

# ***ALL IRELAND SH FINAL 1963 KILKENNY V WATERFORD***



**GOLDEN JUBILEE SOUVENIR BOOKLET**



Kilkenny Senior Hurling Selectors 1963  
 Fr Tommy Maher (Manager), Tomás de Bhaldraithe, Jimmy Walsh, Dick McEvoy, Paddy O'Neill.



# STORMING FINISH WON FOR KILKENNY

**Kilkenny 4-9 Wexford 3-8**

**A GREAT second half recovery, moulded in the best black and amber tradition, helped Kilkenny to a four points victory over Wexford in the Leinster senior hurling semi-final at Croke Park on Sunday when 35,124 people were thrilled by a gripping and pulsating struggle.**

An 11 minutes scoreless spell, in the last quarter, was broken by Tommy Murphy, the student from the Rower, playing in his first big game, who gathering a pass from Billy Dwyer, sent a pile driver past Pat Nolan in the Wexford goal. That score coming three minutes from full time set the seal on Kilkenny's triumph and in order to make assurance doubly sure, Eddie Keher sent a high ball sailing over the bar from 80 yards out to crown a splendid game- one of the best games the star Kilkenny forward has turned in for his county.

This was yet another stirring chapter in the great Kilkenny-Wexford story, written indelibly into the Kilkenny-Wexford rivalry of the past decade or so and it will go down as one of the greatest contests between the sides. Sunday was Kilkenny's day of glory. It had often been Wexford's as well as Kilkenny's in the years since the two counties brought Leinster hurling to a new high pinnacle.

It was in the last quarter that Kilkenny fashioned their match winning plan of campaign. And it was largely on the side-line that the approach to victory was instigated. Johnny McGovern came on for Tommy O'Connell and a switch that brought Eddie Keher across to mark the up to then rampant Jim English changed matters significantly for Kilkenny.

**HOW THEY PLAYED.**

Ollie Walsh was brilliant in goal and played delightfully all through and batted back shots that were going over the bar as well as balls going for the net. His savings in the vital late stages were amazing and had a devastating effect on the morale of the Wexford forwards.

The full back line of Larkin, Walsh, Treacy, after a very poor start, came into their own in the second half and their improved performances resulted in Wexford only scoring one goal and one point in the second half. The half back line of Cleere, Carroll, and Coogan did splendidly and relatively few scores came from the Wexford half forward line, where Jimmy O'Brien got little chance from Martin Coogan. Ted Carroll put tremendous vigour into a hard hour's hurling and Seamus Cleere, whose striking in the first half particularly was a feature of the game rendered good service to the hard pressed Kilkenny centrefield as well as keeping Paul Lynch well under control. Both Paddy Moran and Tony Kelly at centrefield had their moments and showed a marked improvement in the second half but were always playing second fiddle to their opponents.

Eddie Keher was the star of the Kilkenny attack. He constantly menaced the Wexford goal and of his contribution of two goals and five points, only two points came from frees. Tom Walsh was also a great trier and Tom Murphy worked very hard but it was Johnny McGovern who came on in the second half who spelled greatest danger to the Wexford defence. Billy Dwyer's work deserved a better reward. He did not score himself but he supplied his colleagues generously and he had the Wexford defence seriously worried. Sean Clohosey had a good first quarter and Tommy O'Connell would have done better if he had showed more confidence in his own shooting. Oliver Gough shaped well when he came on in the second half.

**RACKARD THE STAR**

Pat Nolan had a great game in the Wexford goal and Tom Neville was best in a sound full back line. Eddie Kelly at full back in his first big test came through with flying colours and Ned Colfer had less reasons to be anxious when he switched off Tom Walsh.

Billy Rackard was in my view the outstanding player of the 30. The Kilkenny forwards were never able to stop him from catching the high balls. He was a tower of strength and with Jim English in dazzling form until he faced Eddie Keher, Wexford showed considerable strength on the half back line.

All the Wexford forwards did well and Ned Wheeler who moved out to centre forward in the second half did a big amount of work. Newcomer Aidan Quirke figured prominently and scored a great goal but Joe Foley was too closely marked to get his name on the score sheet. Jimmy O'Brien and Hopper McGrath were dangerous without being as effective as usual, while Paul Lynch initiated several good moves.

**HOW THE SCORES CAME:**

Seamus Cleere opened the scoring with a point from a 70 and Ned

Wheeler levelled. Tom Walsh shot to the Wexford net, doubling on a high ball than came in from Tony Kelly.

Following a great save from Ollie Walsh, Billy Rackard with a long range drive scored Wexford's second point. Seamus Cleere had a point from a free near centre field and after a Wexford free had been centred and sent wide, Eddie Keher gathering the ball under the Cusack Stand 50 yards out raced through to the edge of the square and buried the ball in the Wexford net for a great goal.

Paul Lynch had Wexford's third point from a free and repeated the performance a couple of minutes later, also from a free.

Phil Wilson had a neat Wexford point, and Seamus Cleere scored his third point again from a free.

Jimmy O'Brien reduced Kilkenny's lead with a well taken point.

Eddie Keher pointed a Kilkenny free and then Wexford made a change at centrefield, Larry Byrne coming on for Martin Lyng. The whole pattern of the game changed at this stage.

A centre by Billy Rackard was finished to the Kilkenny net by Aidan Quirke and Hopper McGrath tacked on a point.

