of the West Board at Newcastle West on Monday last. They are the replay of the under-21 football final between Fr. Casey's and Askeaton and the junior football final between St. Mary's and Tournafulla. Both have been fixed for Newcastle West on next Sunday, the under-21 game at 1.45 (ref., T. Woulfe) and junior at 3 p.m. (ref., Billy Aherne).

The chairman, Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T., said that on behalf of the Board and Killeedy he wished to congratulate Ballingarry on winning the West and hoped they would go on to win the county title. He also congratulated Ballingarry on winning the juvenile title, and Fr. Casey's on winning the minor football (West).

The chairman then announced that he would not be seeking re-election at the next convention and said it was time he made way for a new chairman.

Glowing tributes were paid him by Tom McNamara (St. Mary's), Tom Twomey (Dromcollogher) and the secretary, John Whelan.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GAMES

The replay of the under-21 football between Fr. Casey's and Askeaton will take place next Sunday at Newcastle West. If the game is as good as the drawn one then it should be

St. Mary's—P. Clancy, W. Bradshaw, P. Maron, D. Culhane, V. Supple, T. McNamara, G. Fitzgerald, G. Shire, M. McNamara, M. Neville, M. Dillon, D. Neville, P. Cahalane, F. Neehan, T. Markham

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## GAA NEWS

Junior football: On last Sunday Rathkeale J.F. team were given a walk-over by Newcastle West, and so go forward to the 2nd round.

Fixtures: The under-21 football championship game fixed for Ballingarry between St. Mary's and Castlemahon has been cancelled due to the fact that Limerick play Offaly at Thurles in the semi-final of the National League.

## BALLINGARRY TOURNAMENT 1970

St. Mary's will play the winners of Killeedy v. Knockaderry in the Ballingarry Tournament on Tuesday, 21st April. All players are expected to be in the Square, Rathkeale, at 6.15 p.m.

On Sunday, 21st April, St. Mary's will play Ardagh in the 1st round of the under-21 hurling at Newcastle West. All players are expected to be in the Square at 1.30 p.m.



## Rathkeale

The AGM took place recently and was very well attended.

In his review of the year the outgoing chairman, M. Neville, spoke of the mixed fortunes on the playing fields and while complimenting particularly the u. 21 and junior footballers felt that they lacked full commitment in the latter stages of their respective championships.

The treasurer's report was well received but many people were surprised at the high costs of running the club. Fund raising must be an ongoing thing at all times. It was decided to fix the membership fee at £5 but more strenuous efforts are needed to collect same. In 1983 only sixteen people contributed.

Some comment was made about how few were at the club meetings on the first Monday of each month beginning on February 6th.

Officers were elected for 1984 as follows:

Chairman, M. Neville; vice-chairmen, N. Duggan, J. O'Connell, J. McEnery; secretary, P. Doherty; asst. sec. and registrar, J. Daly; treasurers (joint), J. Griffin, P. Wilmott; press officer, J. O'Dwyer.

Delegates to West Board, K. Duggan, J. O'Dwyer, C. Greaney.

Selectors, junior, novice hurling: N. Wilmott, J. McEnery and J. McEnery (Bective).

U. 21 and minor hurling to be elected later.

Junior and u. 21 football: M. Dillon, C. Guiney, J. O'Connell.

Under-age hurling and football to be jointly managed by M. Hanley and N. Duggan.

Some discussion took place on suitable activities to celebrate centenary year but a decision was left to a later date.

We must congratulate the two Doherty brothers, Seamus and Ray, who contributed so well to the county footballers in their victory over Kilkenny. Only Leitrim now remains between Limerick and promotion to Div. 3.

St. Mary's met with success on the stage of Scor also when Liam Casey in the novelty act and Betty Collins in solo singing both qualified for the West finals to be held in Ardagh on February 19th.

## Rathkeale

With playing activities about to commence shortly, it is hoped to start a local league in both football and hurling on under 21s and under 14s on Sunday, March 4th. There will be very attractive trophies for these competitions and we look forward to a full participation of all under age players.

The annual club social has been fixed, provisionally, for Sunday, March 18th, and as many as possible are asked to attend in fancy dress. Trophies for 1983 will be presented at this function.

The next meeting of the club will be on Monday, March 5th.

## Sean Foley

One of Limerick's best-known sporting personalities, Sean Foley of Rathkeale, died suddenly while attending the National Hurling League semi-final between Limerick and Tipperary at Thurles last Sunday. The late Mr. Foley was proprietor of The Chinaman public house in Rathkeale.

Mr. Foley, who was in his late fifties, was a familiar figure at most coursing fixtures, and in his youth played senior hurling with Rathkeale. He was an extremely popular person, borne out by the huge attendance at the removal of remains from Thurles to Rathkeale, and again at the burial at the New Cemetery, Rathkeale, on this Wednesday. He is survived by his wife, Theresa; son, John and daughter, Patricia.

## Rathkeale

We had a very satisfactory win over Knockaderry in junior hurling. The main contributions came from veteran Tom Markham in defence and Gerry Molyneaux, who did a "Joe McKenna" in scoring 2-6 of the Rathkeale total.

Our novice hurlers lost once again, this time disappointingly to Kilcornan, but the biggest set back of the week was the inept display of the junior footballers, who were comprehensively defeated by the "second string" from Ardagh. With the Centenary cup final coming up, this display will have to be quickly put behind us. It was the last match in the league but we still qualify for the play-off stages.

The under 16 hurlers completed a notable juvenile double over Ardagh with a very promising display and look likely contenders for honours this year.

On Sunday morning the minor hurlers had a challenge outing against Na Piersaigh in Limerick, and even though short three or four emerged winners, 3-2 to 2-2. The city team agreed to come to Rathkeale this coming Sunday at 11.30 a.m. for a return match. We will be facing Newcastle West later on in the semi final, and need plenty of opportunities like this to improve our chances of success.

## Rathkeale

The under age hurling and football leagues are making good progress. After two rounds of the hurling and football the position of the teams is: Na Fianna (captain Paul Lynch), 4 points; Abrahams (Michael O'Dwyer), 2 points; Western Gaels (Declan O'Keeffe) and Eire Og (Seamus Dollery) 0 points.

The final round will be played on Sunday week while the second round of the football takes place this coming Sunday at 11 a.m.

The junior hurlers were defeated in the opening round of the junior league by Killeedy, but were much understrength.

Fixtures in the coming week include: J.H.L. v. Ardagh in Rathkeale on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.; Minor Hurling Championship v. Askeaton in Rathkeale on Wednesday, April 4th at 7 p.m.

As winners of last season's junior football championship, we have been included with the senior clubs in the division in the Centenary Cup competitions. We are due to play Askeaton in Rathkeale on Easter Sunday as part of a two match programme.

## Rathkeale

The junior footballers proved themselves worthy contenders for the Centenary Cup when they scored a spectacular success over a strong, experienced Askeaton team on Sunday last. Played in perfect conditions and in a very competitive manner, all fifteen players acquitted themselves well. They held out against persistent Askeaton pressure in the last fifteen minutes to win by 1-8 to 1-5. The next outing will be in the final.

Equally distinguished are our minor hurlers who qualified for the West semi-final when they ousted Granagh-Ballingarry on the score 4-3 to 3-2. This was one of the most stirring performances by any Rathkeale hurling team for many a long time and while there is a long break before the next match it is hoped they will put in the training in the meantime to keep them in good trim. The line-out was Sean Hough, K. Dalton, J. O'Keeffe, N. O'Keeffe, M. Enright, E. Greaney, S. Giltenane, B. O'Connor, J. Sheehan, M. Power, P. Mulcahy, W. Daly, K. O'Rourke, B. Wilmott, B. Hourigan.

The under-16 footballers won their first match very easily against Templeglantine but the under-14s suffered a reverse in football against Castlemahan.

Fixtures coming up include: Under-16 h. v. Feenagh, April 27, in Knockaderry. M.F.C. v. Abbeyfeale, April 28, in N.C.W.; under-14 h. v. Adare, April 30, in Askeaton; J.H.L. v. N.C.W., May 1, in NCW; J.F.L. v. Glin, May 2, in Glin.

## Rathkeale

Training for most grades is now under way although arrangements are not yet finalised for the hurlers from minor upwards.

The under age leagues will start on Sunday morning next at 11 a.m., in both hurling and football. The under 21 and junior footballers train from 10.30 to 11.30 on Sunday mornings until further notice.

The club will take part in the parade on the national holiday and hopefully all who can will assist in making a monthly contribution.

The final group of selectors has now been chosen: Jack Daly, Gerry Molyneaux, and Patsy Doherty will have charge of the minor and under 21 hurlers for the year.

A special appeal is being made to all would be members to pay their subscription before June 1.

## Rathkeale

Activity continued on the playing fields during the first week and once again conditions were well high perfect. We suffered mixed fortunes, winning against St. Senans in u14 football, and against St. Kierans in the minor football championship to the same club. This was a game we could have won-a goal from a penalty award being the difference between the sides at the finish.

The novice hurlers were surprised by Broadford, 4-9 to 4-5 and the main reason for this defeat was the poor co-operation given to the selectors by some members of the panel who refused to play. This and other difficulties being encountered by the same selectors need to be cleared up quickly if we are to regain our pre-eminence on the hurling scene.

At the last club meeting a number of contentious matters were raised. The West Bord na nOg are to be questioned as to how a member of the St. Kierans club could be appointed to referee the u16 football match recently which resulted in the sending off of one of our more prominent minor players. Some of our members are to be warned about their unruly and provocative behaviour on the sideline both during matches and training sessions recently.

Fixtures: u.16 hurling v. Ardagh at home, 11th May; u14 khurling v. Ballingarry at Knockaderry, 14th May.



## Rathkeale

19.3.83

On Sunday at Knockaderry our minor hurlers made an unsuccessful start to their season when losing to Ardagh in the league 5-5 to 4-0.

The side lined out: Sean Hough, Con Enright, Seamus Giltenane, Kevin D'Alton, Derry Dillon, Dave O'Keeffe, Mark Meehan, John Sheahan, Noel O'Keeffe, Edward Graney, Noel Kennedy, Brian Wilmott, James O'Keeffe, Michael Power, and Kieran O'Shea. Subs: Frank Geary and Noel Tierney.

This was a good display by a team short a number of regulars and including three members of last years under 14 team. The scores were shared by the full forward line of O'Keeffe, Power and O'Shea, while Giltenane, Dave O'Keeffe and Kennedy featured well.

Incidentally the match was switched, at very short notice, from Newcastle West. Surely a decision like this could be taken on the Saturday or failing that, a notice advising of the change of venue could be placed on the gate of the original venue to facilitate spectators and even players themselves on occasions.

Training for under 21 and minor hurlers has been fixed for Tuesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. Denis O'Dea will be in charge of operations assisted by fellow selectors Jack Daly and Tadgh O'Connor.

The social for juvenile members took place in the Community Centre on Saturday last and was attended by approx. one hundred. A video of the 1973 All-Ireland was shown and then medals were presented to hurlers under 14 and footballers under 14 and under 16 from 1982. The evening was completed with suitable refreshments and disco music. We were delighted to have as our guest star county player Liam O'Donoghue. As these young lads are the life blood of any club, they deserve every held and encouragement in keeping their interest in the games alike. Training for all juveniles will commence on Easter Sunday morning at 11 a.m., under Neily Duggan and Pa Wilmott. The annual under 14 hurling league will get under way on the same day.

Our next fixture will mark the debut of our stars of last year — practically all again available — the under 21 footballers. They will play Athea in Newcastle West, at 1.15 p.m., on Sunday. This, like all championships, is being run on a k.o. basis this year so it is vitally important that the team is well prepared.

## Rathkeale

19.3.83

Despite a disappointing start to the season when beaten by Adare in junior football, St. Mary's came back with a flourish on Sunday. To add to the occasion it was on the hurling field that success was achieved. Our juniors, who hadn't tasted success for quite some time, took on the home club in Dromcollogher and won on the scores 2-8 to 2-4.

This was a game played to a very high standard, despite poor weather and ground conditions and it was particularly rewarding for our new selectors, Noel Wilmott, "Blondie" and "Blackie" McEniry to see the fine displays of some of the younger members of the panel.

The team lined out — Tom Hanafin, Liam Woulfe, Seamus Doherty, Joe Kennedy, Pat D'Alton, John Sheahan, Martin Doherty, Dave D'Alton, Denis O'Dea, Michael Neville, Ray Doherty, Pat Sheahan, James O'Connor, Michael Hunt and Michael Fitzgerald. The subs were Seamus Giltenane, Pakie Lynch, Liam Kennedy and Mike Ryan.

Pat D'Alton and Seamus Doherty shared the scoring honours and others to feature prominently included Denis O'Dea, Dave D'Alton and young newcomer John Sheahan.

This long awaited success should give a stimulus to the training sessions which will continue for both footballers and hurlers on Thursday morning (St. Patrick's Day) at 11.00 a.m.

## Rathkeale

23.4.83

Work on the new dressing rooms has now reached an advanced stage. Showers are being installed and should soon be in use. When completed there will be facilities for four teams in the building and it should prove an excellent addition to Sean Finn Park.

Plans are prepared for the drainage of the playing area but some difficulties have still to be resolved with landowners before work can commence. From what has been seen of other fields in the area there is no doubt that Rathkeale has potentially one of the finest grounds in the West and certainly is in a position to host games of any grade at the present time. Some important senior hurling fixtures are scheduled for May.

Our teams had mixed fortunes in the past week, starting with the defeat of the junior footballers in the league at Ballynahill. Again we were short some regulars. The under 21 hurling team had a very easy victory over a depleted and very young Croagh fifteen in the championship on the score 6-4 to 1-0. While complimenting Croagh on the excellent condition of the pitch it is worthy of comment that the game did not commence until 7.50 (having been fixed for 7.00) and ended in darkness. Furthermore, no provision was made for the similarity of colours and we had the ludicrous situation for the referee and spectators, of thirty players all togged out in blue.

On Sunday our minor hurlers had a good victory in Feenagh over the local team, 3-6 to 0-2, with Jimmy Muckell, Noel O'Keeffe, Noel Kennedy, Edward Geaney and Michael Power sharing the scoring.

Finally on Monday evening the young under 14 footballers were beaten in a very close contest by Abbeyfeale, 2-1 to 3-2. The Line-out was — P. Kennedy, M. Hogan, D. Naughton, B. Kelly, P. Clery, J. Woulfe, K. O'Rourke, D. Hough, S. Riordan, J. O'Keeffe, D. Donovan, T. Dillon, P. Walsh, P. Gilbourne and M. O'Dwyer. Subs., J. Casey, M. Costelloe, J. Dinnage, A. Wilmott, N. O'Shea.

Principal fixture for the coming week is the second round under 21

## Rathkeale

12.3.83

The annual general meeting of St. Mary's GAA club was held at the Community Centre, on February 19th, 1983. The meeting was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Peter Brennan and reconvened on Thursday, February 24th.

There was an excellent attendance on both occasions and the business was conducted in a manner than augurs well for the coming year. The officers elected were as follows — chairman, Michael Neville (Snr.); vice chairmen, Jimmy (Blackie) McEnery, Neily Duggan, Jerry O'Connell; secretary, Patsy Doherty; asst. secretary and registrar, Michael Neville (Jnr.); treasurers, John Griffin, Pa Wilmott. Committee, Dick O'Connor, Con Guiney, Tadgh O'Connor, Ml. Dillon, David O'Keeffe (Snr.), Denis O'Dea, Moss O'Connor, Billy Neville, John Kennedy, Mrs. D. O'Keeffe, Jimmy (Blondie) McEnery.

Selectors for 1983 — junior and novice hurling — James McEnery (Blackie), James McEnery (Blondie), Noel Wilmott.

Under 21 and minor hurling — Denis O'Dea, Jack Daly, Tadgh O'Connor.

Junior, under 21 and minor football — Ml. Neville (Snr.), Jerry O'Connell, Billy Neville, Ml. Dillon, Con Guiney.

Under age hurling — Pa Wilmott, Neily Duggan, Jack O'Dwyer.

Under age football — Pat Neville, Dick O'Connor, Brian Dillon.

Delegates to West board — Patsy Doherty, John Griffin, Neily Duggan.

Limerick Leader correspondent, Jack O'Dwyer.

It was decided that a members hip fee of £5 would be collected from all adults for 1983. The meeting was also informed that top priority at the moment in the completion of the dressing rooms and a very representative group was selected to take responsibility for this work and for all further development.

Our under 21 footballers were our main standard bearers in 1982 although the under 14 hurlers and footballers also performed very well. We look forward to successes on a broader front in 1983 particularly in the hurling field.

Finally, a presentation social will be held for under age players, i.e., under 14 and under 16 in both codes, on March 19th, at the Community Centre.

## CLUB GAA

## Rathkeale

2.4.83

The U/21 Football Championship fixture for last Sunday was postponed due to a bereavement in the Athea Club, and it will be re-fixed by mutual agreement. This gives more time for training which is to be stepped up to three nights per week — Tuesday, Wednesday and Wednesday. It is essential that we have a full turn-out of U/21 and Junior players.

On Saturday 2nd April, there is a Minor Football League match against Athea which will be played in Foynes at 7.00 p.m. and on Sunday April 10th in Askeaton the U/21 hurling championship commences with a fixture against Croagh at 2.00 p.m.

Last Saturday four players from the club, Edward Geaney, Brian Wilmott, Michael Power and John O'Dwyer took part in the West Limerick Juvenile Hurling trial and acquitted themselves with distinction. Neily Duggan was in charge.

As mentioned last week, all juvenile players are asked to be present for training on Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Four teams will be selected to take part in the annual league which will be run off on Sunday mornings during April. Many of these lads will also be commencing activities on the Community Games front and members of that committee will be in the field on Sunday morning to get things under way.

## Rathkeale

9.4.83

Once again a fixture has been postponed. This time the M13 Football League game due to be played last Saturday was called off. It would appear that clubs are getting more and more cautious about fulfilling fixtures on appointed day and if this be the case the compiling of fixture lists will be pointless. A firmer attitude by the West Board would undoubtedly help.

Our only team engaged in Easter was the under-16 hurlers who had a very easy win at Knockaderry, 2-3 to nil.

The team was: John O'Dwyer, Michael Lynch, Joe Keenan, Michael Walsh, Kieran O'Shea, William Daly, Brian Wilmott, 1), Edward Geaney, K. D. (0-1), Tadgh Hogan (1-0), O'Grady, Billy Kerins. S. Michael O'Connor and Neily Kelly.