After Rackard had been wide from a 70, Wexford continued to press and Hopper McGrath taking advantage of a slip up in the Kilkenny defence, worked his way through to beat Ollie Walsh for a great goal to leave the half time score

**Wexford 2-7  
Kilkenny 2-4**

In the second half Kilkenny brought on Johnny McGovern in place of Tommy O'Connell and Cha Whelan for Jim Walsh. In the third minute Seamus Cleere reduced Wexford's lead with a point from a free. Two minutes later Eddie

Keher scored a point from a free. Wexford fought back and Hopper McGrath sent a nice drive over the bar.

A tussle in the Kilkenny goalmouth ended in Jimmy O'Brien tapping the ball into net.

That was the end of Wexford's second half scoring.

Kilkenny's selectors then made a switch between Eddie Keher and Johnny McGovern which changed the whole pattern of the game.

In a Kilkenny raid Sean Clohosey placed Eddie Keher for a grand goal and followed up with a point minutes later, and shortly after, taking a pass from Billy Dwyer he shot the equalising point from far out and near the sideline.

Oliver Gough came on for Sean Clohosey and a ten minute spell followed without either side scoring.

The ice was broken when Tom Murphy sent a rasping shot past Nolan in the Wexford goal from 30yards out. The best score of the game came minutes from the end when Eddie Keher from a difficult angle and in a split second flick sent a lovely drive from almost 80 yards all the way for a point.

Wexford were not yet finished and they pounded the Kilkenny goal but three great saves by Ollie Walsh foiled their efforts.

Referee: Jimmy Hatton (Wicklow)

**The Attendance**

The attendance at Croke Park on Sunday was 35,124, one of the biggest crowds ever to attend a Leinster Hurling semi-final.

**KILKENNY**

Ollie Walsh		
Phil Larkin	Jim Walsh	Martin Treacy
Seamus Cleere	Ted Carroll	Martin Coogan
Paddy Moran      Tony Kelly		
Eddie Keher	Sean Clohosey	Tommy O'Connell
Tom Walsh	Billy Dwyer	Tom Murphy

Subs. Johnny McGovern, Cha Phelan, Oliver Gough

**WEXFORD**

Pat Nolan		
Tom Neville	Eddie Kelly	Ned Colfer
Jim English	Billy Rackard	John Nolan
Phil Wilson      Martin Lyng		
Jimmy O'Brien	Joe Foley	Paul Lynch
Oliver McGrath	Ned Wheeler	Aidan Quirke

Subs. Larry Byrne, S. O'Leary

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship Final

# KILKENNY FOR ALL-IRELAND FINAL

**Kilkenny 2-10 Dublin 0-9**

**KILKENNY won their 38th Leinster senior hurling title when they beat Dublin in the final at Croke Park on Sunday last by 2-10 to 0-9, after a dour, tense battle that was full of excitement, but devoid of frills.**

The game followed two distinct patterns. Dublin showed a marked supremacy in the opening half and had the edge on Kilkenny in almost every department, but it was apparent that Kilkenny had not clicked into top gear, and in the second half the black and amber were the dominant force and the metropolitan side's fate was sealed long before the end.

Dublin might have done better if they had been less over-anxious. Their shooting was at fault for most of the hour and thought their approach work in the first half was good their finishing was poor, and it was due to this and to a grand goal by Johnny McGovern which barely beat the half time whistle, that their lead of four points was cut to a single point at half time.

Kilkenny after toiling labouriously for the first half, turned out a completely different force after the change over and even though it was into the last quarter before they got into a safe lead they never looked in danger of defeat. They had Dublin's measure before this and were playing safely and confidently.

Kilkenny had been installed favourites and had been widely tipped to win well. Dublin on the other hand were quietly confident and their all-out effort in the first half showed that the policy was to build up a good first half lead and so shake Kilkenny's confidence

It is fair to say that Dublin were a bit unlucky not to have had a bigger interval lead but Kilkenny also had their near misses, one by Tom Walsh who missed a sitter, a terrific drive by Eddie Keher that skimmed the net and a great shot by Sean Clohosey that was miraculously turned out for a 70 by goalie Jimmy Grey.

Kilkenny were unprepared for the serious challenge by Dublin and after Dublin's sprightly start, took a long time to regain their composure. Apart from this Kilkenny's form was well below that of the semi-final and they were beaten for speed in the first half. Dublin, staking all on a first half blitz, had nothing in reserve for the second half and Kilkenny won well without at any stage showing Kilkenny hurling at its best.

Big Kilkenny Crowd

Not all, by any means, of Kilkenny's followers shared the confidence of the critics and what was probably the biggest crowd of black and amber supporters to travel to Dublin for a Leinster final for some years were more hopeful than confident. The game was played in ideal conditions, in very warm sunshine with a slight

breeze blowing towards the railway goal.

Both sides fielded as selected but Kilkenny played Sean Clohosey at right half forward instead of at centre forward. John McGovern taking over on the 40 yards mark. Kilkenny made no change in personnel during the game but a positional switch brought Tom Walsh to the right half forward line and Clohosey moved into the full line in the second half. The Croke Park dog again made an appearance on the pitch and there was a slight hold up in play while he was being removed by an official.

Ollie Walsh Brilliant. Ollie Walsh played a tremendous part in Kilkenny's triumph. He was never beaten during the hour and he stopped and cleared a terrific drive by Fran Whelan for a goal from a close in freeing the last quarter. He played with a supreme confidence and resource and he must have had a most frustrating effect on the Dublin's forwards. He was peppered from all angles for a while but came through with the ball nonchantly, and sent long clearances well into Dublin's territory.

Cha Whelan, the Thomastown man did a good job of giving Ollie protection and he succeeded in holding Paddy Croke scoreless - not an inconspicuous feat in his first appearance in a Leinster final.