A club meeting will be held on Friday, April 8, at 9 p.m. Under-14 hurlers play the first of their league matches on Monday April 11, against Tournafulla, at the Square at 6.45 p.m.

The under-16 footballers played a match on Friday evening, April 8, at 7.00 p.m. Pat Neville will have details of the fixture as to venue, etc.

Finally, our under-21 footballers had a very fine practice match last week when they defeated the strong Ballysteen team which has been very prominent in the Senior League matches.



## Rathkeale

At a club meeting last week members were reminded that the registration fee of £5 for adult members should be paid as soon as possible. For this sum members will be included in the new comprehensive GAA insurance scheme. Registrar Mick Neville (Jnr.) has all the relevant information.

An important meeting takes place at the Community Hall on Monday next, April 18th, at 8.30 p.m. Officials of the county board will attend to explain details of the fund-raising drive to pay for the major development of the county grounds at Ennis Road. The proposals include significant financial incentives for the club.

On the playing fields our under 21 footballers got off to a good start on the championship trail. They beat a well organised Athea team 3-6 to 1-2. Our scoring rate however, needs to be improved and two points (incl. a fine solo effort from defender Brian Dillon) in the second half was a very poor return. The team lined out: Martin Doherty, Gerard O'Connor, Charlie Hogan, Dave O'Keeffe, Liam Casey, Brian Dillon (0-1), Donal Neville, Dave O'Brien (0-2), Barry Dillon, Mike Fitzgerald, Ray Doherty (1-2), John Fitzgibbon, Sean Neville (1-0), Mike Neville (0-1), Tom Meehan (1-0). Subs., Brian O'Dwyer, James O'Connor, Michael O'Donoghue and Pat Sheahan.

On Monday evening the under 14 hurlers had a fairly easy victory over Tournafulla in the league on the score 7-2 to 1-1. The goals came from Pdraig Kennedy (three), Michael O'Dwyer (two) and one each from Dermot Hough and Pat Gilbourne. John Woulfe and John O'Keeffe shared the points.

Forthcoming fixtures include the following: under 21 hurling championship against Croagh on Saturday, 16th in Croagh, at 7 p.m. Minor hurling championship against Feenagh-Kilmeedy on Sunday, 17th at 3.30 in Feenagh. Junior hurling league against Monagea, on Tuesday, 19th, in Rathkeale, at 7.30 p.m. Under 21 football championship against St. Kieran's, on Saturday, 23rd, at Askeaton, at 7.30 p.m.

Training continues Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and on Sunday mornings for under 14 and under 16 hurlers. Bad weather prevented the commencement of the juvenile league last Sunday.

## Rathkeale

In recent outings the junior hurlers beat a depleted Monagea team fairly easily. This win — the second in the league — featured some fine performances from the younger members of the team. The under 21 footballers reached the West semi final when they eliminated St. Kieran's 1-8 to 1-2. This was a very hard fought match.

The weekend just past was a disaster as far as games are concerned with practically all fixtures postponed due to ground and weather conditions. The one match played was in the under 14 Feile na nGael hurling tournament when Feenagh-Kilmeedy had an easy win over Rathkeale.

Congratulations to the young Community Games players who recently had good wins over Kileedy in hurling and Ballingarry in football.

Their next outings are against Ballingarry in hurling on Thursday, May 5th, and against Glin in football on Tuesday, May 10th, both games away from home.

Forthcoming fixtures include — Minor football versus Mountcollins in Dromcollogher, on Thursday, May 5th.

Under 21 hurling v. St. Kieran's, at Askeaton, on Saturday, May 7th.

Junior football league v. Dromcollogher, at Rathkeale, on Tuesday, May 10th.

## Rathkeale

Since our last notes a number of important matches have taken place:

Novice hurling Rathkeale 2-12, Croagh 3-4; J.H.L., lost to Feenagh 2-4 to 2-6; J.F.L., lost to Castlemahon; under 14 hurling, lost to Feohanagh; under 14 football, lost to Templeglantine, 0-1 to 1-2; under 12 football, beat Ballingarry; under 14 football, w.o from Foynes.

The defeat by Castlemahon in junior football was a particular disappointment especially as only thirteen of the panel turned up. This is a competition well within the Club's compass to win but without more commitment from all the players.

May 22, was a significant day for the town as it marked the return of senior hurling after a lapse of many years. Claughaun and Kileedy qualified for the second round of the championship and they and the other clubs involved were most complimentary on the marvellous condition of the ground after the bad spell of weather. The shower facilities in the new dressing rooms were in operation for the first time. It is hoped that further games in the later rounds will also come to the town.

At a recent club meeting members were reminded of the £5 registration fee which should be paid immediately to either Pa Wilmott or Mike Neville junior.

Two junior football league matches, which must be won to stay in contention, are against Feenagh-Kilmeedy on June 7 and v. Monagea in Quaid Park on June 18.

## Rathkeale

Bad weather continues to play havoc with fixtures in all grades.

The minor footballers got a walk over from Mountcollins who failed to field a team. In under 21 hurling, a first class display against a very fancied St. Kieran's side only failed by two points. This was a real shot in the arm for hurling in Rathkeale and there is no doubt that with a little bit of effort success is around the corner. The junior footballers had a good win over Dromcollogher, 3-6 to 3-3 but the under 14 lads suffered yet another defeat at the hands of Newcastle West. On last Sunday the novice hurlers were disappointed when Feohanagh failed to appear for a game in Knockaderry and this competition is proving very difficult to get going. However, later on Sunday we were pleased to welcome Claughaun to Rathkeale to play a challenge match against our local hurlers. They included such stars as Eamon Cregan and Danny Fitzgerald on their side and Rathkeale was by no means outclassed. Outstanding displays by Seamus Doherty at full back and Denis O'Dea and veteran Tom Markham in the half back line gave Claughaun every chance to test their talents for the senior championship ahead.

In Community Games the hurlers were narrowly beaten by Ballingarry and face games against Croagh in Croagh on May 19th and against Monagea at home on May 26th.

## Rathkeale

Apart from the u-21 footballers, club affairs have been slack in the past few weeks. However, matters are living up with three crucial fixtures in the near future.

First and foremost we have the county final in u-21 football when we face Newcastle West at Askeaton next Sunday, August 28, at 6.45 p.m.

This has the makings of a great encounter between old rivals from juvenile days and especially after each team has had such a hard earned semi-final victory.

Rathkeale struggled for long periods against Kiltely/Dromkeen last week and eventually recovered with some fine points from Michael Meade to win on the score 0-11 to 1-6. Meade had six points in all, and considering his long lay-off his performance was outstanding.

Others to do well were Martin Doherty and Dave O'Keeffe in defence and Barry Dillon in the attack.

The team lined out: O. Harnett, C. Hogan, M. Doherty, D. O'Keeffe, M. Fitzgerald, B. Dillon, D. Neville, G. O'Connor, D. O'Brien, T. Meehan, R. Doherty, B. Dillon, M. Meade, M. Neville, J. Roche, L. Carey and B. O'Connor came on as substitutes in the second half.

On Friday, September 2, the junior hurlers face Croagh at Askeaton at 6.30 p.m., and on Sunday, September 11, the junior footballers line out against Castlemahon at Newcastle West at 3.30 p.m.

The u-14 hurling panel has accepted an invitation to take part in a tournament in Portlaoise next week-end in conjunction with the opening of a new field. We will be one of eight clubs from four different counties taking part from Friday 'till Sunday, leaving from the Community Hall at 5 p.m. (approx.) and returning 8 p.m. (approx.) on Sunday.

It will be recalled that Portlaoise were our guests some ten years ago when Feile na nGael was held in Limerick and contact has been maintained since.

## CLUB GAA:

## Rathkeale

The Novice Hurlers had another victory during the week, this time over Adare and have only Athea to beat to emerge unbeaten from the League Group. The Junior Footballers once again fielded a understrength side and were defeated by a point by Monagea.

There was another fine performance from the Under 12 hurlers who having conceded a goal straight from the throw-in went on to dominate afterwards only to lose by one point to Dromcollogher. The ground conditions were nearly impossible for hurling at this age level.

Our Under 12's and Under 14's have now completed fixtures for the season and we must look forward to the Minors and Under 16's, the latter championship have been very much delayed. We await with anticipation the semi-final of the Under 21 football against Askeaton.





Referee, Umpires and Lines men for West Snr. H. Final.

1983

Front - Noel O'Connor, Gerard Scanlan. Back - Dennis O'Carroll, Ger Hennessy, Neillie Duggan, Mike Barrett, Moss Brouder.

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## 10/9/83 Rathkeale

Our junior hurlers made their departure from the championship last week when they were defeated by Croagh at Askeaton. The score of 1-14 to 0-9 was flattering to the winners as the sides were level with ten minutes to go and Rathkeale seemed to be getting on top. Unfortunately greater commitment from the Croagh team gave them a worthy victory. We were short some of our better players who have opted to remain in novice ranks for this year.

The team was — G. O'Connor, J. Kennedy, S. Doherty, W. Mulcaire, N. Horgan, D. O'Dea, M. Doherty, B. Dillon, J. O'Connor, L. Casey, R. Doherty, M. Sullivan, P. Mullins, A. Supple and M. Neville. Scorers were M. Sullivan 0-5, Aidan Supple 0-3, and Ray Doherty 0-1. Mike Ryan replaced Martin Doherty, who in turn replaced Mike Neville in the second half.

On Monday evening the under 15 hurling team was defeated by Newcastle West after a fine competitive game. The score of 4-1 to 1-6 did not do justice to Rathkeale who dominated the second half. Good performances came from Peter O'Connor in goal, Bernard Daly and Kevin O'Rourke in defence, Edward Geaney, John O'Dwver and John Woulfe.

## Club G.A.A. 1/10/83 Rathkeale

We have qualified for our second West final of 1983. Our juniors joined the u. 21s when they overcame Adare in the semi-final replay at Newcastle West on Sunday last.

While this turned out to be an easy win in the end it must be said that Adare dominated for much of the second half and threw away many fine opportunities of scores. A bad cross by their goalkeeper early on seemed to demoralise them and a great display of point scoring from Ray Doherty helped further to seal the issue. His accuracy from frees was remarkable and very encouraging for future games. It has long been a problem area in the attack. Denis O'Dea, as captain and centre-back, produced a magnificent display and others to shine were Charlie Hogan and Brian Dillon. The final score was 1-10 to 0-5.

In the drawn game on Wednesday we should have had enough points early on to win the match but allowed Adare to get some easy scores to lead by two points with four minutes to go. Once again Ray Doherty was man of the match, getting the two equalising points in the dying moments.

The next outing will be against city team, Old Christians, in the county quarter-final at Askeaton on Sunday at 3 p.m. Glin, whom we face in the West final, also play their match against city opponents at 4.15 p.m.

As many of the junior team are also on the u. 21 panel it is obvious some players face an intensive campaign of fixtures over the next few weeks.

## Rathkeale

The West junior football final took place on Sunday last against Glin. From the start this game was dominated by Rathkeale and they led by 0-8 to 0-1 at half time. A strong challenge was expected from Glin in the second half, but this was not forthcoming and their forwards struggled all through against a superb Rathkeale back line. So dominant was the defence that goalkeeper O'Connor did not once touch the ball. The forwards took their scores well with Ray Doherty and Mike Gallagher sharing the honours. The final score 1-10 to 0-4 did not flatter Rathkeale after a most sporting contest.

John Carrig, chairman of the West Board presented the trophy to captain Denis O'Dea, and also the "man of the match" award to Ray Doherty — a very worthy winner who has been top scorer all through the season. The lineup showed four changes from the previous game — Don Gallagher, Tom Markhan, Barry Dillon and Dave O'Brien came on for Sean O'Shea, James O'Grady, Michael Meade and Charlie Hogan. Obviously the selectors have a fine panel of players available to them and hopes are high that the county championship will be brought to Rathkeale in the next few weeks. Semi-final opponents are still not known — Hospital or Pallasgreen — while Glin play Ballylanders in the other semi-final.

## CLUB G.A.A. 8-10-83 Rathkeale

The successful march of the junior footballers continues. After a very easy win over Old Christians on Sunday last they now reached the county semi-final.

Sunday's game was largely dominated by a strong wind blowing in Rathkeale's favour in the first half. During this period a total of five points to nil did not seem enough but in fact our lads stepped up their performance considerably against the wind in the second half and ran out comfortable winners, 0-11 to 0-2.

The second match at Askeaton produced some excellent football from Glin and St. Patricks — the former winning 3-5 to 0-11 — and we now face Glin next Sunday at the same venue in the west final.

We must await our county semi-final opponents as one quarter-final still remains to be decided.

The lineup was as follows: W. O'Connor, J. Kennedy, S. Doherty, M. Doherty, M. Fitzgerald, D. O'Dea, S. O'Shea, B. Dillon, J. O'Grady, M. Meade, R. Doherty, M. Sullivan, M. Neville, C. Hogan, M. Gallagher, T. Meehan, J. Lynch and D. Gallagher replaced M. Meade. J. O'Grady and C. Hogan in the second half.

## West Board G.A.A.

# Sean Finn's are winners 15/10/83

Sean Finn's ..... 1-10  
Glin ..... 0-4

IN A disappointing junior football final, Sean Finns (Rathkeale) coasted home on a 9 point margin when they defeated Glin at Askeaton on Sunday.

Played in the wind and the rain before a very small turnout, whom for the most part failed to be coaxed into any rounds of applause, due to the competitive element which only flickered infrequently over most of the hour.

All through the opening half the wind and rain made ball control difficult, but nevertheless, Sean Finns showed that good football is not necessarily subject to interference by the weather.

As early as the 2nd minute, Glin fell behind, when a wind assisted lob from outfield was collected by Mike Neville and tapped over the bar. David O'Brien did a repeat a few minutes later, and as the games progressed Sean Finns were winning the major share of the play and once they had established a firm grip on proceedings they were able to indulge in a free flowing style that ended in some glorious points and bring the interval score 0-8 to 0-1.

On resumption, Glin started promisingly enough, and won a great deal of midfield possession but it was wasted in an epidemic of poor finishing.

Their short burst of enthusiasm quickly faded and when Mike Gallagher went through for Sean Finns goal in the 16th minute one could safely say that the game was well and truly decided. Nevertheless, Glin still battled on, but now more for the sake of respectability rather than the hope of changing the pattern of play. Overall a most disappointing final especially in view of the non-appearance of the expected stiff challenge from Glin.

Afterwards, Timmy Woulfe, who trained the Glin side, agreed that the better team won, but felt that the Glin display was too tentative and that far too many on the side, which had four minors, suffered from final nerves. He went on to praise Sean Finns for a fine display of football.

John Carrig, West Board chairman, in his comments afterwards, blamed the weather conditions for a somewhat poor final. "However, it didn't seem to affect Rathkeale, as they played top class football from start to finish. Glin never seemed to master the slippery conditions, but this isn't the last of Glin and hopefully they will qualify for the county final on Sunday next at the expense of Ballylanders. A special word of praise for referee Gerry Molyneaux.

Man of the match: Ray O'Doherty, Sean Finns.

Scores: Sean Finns: Ray O'Doherty, 0-5; D. O'Brien 0-2; M. Gallagher 1-1; M. O'Sullivan and M. Neville 0-1 each. Glin: M. Adams 0-2, T. Hogan, J. A. Culhane 0-1 each.

Sean Finns: G. O'Connor, J. Kennedy, M. O'Doherty, D. Gallagher, M. Fitzgerald, B. Dillon, D. O'Dea, D. O'Brien, B. Dillon, P. O'Doherty, S. O'Doherty, M. O'Sullivan, M. Neville, T. Markham, M. Gallagher.

Glin: M. McLoughlin, C. Fitzgerald, J. Reagan, P. Sweeney, S. Danaher, M. Fitzgerald, E. Conway, N. Culhane, D. Fitzgerald, J. Connolly, J. Fitzgerald, J. A. Culhane, J. McNamara, M. Adams, T. Hogan.

Referee, G. Molyneaux (Knockaderry).

## Rathkeale 26-11-83

Our junior footballers came to the end of the road for 1983 on Sunday, 6th, at Croom. Hospital/Herbertstown demolished hopes of a county championship when they won the semi final encounter 1-6 to 0-5. Rathkeale entered this game as favourites after a comprehensive demolition of western and city opposition in earlier rounds but failed to show their true form against a very young and fit team from the south.



## Rathkeale

12.5.84

Activity continued on the playing fields during the first week and once again conditions were well high perfect. We suffered mixed fortunes, winning against St. Senans in u14 football, and against St. Kierans in the minor football championship to the same club. This was a game we could have won—a goal from a penalty award being the difference between the sides at the finish.

The novice hurlers were surprised by Broadford, 4-9 to 4-5 and the main reason for this defeat was the poor co-operation given to the selectors by some members of the panel who refused to play. This and other difficulties being encountered by the same selectors need to be cleared up quickly if we are to regain our pre-eminence on the hurling scene.

At the last club meeting a number of contentious matters were raised. The West Bord na nOg are to be questioned as to how a member of the St. Kierans club could be appointed to referee the u16 football match recently which resulted in the sending off of one of our more prominent minor players. Some of our members are to be warned about their unruly and provocative behaviour on the sideline both during matches and training sessions recently.

Fixtures: u.16 hurling v. Ardagh at home, 11th May; u14 hurling v. Ballingarry at Knockaderry, 14th May.

## Rathkeale

28.7.84

The junior hurlers have had three games since the notes were last published, losing their final league game to Ardagh, winning a first round championship match 10-8 to 2-4 against Newcastle West, but being disappointingly knocked out by Knockaderry in the second round 4-3 to 2-3. Some very soft goals for the winners and a very lacklustre display for our forwards were the main reasons for the defeat.

The U-14 footballers were in hard luck in the West semi-final when beaten 3-2 to 1-3 by Glin in a replay. We should have won the drawn match and in both games we led for most of the time. The lineup: M. Kerins, J. Dinnage, D. O'Connell, D. Naughton, L. Dillon, D. Donovan, P. Gilbourne, J. Woulfe, S. O'Riordan, S. Dollery, M. O'Dwyer, T. Kenneally, P. Lynch, S. Hourigan, N. O'Shea.

In under 16 hurling the first hurling trophy for some years came to Rathkeale when we won the Group B final against Knockaderry. This was an extremely hard-fought tussle, with defences dominant throughout, as the final score confirms, 1-3 to 0-4. Edward Geaney, captain, accepted the cup from Seamus Horgan of the West Board.