Phil Larkin had by far, the most difficult task of the whole back division, policing the elusive Mick Bermingham, who was easily Dublin's best forward and highest scorer, but improved in the second half and it was only in the 31st minute of the second half that the Dublin player had his

only score of the half.

Martin Treacy held Tony McEntaggart and subsequently Brian Cooney scoreless but the opposition was in both cases was weak.

The half back line with Ollie Walsh was largely responsible for laying the foundation for victory. Seamus Cleere after a somewhat indifferent first half came very prominently into the picture in the second half, and with Ted Carroll and Martin Coogan always playing very safely and soundly, if less

Jimmy Grey was very good in the Dublin goal and his save in the second half from Sean Clohosey merited the highest praise.

Noel Drumgoole celebrated his return after a 14 months absence by giving a very sound display at fullback and he was capably flanked by Bernie Boothman and Lar Foley.

Christy Hayes and Michael Hayes flanking Des Ferguson had their moments but Ferguson was the big man in this sector and were it not for his very good work, Kilkenny would have broken through much more often.

Mick Bohane was going it alone more or less at centre field in the first half and Tony McEntaggart did not make for any great improvement when he switched with Brian Cooney.

Apart from Mick Bermingham few of the Dublin forwards shone and Fran Whelan was very disappointing while Bill Jackson, Paddy Croke, Tony McEntaggart, Mick Kennedy seldom looked dangerous.

Kilkenny followers were none too enthusiastic over the victory and perhaps they did not get any great reason to be, but Kilkenny won convincingly and they did so, after being off their game. Weakness may have been spotlighted by this game and no doubt they will receive attention, but as the game itself went the black and amber won comfortably.

Referee T. Coleman (Laois)

**SCORES BY THE CLOCK.**

**First Half**

1 min	Dublin pt	M. Bermingham
4 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
12 min	Dublin pt (f)	M. Bermingham
14 min	Dublin pt	M. Bermingham
15 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
16 min	Dublin pt	M. Bermingham
24 min	Dublin pt	F. Whelan
25 min	Dublin pt	M. Kennedy
26 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
27 min	Dublin pt	D. Ferguson
31 min	Kilkenny goal	J. McGovern

**Second Half**

2 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
6 min	Kilkenny pt	S. Clohosey
10 min	Kilkenny pt	T. Kelly
19 min	Kilkenny goal	S. Clohosey
23 min	Kilkenny pt	B. Dwyer
25 min	Kilkenny pt (70)	P. Moran
29 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
31 min	Dublin pt	M. Bermingham

John McGovern were always in the tick of things and it was from these three that most of the Kilkenny scores came. Clohosey proving more effective when he moved into the full forward line.

Billy Dwyer did an amount of work at full forward and both Tom Walsh and Tom Murphy were very good triers.

**The Attendance**

The attendance at the game was given as 33,438, most of the menfolk being in their shirt sleeves in the sultry July sun. the attendance is some thousands short of the record at the Dublin v Wexford final in Kilkenny some years ago.

**KILKENNY**

Phil Larkin Ollie Walsh Martin Treacy  
 Seamus Cleere Cha Phelan Ted Carroll Martin Coogan  
 Paddy Moran Timmy Kelly  
 Eddie Keher Johnny McGovern Sean Clohosey  
 Tom Walsh Billy Dwyer Tom Murphy

**DUBLIN**

Jimmy Grey  
 Bernie Boothman, Noel Drumgoole, Lar Foley  
 Michael Hayes Des Ferguson Christy Hayes  
 Mick Bohan Brian Cooney  
 Willie Jackson Michael Kennedy Fran Whelan  
 Tony McEntaggart Paddy Croke Mick Bermingham

Subs. Achill Boothman, Jim Byrne





# ALL HAIL TO THE CHAMPIONS OF 1963

## Kilkenny win their 15th All-Ireland Hurling Title

### Eddie Keher Hits 14 points

**Kilkenny 4-17 Waterford 6-8**

**H**ail to the hurling heroes of Kilkenny. By their victory over Waterford in the All-Ireland senior hurling championship final at Croke Park on Sunday, they brought the 15th national title to the banks of the Nore, and figured in yet another record-breaking final-record-breaking for its high scoring. In the game there was 35 scores in a thrill-laden hour, and the combined total of 55 points is the highest ever in an All-Ireland final.

The hills of Tullaroan and the valley of the Suir re-echo to the thrills of another pulsating struggle- another glorious chapter in the history of Kilkenny hurling-and the deeds of heroes of past generations who figure on illustrious Kilkenny teams are recalled by this power-packed performance by one of the youngest teams Kilkenny ever sent out.

In the sweltering heat of a fiercely but fairly-fought contest, fortunes swayed-largely in favour of Kilkenny-and the last point of the game put Kilkenny three points in front and set the seal on a great triumph.

It was a hard-earned but well-deserved victory; but victory is never sweet as when it is hard won and this game gave complete satisfaction to Kilkenny followers.

The game will rank among the greatest All-Ireland finals ever played and Waterford must be accorded the highest praise for playing their part so conspicuously and so honourably. They gave as good as they got for most of the way, and their courage and tenacity in facing up to an 11 points lead early in the second half stamped them as a truly great side.

Neutrals in the crowd must have been pleased with the game. From the throw in to the final whistle there was never the slightest relaxation as both sides hurled their hearts out in a wonderful exhibition. In spite of the tenseness of the struggle there was plenty of room for polished hurling and the combination and craft by both sides was very much in evidence at periods of the game. Individual performances too stood out in this enthralling spectacle.