Our minor hurlers put up a magnificent fight when beaten 3-9 to 3-4 by Newcastle West in the West semi-final. They controlled the exchanges for long periods but conceded some scores against the run of play. Edward Geaney was the star of the defence and further out Brendan O'Connor, Pat Mulcahy and Brian Wilmott were best. Newcastle West went on to beat Adare in the final.

### FIXTURES

J.F.C. v. Newcastle West, Friday, July 27.

U-21H. v. Tournafulla, Saturday, July 28.

## Rathkeale

23.6.84

Our sole divisional winners of last year — junior footballers — opened their campaign on Saturday last when they took on Castlemahon in Newcastle West. They were slow to settle down and had the worse of the opening exchanges but once they got going they proceeded to dominate the game. Rathkeale led 1-5 to 0-1 at the break and ran out comfortable winners, 3-8 to 0-3 despite missing a penalty. The match was notable for a fine individual display from Mick Sullivan who scored 2-2 and also prominent were Charlie Hogan, who outplayed everyone at midfield and Tom Meehan in the attack.

The under 12 hurlers were comprehensively beaten in the West semi final by Knockaderry who now meet Adare in the final in Rathkeale on Sunday night next.

Congratulations to Seamus Doherty and Brian Dillon on being selected for the county juniors who were beaten by one point by Tipperary last week.

### Fixtures:

Under 16, hurling, v. Knockaderry, June 22, at Knockaderry.  
Under 12 football, v. Castlemahon, June 25 at Knockaderry.

## Rathkeale

9.6.84

We have had a quiet week on the games front with only two teams engaged. The junior hurlers received a walk-over from Monagea and the under-12 hurlers had a decisive second round win over Feenagh-Kilmeedy. This team in their two outings have yet to concede a score and have registered very big totals themselves.

Unfortunately, the much awaited West under-14 semi-final against Glin fixed for Monday last was not played. The West Bord na nOg called off the fixture a matter of hours before the appointed time — apparently at the request of Glin on the grounds of the illness of some of their players.

We are now coming up to the knock-out stages in some competitions and will have played Foynes in the J.F.L. semi-final by the time the notes appear.

We have a junior football championship game against Castlemahon on June 16 in N.C.W. and commence the J.H. championship about a week later.

There is a novice football game with Pallaskenry on Sunday, 10th, in Askeaton.

Finally, the visit of the under-14 footballers from Dromtariffe in North Cork — the home club of our chairman, Michael Neville. They gained a narrow victory over our lads on Thursday last and it is hoped to return the visit at a later date.

## Rathkeale

29.6.84

The club had the honour of winning the first divisional centenary trophy when beating St. Kieran's in the junior football league final last week. The final score of 2-12 to 2-1 was a fair reflection of the play as our opponents were really outclassed. Two soft goals in the first half helped to keep them in the game until half time but they failed to add to their total. Ray Doherty was the outstanding forward, Sean O'Shea and James O'Grady (for the short while he was on) played well in defence and once again Charlie Hogan held sway at midfield. We have been drawn to meet Newcastle West in the second round of the championship and there is no doubt the potential is there to win through to the final stages as we did in 1983.

In other games the u-16 hurlers beat Knockaderry 2-3 to 0-4, the minors had a successful challenge against Monaleen but the u-12 footballers completed their campaign when defeated by Castlemahon.

The postponed u-14 football semi-final against Glin has been refixed for Askeaton on Monday night next, July 2, and we would ask for support, particularly from parents, for this match.

Under 16 footballers play Granagh-Ballingarry on Saturday, June 30, in Knockaderry, and we commence our junior hurling campaign against Newcastle West on Friday, 29th June, in Askeaton.

### Club G.A.A.

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The junior footballers surmounted the second round challenge of Newcastle West last week and now face Foynes in the semi-final. While they won comfortably enough in the end the team struggled for long periods and will have to show considerable improvement if they are to emulate last year's performances. The final score was 0-11 to 0-5.

On Saturday the u-21 hurlers easily defeated Tournafulla in the championship first round, despite some good individual performances, particularly the half-back line of Sheahan, Grancy and O'Connor, the overall effort left a lot to be desired and they face sterner opposition in the next round against Granagh-Ballingarry.

The big event of the week was the West senior final on Thursday night, when the club can be rightly proud of the work and organisation put into making it such a success. Particularly noticeable was the fine souvenir programme produced at short notice. St. Kieran's had a good victory over Askeaton in repeat of the first West final also held in Rathkeale in 1973.

We have two novice football fixtures — the first against Tournafulla was played on Tuesday night, and the second is tonight, Thursday, against Feenagh in Feenagh.

At under-age level the u-15 campaign gets under way with a football game on Friday night and the u-14's have been invited to play in the Shanagolden Tournament on Tuesday, August 6.

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Sean Finns, winners of the West J.F. final.

## Rathkeale

Playing activities have been at a standstill for some weeks now. Next Sunday at Askeaton we look forward to a repeat of last year when four junior footballers face Glin in the West final. The panel has been through an intense training schedule including a number of very encouraging challenge games. They now need plenty of vocal support on Sunday in attempting to retain the trophy.

The county quarter-final is fixed for Sunday, October 21st, but our opponents are not yet known.

The only other game outstanding is the under 16 West football final against Granagh-Ballingarry, which has yet to be fixed.

Our attentions are now turning to the annual Christmas draw and a small committee has been formed to oversee same. It is intended to revitalise the draw mainly by some changes in the number and quality of the various prizes.

Incidentally, the club received only three tickets (Nally Stand) for the Kerry-Dublin game and these were distributed by lottery last week.

## Rathkeale

At a committee meeting during the week steps were taken to implement some of the motions passed at the A.G.M.

A fields committee was formed whose main task is to carry out the long awaited improvements to the field. Preliminary arrangements were made for a four club hurling tournament commencing on Feb. 24 and running on a league basis with the final on the St. Patrick's Day week-end. Consultations are to take place with the selectors in regard to the three clubs to be invited.

It was confirmed that efforts will be made to produce a club history before the end of 1985 (the centenary year of the club) and the secretary, asst. sec. and PRO were delegated to undertake this task.

Finally, a players meeting (from Novice up to Senior) has been called by the football selectors for Saturday next, Feb. 9, in the Community Hall at 8.30 p.m. This is a most important meeting and as many players as possible should attend.



Leonard Enright presenting the West Limerick Cup to Edward Geaney, captain of Rathkeale under 16 Hurling team at the West Board Convention.

## Rathkeale

The junior hurling got under way on Sunday under most favourable weather conditions two very interesting contests took place.

Rathkeale had a comfortable victory over Knockaderry 2-11 to 1-6, showing a surprising level of fitness, particularly in the second half. Chief scorers were Ray Doherty and Mike Sullivan and others to play well included Tom Markham, Tom Dunne, Brian Dillon and Frank Dalton. It was heartening to see such a fine turnout of the panel so early in the season.

Ardagh ran out easy winners over Pallaskenry after a very close first half when the newcomers showed up very well.

On next Sunday we play Pallaskenry at 2.00 p.m. and Ardagh face Knockaderry at 3.15.

The hurling panel at their meeting last week chose Jimmy McEniry (Blondie) as their representative on the selection committee to join his namesake and Noel Wilmoth. Mike Gallaher was similarly chosen by the footballers. The latter had an outing on Saturday against a team from Limerick Gardaí. This resulted in a runaway win for the latter who fielded an excellent fifteen, running up a total of 7.11.

A committee meeting of the club is fixed for Saturday next at 8.30 a.m. in the Community Hall

## Rathkeale

Our seniors made their competitive debut on Sunday last and had a very satisfactory victory over Ballysteen in the county league, played at Pallaskenry. The final score of 2-12 to 0-6 shows how dominant our lads were, with the chief scorers being Mike Sullivan (1-1) and Martin Doherty (1-4). The latter was a revelation at midfield and got all his scores from frees. Barry Dillon was the outstanding defender. The team lined out: Tom White, J. Kennedy, S. Doherty, D. Gallagher, M. Fitzgerald, Denis O'Dea, Barry Dillon, C. Hogan, M. Doherty, B. O'Connor, R. Doherty, M. Sullivan, P. Sheahan, M. Neville, R. Hayes.

The next outing is at home to Ahane on Sunday, March 24, and the panel is asked to report for training tonight, Thursday, at 6 o'clock.

Also tonight a special meeting at 8.30 to make final arrangements for the Festival Parade next Sunday.

The tournament final takes place at 3.30 p.m. next Sunday (St. Patrick's Day) between Ardagh and Rathkeale and this match is also being considered as a league fixture. It will be preceded at 2.30 by the final of the juvenile hurling

## Rathkeale

This year we celebrate the centenary of Rathkeale GAA, having played our first match in April of 1885. This year the club are organising a number of events including a junior hurling tournament which gets underway on this Sunday, February 24. Rathkeale will play Knockaderry at 2.00 p.m. whilst Ardagh will line out against Pallaskenry, at 3.15 p.m. The tournament will be run on a league system over the next 3 Sundays, and the final will be played on St. Patrick's Day, at 3.00 p.m.

Sunday, April 21 will be "Club Day" and a full programme of events will be announced at a later date.

A sub-committee consisting of Michael Hanley, Frank Neenan and Jack O'Dwyer has been set up to publish a club history. Any reader who may have old photographs or paper cuttings or any information which would assist in this publication should contact Michael Hanley.