Waterford were warm favourites to win. Few of the

critics gave Kilkenny the slightest hope but Kilkenny followers, certainly quite a big number of them, were quietly confident that the real strength of this team was being underestimated and they travelled to Croke Park undismayed by what the outside world thought.

This was Kilkenny in an All-Ireland and granted that they played with that determination which so often before carried them to victory when the odds were piled against them, there

<i>FIGURES OF THE GAME</i>					
FIRST HALF					
	Gls	Pts	Wides	Frees	70's
KILKENNY	3	6	5	9	0
WATERFORD	1	5	4	5	1
SECOND HALF					
KILKENNY	1	11	4	6	0
WATERFORD	5	3	4	12	1
TOTAL					
KILKENNY	4	17	9	15	0
WATERFORD	6	8	8	17	2

was no good reason why they should not win.

Kilkenny's display against Wexford in the Leinster semi-final was good enough to win an All-Ireland final and those who felt that Kilkenny's showing against Dublin was so lacking in lustre that they had little chance were completely unmindful of the fact that Dublin were one of fastest teams to appear in Croke Park for some time and quite a lot of them were able to hurl into the bargain. Certainly I thought Kilkenny's second half display

against Dublin was grossly under-rated, Events have proved that so.

There was however adequate justification for granting Waterford the honour of being pre-match favourites. Their two triumphs over All-Ireland title holders Tipperary-particularly their national hurling league final victory-left the stamp of greatness on this Decies side and their well earned reputation for skill, artistry and determination has been high over the past few years



Kilkenny Captain, Seamus Cleere is congratulated by President Eamon DeValera and Uachtarán CLG Hugh Byrne



Martin Treacy, Cha Whelan and Ollie Walsh prepare to ward off a Seamus Power attack.

**SCORES BY THE CLOCK.**

**First Half**

1 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
5 min	Waterford pt	Phil Grimes
6 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
9 min	Waterford pt	Joe Condon
10 min	Waterford goal	Seamus Power
11 min	Waterford pt	Phil Grimes
13 min	Waterford pt	Frankie Walsh
14 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
15 min	Kilkenny goal	Tom Walsh
16 min	Kilkenny goal	Tom Murphy
19 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
20 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
28 min	Waterford pt	Mick Dempsey
29 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
30 min	Kilkenny goal	Tom Murphy

**Second Half**

1 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
2 min	Kilkenny goal	Tom Walsh
4 min	Waterford goal	Seamus Power
5 min	Waterford goal	Mick Flannelly
7 min	Kilkenny pt	Seamus Cleere
8 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
9 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
11 min	Waterford pt (f)	Phil Grimes
14 min	Kilkenny pt	E. Keher
15 min	Waterford pt	Frankie Walsh
16 min	Waterford goal	Seamus Power
17 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
22 min	Waterford goal	Phil Grimes
24 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
26 min	Kilkenny pt	Tom Murphy
28 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher
29 min	Waterford goal	Seamus Power
30 min	Kilkenny pt (f)	E. Keher

Another reason why outside views favoured the Decies was that so many of the Kilkenny men were appearing in their first All-Ireland final; some of them were having their first year in championship hurling and though they had a much younger side it was felt – not by many Kilkenny followers of course – that Waterford’s greater experience would prove decisive.

Kilkenny’s lapses in the second half could well have been due to the fact that they were leading by 11 points and were basking in the sunshine of what appeared to all intents and purposes a perfectly safe lead. Kilkenny invariably play better when fighting against a lead.

There was another good reason for the change in the tenor of the game. Waterford reserved their best effort for the second half – apart from one purple patch in the early stages – and they shaped like a winning side for a while when they gradually whittled the big Kilkenny lead down to sizeable proportions. They never looked like getting ahead, however and Kilkenny were clearly the better side in the end.

This is a game that will live long in the memory of those privileged to see it. There was no let up during the hour and the few misses there were, were largely due to over-anxiety. But the misses were few and far between and for every one of the 60 minutes the crowd got superb value for their money.

In the 73,123 crowd, Kilkenny had a huge following, probably as big a following as Waterford to judge by the cheering that greeted each score. Three special trains from the city and others serving country stations were all packed and there was

**Trained In Dublin**

Two people who shared in Kilkenny’s triumph on Sunday were Mr Matty Power, former all-Ireland hurling star, and a former Carrickshock and Kilkenny hurler, Mr Bill Walsh, who took charge of the training of the Dublin-based players. Eddie Keher, Sean Clohosey, Billy Dwyer and Martin Coogan did most of their training in Dublin.

a steady stream of cars between here and Dublin, swelled by a big number carrying Waterford supporters. Special trains brought followers from limerick, Wexford and other places.

Both teams fielded as selected and while Waterford made three changes during the game Kilkenny made only one, Oliver Gough for Johnny McGovern. Waterford brought in Michael Walsh, who played for Kilkenny when they beat Waterford in the 1957, for Jim Byrne. Percy Flynn replaced Ned Power in goal and John Meany came on for Joe Condon.

**How they played.**

Although beaten six times Ollie Walsh still had a great game and his saves generally were really typical of this extraordinary goalie. In the fullback line Phil Larkin,

**let's go**

**TO DUBLIN**

**SUNDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER**

**Waterford v. Kilkenny**

(Non-Stop)

Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Kilkenny	7.30	8.10	8.30
Kingsbridge			
arr.	9.30	5.30	10.10
Day	17/9d.	Second	Class

Return trains from Kingsbridge at 8.40 p.m., 7.05 p.m. and 7.20 p.m.