Club meeting: There will be a players meeting on this Saturday, at the Community Centre, at 8.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a junior and novice hurling selector, and to discuss the appointment of a hurling coach-trainer. Club membership fees are now due and must be paid before March 1. All are invited to become members, especially in this our centenary year. Membership cards which cost £5 are available from Michael Hanley, Castlematrix.



## 9.3.85 Rathkeale

The hurling tournament, which got off to such a great start, has encountered difficulties. Pallas-kenry had to withdraw from last Sunday's fixture against Rathkeale due to a prior championship engagement and the other game between Ardagh and Knockaderry had to be called off due to flooding. It is hoped to play this game on Saturday next.

On Sunday, probably in Pallas-kenry, we open our senior football league programme against Ballys-teen. We are in Group C in this competition, with the top team qualifying for the play-off stages.

A number of players have participated in divisional and county trials in recent weeks and we look forward to representation at some levels later on.

The juvenile selectors have now been finalised — in hurling, Jack Daly, Noel Wilmoth and Jack O'Dwyer; in football, Neally Dug-gan, Pat Neville and Michael Hanley. These will act under the auspices of a new Club na nOg, formed to take charge of juvenile affairs for the year. Chairman is James O'Grady and secretary Jack Daly.

It is proposed to make a big effort in regard to our participa-tion in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the club asks for the co-operation of all who are asked to assist.

### FIXTURES

March 10, S.F.L. v. Ballysteen, at Ballysteen.

March 17, J.H.L. v. Feenagh-Kilmeedy, at Rathkeale.

March 24, J.H.L. v. Askeaton, at Askeaton.

March 31, S.F.L. v. Ahane, at Rathkeale.

## 1-6-85 Rathkeale

Our junior hurlers have suffered two further defeats in the league. They put up a fine display against Feenagh, losing by five points after conceding some very easy scores early in the game. There were excellent performances from Seamus Doherty, Edward Geaney, Brian Dillon and Aidan Supple.

Unfortunately in the next outing they failed dismally against Ardagh, managing to score only three points in the process. This match was remarkable in that Rathkeale had a fair share of the play, but were never able to register a score after the first ten minutes.

The senior footballers dis-appointed in their outing against Glin. This was surely a game needed to be won to keep alive hopes of qualifying for the play-off stages of the championship. After a very poor display there was a difference of four points at the finish. We now face the same opposition on June 23rd in the county championship.

At under age level the under 12 footballers had an easy victory over Mountcollins. The under 14 footballers have qualified for the championship play-off while the under 14 hurlers face Knockaderry in the final of their section.

Forthcoming fixtures include — novice hurling, Thursday, 30th v. Adare at Croagh; novice football, Friday, 31st, at Kilcornan; junior hurling, Tuesday 4th v. Dromcol-logher.

The Community Games hurlers play the county semi-final this Thursday against Caherdavin at Kilcornan.

## 26.6.85 Rathkeale

The under age season is now in full swing while there has been a slack period with the senior footballers and junior hurlers.

We have played twice in under 14 hurling, losing to Knockaderry and beating Ardagh. The under 14 footballers had a very easy victory over Glin while their under 16 counterparts went down to Castle-mahon. But for a lack of effort by some of the players this was a match that could and should have been won.

Bad weather has caused post-ponement of the minor football game against N.C.W. and the minor hurlers have yet to make their appearance.

Fixtures for the coming week include:

Under 16 hurling, Friday, April 19, in Rathkeale.

Under 14 footballers, Monday, April 22 in N.C.W.

Under 16 football, Friday, April 26 in N.C.W.

The seniors face St. Kieran's in the West Championship on Satur-day, April 27 in Askeaton.

Our friends in the Community Games have also commenced their games with under 13 football on Tuesday nights and under 14 hurling on Thursdays for the next four weeks — the age requirement in these events is from 31/7/1985.

## 29-6-85 Rathkeale

We suffered a humiliating de-feat in junior hurling at the hands of Granagh last week. The score 3-10 to 1-0 tells the full story.

Our novice footballers were beaten by Killeedy on Saturday 2-2 to 0-4 and once again we seemed to waste a lot of possession whereas our opponents made good use of their supply of the ball.

Our under-age players pro-duced two very rewarding per-formances, however, during the week. In Community Games hurl-ing we reached the county final after a great win over Caherdavin 3-2 to 2-2. The final will have been played on Tuesday, June 25, at Croom.

In U. 12 football we beat Knockaderry in the second round by a massive 4-8 to 0-0 and face Adare on Sunday night in the semi-final.

The big day for the senior footballers is Sunday next when they face Glin in the second round of the county championship at Askeaton.

Novice Hurling v. Broadford Tuesday, July 2, at Feenagh.

Minor Hurling v. Ballingarry Wed., July 3, at N.C.W.

## 8.6.85 Rathkeale

In recent fixtures we were beaten by Adare in novice hurling after a very exciting last quarter of an hour. Two glorious opportuni-ties for the winning score were lost before Adare finally proved best. The novice footballers had a very easy victory over Askeaton, 5-6 to 1-0.

The only other fixture was in under 12 hurling where our young lads were comprehensively beaten by an outstanding Adare fifteen. They will now compete in the losers group of this competition. The final of the under 14 hurling against Knockaderry has been fixed for Monday, June 10th.

We have two novice hurling fixtures coming up — v. Ardagh at Knockaderry on Sunday, 9th, at 2 p.m., and v. Broadford at Feenagh, on Wednesday, 12th at 7.45 p.m.

## 6.4.85 Rathkeale

Our senior footballers con-tinued their league campaign with a very hard earned success over Ahane on Saturday evening last. Quite a number of the panel were unavailable but the newcomers performed magnificently. We were eight points adrift coming in to the last quarter but a spirited rally gave us a one point winning margin at the finish, 1-10 to 1-9. The next outing will be against Ballybrown away.

The hurlers lost their first league outing to last year's Novice Cham-pions, Askeaton—a few soft goals made all the difference.

The minor footballers open their championship campaign this Wednesday evening against NCW in Coolyroe and the under 14 and under 16 footballers commence next week—the former on Mon-day, April 8 and the latter on Friday, 12.

The under 14 hurlers won their first round in Feile na nGael and face Adare in the next round.

## 15.6.85 Rathkeale

Our novice hurlers, having unluckily lost to Adare, travelled to Knockaderry on Sunday and defeated Ardagh 3-6 to 2-3. They produced a fine spirited perform-ance, particularly in the second half and the match was disting-uisht by the play of the two veterans, Tom Markham in de-fence and Neilly Duggan at full forward. The latter scored 2-1 and was joined on the scoring list by Gerry Molyneaux 1-1, Frank Dal-ton, Eddie Geaney, Jimmy Muck-ell and Noel Harnett 0-1 each. They play Broadford in their next outing.

Our U. 14 hurlers were unable to cope with a strong Knockaderry fifteen in the West Final on Monday night. They defended well but were overcome by a very fine team which must be congratu-lated on their success.

The line-up was: M. Kerins, K. O'Rourke, D. O'Connell, M. Williams, G. Collins, S. Dollery, D. O'Keefe, P. Gilbourne, M. Sheahan, P. Lynch, D. Hogan, J. Fitzgerald, J. Nolan, G. Woulfe and T. Kenneally. G. O'Grady and P. Kelliher came on as subs.

During the coming week we have a novice football match at N.C.W. on Friday against Kil-leedy, West Football Cham-pionship v. N.C.W. on Saturday night at Coolyroe, and the U. 14 West semi-final gainst Castlema-hon on Monday at Newcastle West. The junior hurlers face Granagh in Rathkeale on Tues-day, June 18. Stand tickets for Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday can be had from Michael Hanley.

## Rathkeale

In the county championship quarter-final in Kilmallock on Sunday our senior fifteen came through in tremendous style against Ahane, 2-15 to 0-9. While the opposition were not at their best on the day nevertheless Sean Finns accomplished all that was asked of them and if nothing else, proved that they are indeed worthy of senior status. The next step on the way to the final is against St. Kieran's later on in August.

On Sunday last the most satis-fying aspect of the victory was the display of the forwards — each one of the six contributed to the scoresheet—in fact eight players in all registered scores. The defence was virtually impregnable and possibly the two outstanding performances came from Seamus Doherty and Dave O'Brien in the centre positions.

The under-21 footballers face Adare in Askeaton this Wednes-

## 18.5.85 Rathkeale

SINCE the notes last appeared much has been happening on the playing front in all grades.

At u. 14 level we are unbeaten in football with one more game to play against N.C.W. We suffered one defeat in hurling and have one more fixture against Feenagh. We should qualify for the play-off stages in both championships.

Not so at u. 16 level where we are virtually eliminated in both codes.

At minor level while the footbal-lers made a first round exit against N.C.W. the hurlers played a draw with Askeaton in the quarter-final. This was an excellent game and our lads showed great dedication in coming back from being seven points down and playing with fourteen men for the last quarter hour.

The scorers were D. Hough 1-0, B. Hourigan 1-0, T. Hogan 1-0 and W. Daly 0-1. We won the replay 1-5 to 0-6.

In our first year in senior ranks we have been beaten by St. Kieran's and defeated Ballysteen in the West championship which is, of course, played on a league system.

The junior hurlers having lost to Askeaton and beaten Knockader-ry played a draw against Croagh.

At u. 21 football we beat Gerald Griffins very readily and now await our semi-final opponents.

Players are once again reminded of the importance of training, Tuesdays, Thursdays and also Sunday mornings.

Fixtures: Thursday, 16th, J.H.L. v. Feenagh at Rathkeale.

Saturday, 18th: N.H.L. v. Ardagh at N.C.W.

Tuesday, 21st: J.H.L. v. Ardagh at Rathkeale.

## 22.6.85 Rathkeale

A most disappointing weekend for the club. We played Newcastle West in the West senior football on Saturday night and, after one of the best games of the year, finished up on the wrong side at the finish. This match had everything — good football, close scoring and, above all, a fine sporting spirit. Rath-keale suffered an early setback of a Newcastle West goal, but recovered magnificently to lead for much of the game. However, some lapses of concentration in the defence allowed the winners in for a couple of goals near the end to clinch matters. The Dillon brothers played very well all through, while Mike Sullivan and Pat Sheahan were best in the attack. Charlie Hogan had another fine hour at centrefield. The final score was 3-8 to 2-7. This perform-ance was most encouraging for the county championship match against Glin on Sunday, June 30.

Our second defeat, which was more heartbreaking, was in U-14 West semi-final against Castlema-hon — 2-2 to 1-3. We dominated this game from the start until the last five minutes and led all through. The winning goal was conceded with half a minute to go. We had outstanding performers in Colm Cleary, Niall Morrissey (in goal), Dermot O'Connell, Seamus Dollery and Kieran O'Rourke. We are certainly overdue a change or fortune in this grade after last year's defeat by Glin at the same stage.

The U-12 quarter-final against Knockaderry will be played later this week.



## Rathkeale <sup>6.7.85</sup>

The youngest group of players in the club have had a most successful week. Following resounding victories over Knockaderry and Adare the under 12 footballers tackle Newcastle West on this Thursday in the West Final. The venue is Coolyroe. In their three games so far they have conceded only two points in all while registering 10-10 themselves.

The senior footballers were conceded a walk over by Glin in the County Championship but played two very rewarding friendlies against Bruere and Croom—being successful in both and displaying excellent scoring power in the process. They face Ahane in the county quarter final in a few weeks time but meanwhile must play Fr. Casey's in a vital West Championship fixture in Tournafulla on Saturday night next.

All young hurlers or camogie players between the ages of 10 and 16 are invited to come to the Sean Finn Park on Friday next, July 5

## Rathkeale <sup>5.10.85</sup>

Activities on the playing fields have been quiet recently. However our novice footballers have reached the semi-final after a comfortable victory over Killeedy.

In junior hurling we have reached the league semi-final after a series of unexpected results and disqualifications. At the weekend we defeated Croagh very easily in play-off for the remaining place in the last four. The final score 2-15 to 1-3 was a true reflection of the game which featured very encouraging displays from many of the younger players. There is likely to be some delay in completing this competition due to the involvement of other teams in the county championship.

At under age level we are due to play Croagh in under 15 hurling on Saturday, 2 p.m., and received a w.o. from Mountcollins in the football equivalent.

## Rathkeale <sup>20.7.85</sup>

Both the novice and junior hurlers departed their respective competitions during the past week. The former were beaten 3-13 to 2-8 by Broadford having been ahead until the final ten minutes. The defence, which was excellent up to then, finally succumbed and conceded a number of easy scores—many from frees needlessly given away.

Tom Markham was outstanding in the back line but up front only Gerry Molyneaux showed to any effect.

Granagh defeated the juniors in a game that should have been won. However, the performance was a big step-up from the previous encounter between the teams in the league. All the scoring came from Jack Daly 2-0 and Gerry Molyneaux, 0-5.

The minor hurlers put up a good fight before giving way to Granagh-Ballingarry in the semi-final. The forwards found it very difficult to penetrate until late in the game but the main cause of the defeat was lack of training. Chief scorers were E. Greaney, 1-1; D. Hough, 1-0, and W. Daly, 0-2 (from frees). Others to feature were J. O'Dwyer (in goal), M. Ahern and K. D'Alton.

The senior footballers interest in the west championship evaporated when they lost to Abbeyfeale in Tournafulla. This was a most disheartening performance and a better effort is needed against Ahane in the county match on July 28.

Finally, to the one bright episode in our fortunes recently. The under-12 footballers annexed the west championship when defeating Newcastle West in the replay, 3-3 to 1-0. This was a marvellous performance and they richly deserved their place in the county semi-final against Hospital this Wednesday in Croom. The final is fixed also for Croom on Friday night, July 19. The only other fixture is the under 21 hurling match against Knockaderry in Croagh on Saturday, 20th.

Work on improving the grounds is going on at present and help is required from all interested members.

## Senior Football Championship

# Rathkeale <sup>2.8.85</sup> too good for Ahane

Sean Finns ..... 2-15  
Ahane ..... 0-9

Sean Finns (Rathkeale), who opted for senior football after losing the 1984 junior final to Glin, won a place in the last four of the 1985 senior football championship when they easily beat Ahane at Kilmallock on Sunday last.

The Rathkeale men were much faster to the ball and when in possession worked better as a team and had too much in reserve for the determined opposition.

Ahane rallied for a while in the second half, after trailing 1-9 to 0-4 at half-time.

They made wholehearted efforts to pull back the deficit, but when Ray Doherty scored a brilliant goal for the winners with ten minutes remaining, the game as a contest was as good as over.

Seamus Doherty and Dave O'Brien starred in a well knit Rathkeale defence. Martin Doherty and Charley Hogan gave them the edge at mid-field, while up front Ray Doherty, Michael Meade and Tom Meehan were always dangerous.

Eamonn Meskell at centre back was outstanding for Ahane. Best support came from Seamus Ryan, Martin

Byrnes, Eugene Power, Tony Bradley, John Mackey and M. J. Aherne.

### Scorers

Sean Finns—M. Meade 1-2, P. Sheehan 0-4, R. Doherty 1-1, M. Sullivan 0-3, T. Meehan 0-2, D. O'Brien, M. Doherty and A. Supply 0-1 each.

Ahane—M. J. Aherne 0-4, T. Bradley 0-2, T. Murnane, E. Power and P. Power 0-1 each.

Sean Finns—M. Gallaher, J. O'Grady, S. Doherty, D. O'Dea, B. Dillon, D. O'Brien, S. O'Shea, C. Hogan, M. Doherty, M. O'Sullivan, R. Doherty, T. Meehan, P. Sheehan, A. Supply, M. Meade, subs. S. O'Connor for M. Meade, N. Kennedy for O'Sullivan, M. Fitzgerald for Dillon.

Ahane—M. Byrnes, P. Callinan, S. Ryan, J. Foley, G. Richardson, E. Meskell, B. Connolly, J. Mackey, P. Meskell, T. Bradley, E. Power, L. Moynihan, P. Power, G. Lee, M. J. Aherne, subs. M. Clancy for Richardson, T. Murnane for Moynihan.

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## LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1985



The Sean Finns team who qualified for the county senior football final by beating Ahane at Kilmallock





Granagh, who beat Croagh/Kilfinny in the West Junior Hurling Championship.

July 1985

## Rathkeale

A meeting of all junior, novice, under 21 and minor hurlers will be held at the Community Centre, on Saturday next, February 22, at 8.30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss our amalgamation with Granagh in forming a senior team. Captains, vice captains and selectors for all grades will be appointed and preparations for a training programme for 1986 will also be decided.

On this Saturday our senior football team will play Hospital-Herbertstown in the county league. The game will be played at Sean Finn Park, and all players are requested to be at the field at 2.30 p.m. (sharp).

The trustees of Sean Finn Park have elected Jim (Blackie) McEniry as chairman of their development committee. Other members of the committee are Michael Dillon, Michael Neville, Peter Brennan, Sean Hayes, Frank Neenan, John Griffin and John Kennedy.

The club's membership fee for 1986 remains at £5. All players, supporters and former members are asked to renew their membership during the next week. Membership cards are available from James O'Connor, Pa Wilmoth, John Griffin or Michael Hanley.

The annual general meeting of Rathkeale juvenile GAA club will be held at the Community Centre on Monday next, February 24, at 8.00 p.m. All parents, and supporters are invited to attend.

The next meeting of the executive committee will be held at the Community Centre on Thursday, March 6th, at 7.30 p.m. All committee members please attend.

## Rathkeale

Our senior footballers have reached the semi-final of the county league where they will play Cloughaun. They had a very useful outing last week against the county under-21 panel and on Sunday they defeated the combination of St. Senan's, Kilcornan and Croagh in the Southern Chemicals Cup.

In senior hurling we joined up with Granagh to beat the other combined team from Knockaderry and Feenagh in the Tommy Quaid competition.

In the Feile na nGael tournament we were comprehensively beaten by Knockaderry under-14 hurlers. The under-age hurlers are reminded of training at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning.

The championship campaign gets under way at Easter when on Sunday next the under-21 footballers face Glin in Askeaton at 2 o'clock. Then on Monday the under-14 footballers start their campaign with a 6.30 p.m. start in Rathkeale.

Congratulations to our under-16 players who were selected for West trials recently. Michael Sheahan, Pat Gilbourne, Dermot O'Connell and Seamus Dollery.

## Rathkeale

Last Sunday in Quaid Park our junior hurlers faced up to Feenagh-Kilmeedy in the first round of the championship. This was a game most people expected Feenagh to win comfortably. Only Ardagh have beaten them in the last few years.

The final result, 3-7 to 2-10, tells its own story—a fine game played in a sporting spirit and a fair result. Rathkeale certainly had more chances of victory in the closing quarter and produced a heart warming display. Greater accuracy from play by Feenagh attack kept them in the game in the second half.