Dep.	a.m.	s. d.
George	7.30	22 0
Killdown	7.30	22 0
Carriek-on-Suir	7.45	22 0
Kilsheelan	8.00	22 0
Cahir	8.28	22 0
Bansko	8.42	22 0
Tipperary	8.51	22 0
Kingsbridge arr.	11.10	—

Return train from Kingsbridge at 8.30 p.m.

Dep.	a.m.	s. d.
Rosslare Harbour	6.25	22 0
Killinck	6.38	22 0
Bridgetown	6.48	22 0
Duncormick	7.01	22 0
Wallington Br.	7.11	22 0
Ballyroane	7.29	22 0
Campile	7.31	22 0
Thomastown	8.18	19 6
Kingsbridge arr.	10.30	—

Return train from Kingsbridge at 7.50 p.m.

Special Buses from Kilmorow and Ballyroane will serve intermediate points to Kilkenny and Portlaoise stations, respectively, connecting with special trains to and from Dublin.

Advance Booking on these Buses at Local Offices and Agents; also, full details of timetables and cheap return bus fares.

Tromore/Waterford — Special bus service from Tromore at 8.00 a.m. to Waterford station, connecting with special trains to Dublin.

go places with **C.I.E.**

Cha Whelan, Martin Treacy recovered after a shaky start and held their end up well. The half-back line of Seamus Cleere, Ted Carroll, and Martin Coogan were brilliant. Paddy Moran and Sean Clohosey enjoyed complete control at centre field. Denis Heaslip surprisingly failed to score but made several sorties down the wing which were foiled by fouling. Johnny McGovern had a great game up to the time he retired in the second half. Oliver Gough who replaced him also played well and placed Tom Murphy for a vital point. The man who stole the honours of the game of course was Eddie Keher. His total of 14 points, 10 of which came from frees must constitute a record for an All-Ireland final. It was certainly a magnificent effort and it is worth mentioning that not once during the whole hour did he did he strike the ball wide. Two of the youngest players on the field Tom Walsh and Tom Murphy playing in their first All-Ireland contributed two

goals each. Tom Walsh gave a delightful exhibition of striking and his speed had the Waterford defence completely flummoxed. Tom Murphy went very coolly about his work and showed rare anticipation, sure striking, and splendid accuracy. Billy Dwyer was content to keep the ball in the goal area and he made a very valuable contribution.

If Waterford had won Seamus Power would have been the toast of the county for many a long day. He made a magnificent effort to pull the game out of the fire. He was ably assisted by Phil Grimes. Michael Flannelly also made a very gallant effort. Ned Power did not have much luck in goal but he made a few fine saves in the first half. Percy Flynn was an able deputy when he came on in the second half Tom Cunningham did good work in spite of having a most unenviable task. Austin Flynn also gave a very sound display. Larry Guinan and Martin Og

<b>KILKENNY</b>		
	Ollie Walsh	
Phil Larkin	Cha Whelan	Martin Treacy
Seamus Cleere	Ted Carroll	Martin Coogan
	Paddy Moran	Sean Clohosey
Denis Heaslip	John McGovern	Eddie Keher
Tom Walsh	Billy Dwyer	Tom Murphy
Subs. Oliver Gough, Willie Murphy, Pa Dillon, Noel Skehan, Timmy Kelly, Tony Kelly, Jim Treacy, Sean Buckley, Alfie Hickey.		
<b>WATERFORD</b>		
	Ned Power	
Tom Cunningham	Austin Flynn	Jim Byrne
Larry Guinan	Martin Og Morrissey	Jim Irish
	Mick Dempsey	Joe Condon (Capt)
Michael Flannelly	Tom Cheasty	Frankie Walsh
Seamus Power	John Barron	Phil Grimes
Subs. Percy Flynn, John Meany, Charlie Ware, Michael Walsh, T. Mansfield, E. Walsh, J. Kirwan, Jim Byrne,		