On the day our best performances came from O'Dwyer in goal, Doherty brothers in defence, Casey at centre field and the full forward line of Dillon, O'Keeffe and Markham. The latter produced two great goals and was most unfortunate with a third attempt. The replay will be eagerly awaited.

The u-12 footballers reached the West final again after a very easy win over Knockaderry. They will play Adare in the final on next Sunday in Askeaton. These young lads deserve support as they have proved great ambassadors for the club in recent times.

## CLUB G.A.A.

## Rathkeale

In the Southern Chemicals Cup Sean Finns suffered a narrow defeat at the hands of St. Kierans, our cause was not helped by the conceding of two penalties in the game.

The under 21 hurlers were beaten by Knockaderry, while the Under 21 football game versus Glin was postponed.

The underage activities have been curtailed and a number of postponements have occurred.

However, the under 14 footballers made a great start to their campaign by defeating old rivals Newcastle West. Having led 2-1 to 0-1 at half-time they withstood a great deal of pressure in the second-half and finished up 2-4 to 2-3 ahead.

Forthcoming fixtures—

Under 16 football in Rathkeale, Friday, April 18th.

M.F. in Rathkeale, Wednesday, April 16th.

J.F. in Rathkeale, Saturday, April 19th.

S.H. St. Joseph's in Rathkeale, Tuesday, April 22nd.

M.H. in Coolyroe, Wednesday, April 23.

Under-age players are reminded of hurling training Saturday mornings at 11 o'clock.

## Rathkeale

The weather was the ultimate winner on the playing fields of the West last week. Our fixtures in senior and under 16 football were both postponed. Unfortunately for our minor hurling aspirations we were unable to field a team in the West Championship against Knockaderry and so are automatically excluded from further participation.

Our best wishes to club member Neilly Duggan on his trip to the United States with the All Stars next week.

Fixtures coming up:

West Senior Football v. Askeaton in Ballyahill, Sunday, May 11.

Under 12 F v. Drom/Broadford, in Rathkeale on Saturday, May 10.

Under 14 F v. Glin in Askeaton, Monday 12.

## Rathkeale

At the A.G.M. recently the following officers for 1986 were elected as follows: chairman, James O'Connor; vice-chairmen, Liam Casey, Mike Dillon and Mike Neville; hon. sec., Michael Hanley; asst. sec., Frank Neenan; hon. treasurers, John Griffin, Patrick Wilmott; registrar, Frank Neenan; P.R.O., Jack O'Dwyer.

Committee: John Daly, Jim McEniry, W. J. Mulcahy, John Kennedy, Liam Chawke, Pat Sheahan, Noel Wilmot, Charlie Hogan, John Lyons and Mike Enright.

Delegates to West Board: Liam Casey, Jerry Molyneaux and Frank Neenan.

Delegate to Co. Board, Frank Neenan.

Football selectors: senior/junior, N. Duggan, J. O'Grady; u-21 and minor, N. Duggan, D. Neenan.

Hurling selectors: junior/novice, Tom Markham and Noel Wilmott; u-21/minor, J. Daly, J. Molyneaux.

Under the aegis of the Trustees of Sean Finn Park, a special fields committee is to be set up to manage and develop the field. They will have the assistance of a development officer.

## G.A.A.

Rathkeale under 12 footballers won the West Limerick Championship at Askeaton on Sunday last when they had three points to spare over a very strong Adare side. Much of the credit for this win must go to the team managers Neilly Duggan and Garda Pat Sheehan. The team on Sunday evening lined out as follows: Michael Madigan, St. Mary's Park, Phillip O'Brien, Ballywilliam, T.J. O'Riordan St. Mary's Park, Gerard Kelliher, Duxtown, Peter Donovan, Main St, John Gilbourne, Duxtown, Mitchel Wilmoth, Rockfield, Niall Ryan, St. Mary's Park, Michael McNamara, Kill-aheen, David O'Sullivan, Ballywilliam, Alan Neville, Main St, John Supple, Bank Place, Michael Hogan, Ballywilliam and Brian Duggan, Ballywilliam. The Rathkeale boys who won this championship again this year will now meet City Champions Cloughaun next week-end in Croom.



## Rathkeale

The Junior football league game against Foynes last Wednesday showed a welcome return to something like last years form for most of our players.

The final is fixed for Tuesday, June 19, in Askeaton when St. Kierans will provide the opposition. Before that game we have to face Castlemahon in the first round of the championship and this match takes place in Newcastle West on Saturday night.

The Novice team had a successful outing against Pallaskenry on Sunday last and won comfortably 3-11 to 0-4.

While the footballers are doing so well however, not so the hurlers. We suffered another defeat last week at the hands of Dromcollogher in the novice grade and once more there was great difficulty in fielding a team.

On the under age front we still await the outcome of our representations over the cancelled under 14 football game with Glin and the under 12 lads lost to Glin but beat Ballyhahill during the week.

Our under 12 hurlers contest the semi-final of the championship against Knockaderry on Friday night in Newcastle West at 8.30. The minors and juveniles will have no fixtures until after the examinations.

Finally prospective members of the club are reminded to forward registration fee of £5 to registrar, Jack Daly before July 1 next. Only properly registered members will be permitted to vote at the next AGM.

## GIRLS FOOTBALL

The Rathkeale Girls Gaelic Football team were defeated by Abbeyfeale in the final of the Community Games Competition. This was a very exciting game played at Croagh and the result could have gone either way. The Rathkeale supporters would like to congratulate Abbeyfeale on their win and assure them that Rathkeale will give them their full support in the Munster finals at Thurles on Saturday July 19th.

## Rathkeale

In recent weeks a number of our teams have featured with mixed success in league and championship.

The senior footballers made an inglorious exit from the co. championship when beaten by Abbeyfeale. This was an inexplicable defeat as we went in at half time with a lead of five points. While we still have an interest in the West championship we must win our remaining fixtures.

In hurling the novice team drew with Granagh but then lost to Monagea. They now face Broadford. Meanwhile the juniors prepare for their first round clash next Sunday with Feenagh.

At under age level, once again the under 12 footballers have produced the goods. Following a victory over Doon/Broadford they literally demolished NCW in the second round, 6-7 to 1-1. This was an outstanding performance while short three stalwarts. The team lined out as follows — N. Madden, P. O'Brien, T. G. Riordan, G. Kelliher, P. Donovan, J. Gilbourne (1-1), D. Tierney, K. Ryan (0-2), M. McNamara (1-2), D. Mullins, K. Hough (1-0), M. Looney (1-1), A. Neville (2-1), N. Hoban, B. Duggan.

The next outing is against Knockaderry in the semi-final.

## Rathkeale

The u-12 footballers retained their West Championship when beating Adare after a very close and exciting game.

We led all through the first half following two early points. Adare got a well deserved goal immediately after half time to take the lead but a quick response left Rathkeale leading 1-3 to a goal going into the final few minutes. Adare exerted enormous pressure seeking the equaliser, but a quick breakaway resulted in a great goal from Alan Neville. Our opponents did gain a consolation goal with the last kick of the game. Final score: 2-3 to 2-0.

The team was: M. Madigan, P. O'Brien, J. Gilbourne, G. Kelliher, P. Donovan, T. J. Riordan, M. Wilmott, M. McNamara, N. Ryan, D. O'Sullivan, A. Neville, W. Looney, J. Supple, M. Hogan, B. Duggan, with subs D. Mullins, K. Duggan, D. Tierney, S. Galagher.

Following a great win over St. Senan's the u-16 footballers have reached the West final and await the winners of Glin and Abbeyfeale. Likewise the minors had an easy victory over Dromcollogher and play St. Kieran's in the semi-final.

The seniors have two games left in the West Championship and must win at least one to retain their interest in the competition. They had a good win recently over Oola in the county league.

On the hurling scene the minors produced a good performance before going down to Adare while the juniors await the much delayed replay of the game with Feenagh. The winners here qualify for a semi-final date with Knockaderry.

The u-12s have set the ball rolling so let's look forward to some of our other teams joining them as West titleholders.

## FOOTBALL

The under 12 football team had a great victory in the Askeaton G.A.A. tournament on last weekend. On Saturday they defeated Patrickswell whilst on Sunday morning they defeated Whites Cross of Cork City in the final. This was a great game with all of the Rathkeale players giving an outstanding display. A number of players who were also involved with St. Mary's A.C. in the County Cross Country Championships at Bilboa on Sunday travelled to Askeaton for this game and the G.A.A. Club would like to thank Liam Kennedy of Bank Place

### G.A.A.

The Annual A.G.M. of the local G.A.A. Club took place recently at the Community Centre, and the following were elected: President: Rev. Dean Costello, P.P.; Vice-Presidents: Rev. Fr. Costello, Rev. Fr. O'Keeffe; Patsy Doherty, Hon. Life President: Peter Brennan, Ml. Hanley, Liam Casey, Jack Daly, Liam Chawke, Pat Sheehan, Jerry Molyneary, Liam Casey. Committee: Aidan Supple, Pat Sheehan, James O'Connor, John Lyons, Tom Hogan, Jim McEnery, Con Enright, Pat Naughton and Kevin Dalton.



Rathkeale under 12 team, who were winners of the Askeaton G.A.A. under 12 tournament last week-end.

Michael Hanlon Rathkeale