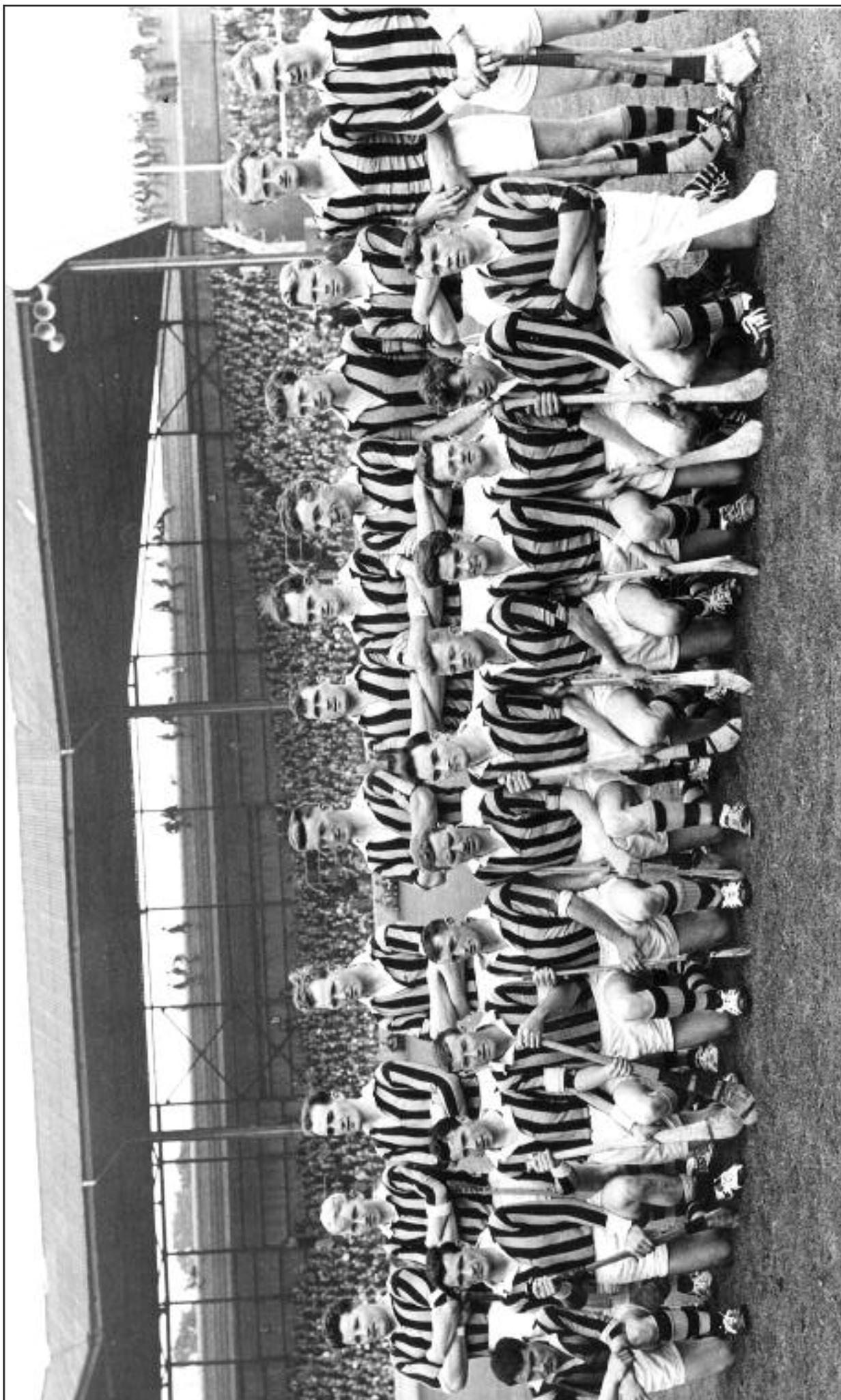
Morrissey were sound in the half-back line but Waterford failed to get on top at centre field in spite of switching Michael Flannelly to this area. John Barron was a sound trier at full forward but did not figure in the scoring. John Meany did well when he

came on for Joe Condon in the second half.

The referee Jimmy Hatton (Wicklow) did an excellent job and only one of his decisions failed to meet with the approval of the crowd. It was a thoroughly sporting game.



Waterford Captain, Joe Condon leads his team around Croke Park, followed by Tom Cunningham, Larry Guinan, John Barron, Mick Dempsey, Phil Grimes and Tom Cheasty.



**KILKENNY - ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1963**

**Back Row:** Billy Dwyer, Tom Walsh, Eddie Keher, Cha Whelan, Tom Murphy, Martin Coogan, Ted Carroll, Alfie Hickey, Tim Kelly, Noel Skehan, Pa Dillon, Ollie Walsh.  
**Front Row:** Fan Larkin, Oliver Gough, Denis Heaslip, Paddy Moran, Martin Treacy, Sean Clohosey, Seamus Cleere (Capt.), Johnny McGovern, Willie Murphy, Sean Buckley, Tony Kelly, Jim Treacy.



Tom Walsh attacks the Waterford goal, supported by Tom Murphy.



Kilkenny and Waterford players line up for the National Anthem and throw in.



Ollie Walsh watches the ball go over the bar as Cha Whelan holds off

# HOME ARE THE HEROES

## We Celebrate In Style.

**C**HEERING, flag-waving thousands, surging masses at every vantage point, traffic jams, exploding fireworks, a preponderance of ebullient youngsters, the constant popping of flash bulbs by a battery of amateur photographers, and many painful toes and sore ribs.

All this was Kilkenny on Monday night as a jubilant multitude, estimated at between fifteen and twenty thousand turned out to greet the victorious senior hurling team.

The scenes were memorable, particularly some of the lesser ones. At the railway station little Michael Walsh rushed into Ollie Walsh's arms and congratulated his daddy with a big hug.

There was the little fellow sporting a profusion of badges, wearing a black and amber hat that almost smothered him, and wielding a hefty flag, who practised his welcoming cheers for about an hour before the train arrived

From early after tea the throng filled all approaches to the railway station, but darkness had fallen before the loud report of exploding fog signals announced the arrival of the heroes.

Mounted on a black and amber decked lorry, the team were escorted by the St. John's Boys band and the Ballycallan Fife and Drum band to the courthouse, where on the balcony they were accorded a civic reception by the roped mayor and corporation. Rousing cheers greeted every remark and announcement from the balcony and as each player were individually introduced by the mayor Thomas Delaney, they were applauded to the echo.

### Mayor's Speech

Mayor Thomas Delaney said it was a wonderful game to watch. What thrilled me most of all was the wonderful accuracy of Eddie Keher. His personal tally of 14 points must surely be a record for an All-Ireland.

He said that he was very glad that during his mayoralty, Kilkenny won their fifteenth All-Ireland title, and that the display of hurling they gave thrilled not only the 73,000 spectators who were at the match, but also the thousands that watched the game on television. He said that it was indeed a great privilege and pleasure to extend to the team on behalf of the corporation and the citizens of Kilkenny a cead mile Failte home after their splendid achievement in Croke Park. He said that he was sure he spoke

for every-body present when he said that we are proud of this dynamic young team. Individually and as a team they gave of their best to make this one of the most sensational and satisfying finals ever played. He also paid tribute to their worthy opponents Waterford who he said gave a great display. He went on to say that the team was the least favoured of the two but Kilkenny confounded the experts, the odds, and public opinion alike and brought home the McCarthy Cup. I hope they will have a repeat win next year, and with the fine young team they have at the moment, I feel they will.



### Bishop's Speech.

We have every reason to be proud of our Kilkenny hurlers said his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Birch, Coadjutor Bishop of Ossary when he spoke to the vast multitude from the floodlit terrace. They gave a magnificent display. They played well both as individuals and as a team. I am glad to be able to congratulate them on my own behalf and on behalf of Dr. Collier who is unable to be with us

### The Champions From The Nore

*Come drink a toast from coast to coast and let no glass be small  
To our great All-Ireland Champions whose feat we'll e'er recall  
And all who saw this wonderful game will ne'er forget the day  
When the boys in black and amber came victorious from the fray*

*Croke Park was crammed and all were jammed just like the old sardine  
But who would have it otherwise or who would change the scene  
The men across the River Suir in colours white and blue  
Lined out with Leinster champions, black and amber tried and true*

*I've never seen a faster game though I've seen quite a few  
Our lads were just like greyhounds after hares in white and blue  
From end to end the ball they'd send and then a thunderous roar  
As Seamus Power or Seamus Cleere bagged yet another score*

*'Twas quite a thrill as with great skill young Eddie took the frees  
He never missed a single one and scored each point with ease  
And when it came to getting goals Tom Walsh was surely there  
With flying Tommy Murphy too fast for any hare*

*The final whistle came at last to end a thrilling game  
And once again black and amber men had won All-Ireland fame  
On Monday night the fires were bright and joyful every roar  
To welcome back the champions to Kilkenny by the Nore*

**Dick Farrell**  
Abbey Street

to-night. And in congratulating the team I wish to congratulate also all who had a hand in the success—the selectors, trainers, and those unnamed ones who worked away behind the scenes and contributed their time and energies to the success we had yesterday.

I am glad too to pay tribute to the manner in which the members of the team conducted themselves, continued His Lordship, their example is good for others particularly their refusal to be set back by disappointments. Early in the year there were many who did not give Kilkenny a hope of winning the championship. How wrong they were we know now. Thanks to grit, determination and self sacrifice our boys have won through.

The team was the most cheerful and happy group I have ever seen and it was that as much as everything else that helped them win.

Nicholas Purcell, Chairman of the Kilkenny County Board, said it was to the credit of the players who were chosen for the various games in the championship that led up to the All-Ireland final, that on all occasions they co-operated with the selection committee and with the other officers of the Co. Board in a splendid manner.

He could say, though it probably did not need to be said at that stage what a magnificent group of young men they proved themselves to be. He said that all who attended the training sessions could well feel the atmosphere prevailing in Nowlan Park. It was not one of carelessness

or defeatism. It was one of dedication.

In conclusion he thanked the corporation for the reception and all associated with the team and paid tribute to the wonderful support of the followers of the black and amber.

Team trainer Rev. Tommy Maher addressing the crowd said that we cannot have these celebrations unless our young people play the game, the tendency nowadays is to leave the playing of our game to somebody else. Our young people should not be content with merely taking a passive interest in our games but should be actively associated with them.

We had the best game in the world on Sunday, played in the best traditions of our national past times. Referring to the team he said that their co-operation was the last word. He also thanked his selectors and also Dr. Cuddihy and Dr. Hindle for their co-operation

Paddy Grace, secretary of the County Board said that the Kilkenny supporters had shown by their terrific reception their admiration for the team that brought All-Ireland honours back to Kilkenny for the fifteenth time. He knew however from the enthusiasm of supporters all through the championship series that whether Kilkenny won or lost or drew, their followers would rally round the banner of the of the Black and Amber.

## Paddy Downey (Irish Times)

reports on Kilkenny's 4-17 to 6-8 victory over Waterford in September, 1963

KILKENNY HURLING teams have often confounded public opinion, professional critics and even their own supporters in big games down the years, but never in more than half a century have they upset calculations more decisively or more ruthlessly than in yesterday's All-Ireland final at Croke Park.

Playing with all the classical skill for which Kilkenny hurling is renowned, they made a mockery of every word written about their prospects before the game, and their three points victory over Waterford was as decisive as if the margin had been three times that number.

The more cautious forecasters had said that Kilkenny would, perhaps, make a good fight for it. But only a good fight. Waterford were the hottest favourites since Tullyar won the Derby. Their vast experience, their proven skill, their teamwork and cool craft on the big occasion could not be beaten. Those were the pre-match calculations.

And how utterly wrong they were! Yet, indeed, Waterford made a gallant bid to capture their third All-Ireland title. They rallied several times against crushing odds. Down seven points at half-time - 3-6 to 1-5, and 11 - 4-7 to 1-5 - immediately after the restart, they hit back with two goals early in the second half to reduce the arrears to five points, and on two occasions subsequently, when the Leinster champions had raced away into commanding leads, they crashed their way through for scores that cut Kilkenny's advantage to a couple of points.

### ALL IN VAIN

But it was all in vain. For this was a battle between youth and age - and the vigour and speed of the younger Kilkenny men finally proved too much for a Waterford team, who, though game to the last, lacked the stamina to keep abreast of the blistering pace.

Kilkenny's form was a revelation. Calling, as it were, on the inspiration of a great heritage, they set to show all those who had doubted their ability that a Kilkenny team cannot be underestimated in a final.

From first to last of this magnificent game, they hurled with a determination, a daring, dashing will to win that must have astonished even the most optimistic of their own followers among the 73,123 crowd.

Kilkenny dominated all the areas where they were supposed to have been weakest. The corner forwards, Tom Walsh and Tom Murphy, had two goals apiece, to prove to the sceptics that their performances in the Leinster semi-final against Wexford were no ephemeral flash in the pan. Their full-back line was solid as a rock under the severest pressure and their half backs, where the captain, Séamus Cleere, played the game of his life, tied down the dangerous Waterford half forwards through the entire 60 minutes.

### BASIS OF VICTORY

But it was at midfield that Kilkenny really laid the basis of victory. This had been the selectors' problem spot through league and championship, and with more desperation than design, one felt, Seán Clohesey was withdrawn from the forwards to partner Paddy Moran before the final.

The gamble paid off handsomely yesterday. Clohesey, whose beautiful, wrist striking was one of the most pleasurable features of the game, played his best hurling in two years and with wholehearted support from Moran, the Tullaroan man gave his forwards a steady service, which, as their tally of only nine wides demonstrates, they used to the fullest advantage.

Thus Waterford's midfield was a shambles from the start and the potential scoring power of their full-forward line was lost because the selectors made no attempt to repair the weakness before half time. When they did bestir themselves, switching Flannelly and Condon and later introducing John Meaney, Kilkenny had their 15th title as good as won.

The dominance of Clohesey and Moran, backed up by the superb hurling of Séamus Cleere at right-half back, gave the Kilkenny attack at least 60 per cent of the play - a burden which even the stout Waterford defence could not possibly handle.

It may seem unfair to say - yet it is true - that if Waterford's midfield had matched Kilkenny from the beginning they would now be All-Ireland champions. Even Kilkenny men will now admit that they were fortunate that Séamus Power and Phil Grimes didn't handle more of the ball.



Who Jumped the Highest?  
Tom Murphy (K) and Seamus Power (W)  
celebrate goals for their respective teams



Although John Barron was held by Whelan - in fact if the referee had kept a closer eye on that tussle, Waterford might have had three or four badly needed points from frees - the corner forwards were often too elusive for their opponents, but their opportunities were too few to balance Kilkenny's steady stream of scores at the other end.

And then, to add to the Munster champions' troubles, Tom Cheasty never got going against Ted Carroll and Frankie Walsh was hopelessly outclassed by Cleere.

Only once through the hour did Waterford get a real hold on the game. And then it looked, briefly, as if they would turn on the steam which would eventually evaporate Kilkenny's challenge.

That was between the ninth and 13th minutes of the first half.

Kilkenny were in front, two points to one, when suddenly the Munster men took control through the field and put on a goal and three points in the space of four minutes. They led 1-4 to 0-2 entering the second quarter, but Kilkenny recovered quickly and, in a series of devastating forays before the interval, scored 3-4 to which Waterford replied with only a single point.

### FIGHTING HEART

It is a measure of Waterford's great fighting heart, however, that even though they were led by seven points at the interval and 11 within three minutes of the resumption, when Eddie Keher had a point and

Tom Walsh his second goal, they battled back for goals by Power and Flannelly, to haul down the big lead to what then seemed a manageable five points.

After eight minutes, Kilkenny had again stretched their lead to eight points - 4-10 to 3-5 - but although still labouring around the centre, Waterford kept pegging away and goals by Flannelly and Grimes (a searing shot from a free) left them only two points behind, and well in the hunt, with nine minutes of the game to go.

Kilkenny could not be caught. However, Keher continued to pick off points from frees of all distances and angles, and though Ollie Walsh was again beaten by Séamus Power, who bagged three good goals in the game, Kilkenny held on for one of their greatest and most brilliantly accomplished victories in an All-Ireland final.

One of the paradoxes of this tremendously exciting match, which yielded the highest combined score - 55 points - ever recorded in a final, was the fact that Ollie Walsh was beaten six times during the hour.

Yet, the Thomastown keeper brought off many fantastic saves, four of them in quick succession in the opening minutes and the last, and certainly the most valuable, when he stopped a downward drive from Power, when Waterford were only two points in arrears, with only four minutes of the hour remaining.

### MAJOR HONOURS

Since this was essentially a triumph of beautifully dovetailed teamwork, it may seem invidious to pick out a few Kilkenny men for special praise. Nevertheless, none of their colleagues will begrudge it if the major honours of victory are accorded to Séamus Cleere, Tom Walsh, Eddie Keher, Tom Murphy, Seán Clohesey and Paddy Moran.

Cleere was immense at right-half back, clearing his lines time and again with magnificent stickwork and raining long drives, some of them of 70 and 80 yards length, into the heart of Waterford territory.

Tom Walsh was a will of the wisp whose lightning speed and continuous foraging had Jim Byrne completely at sea until he was replaced by the former Kilkenny All-Ireland player, Mick Walsh, in the second half. Walsh took both his goals with the aplomb of a veteran, as did young Murphy in the other corner.

What a beautiful striker of a ball Keher is. This lanky 21-year-old from The Rower scored 14 points of his side's total - nine of them from frees at distances and angles so acute that to score them, one felt the ball should be electronically controlled!

The contribution of Clohesey and Moran was incalculable, because were it not for their unexpected dominance at midfield, Waterford would surely repeated their 1959 replay victory over the Noresiders.

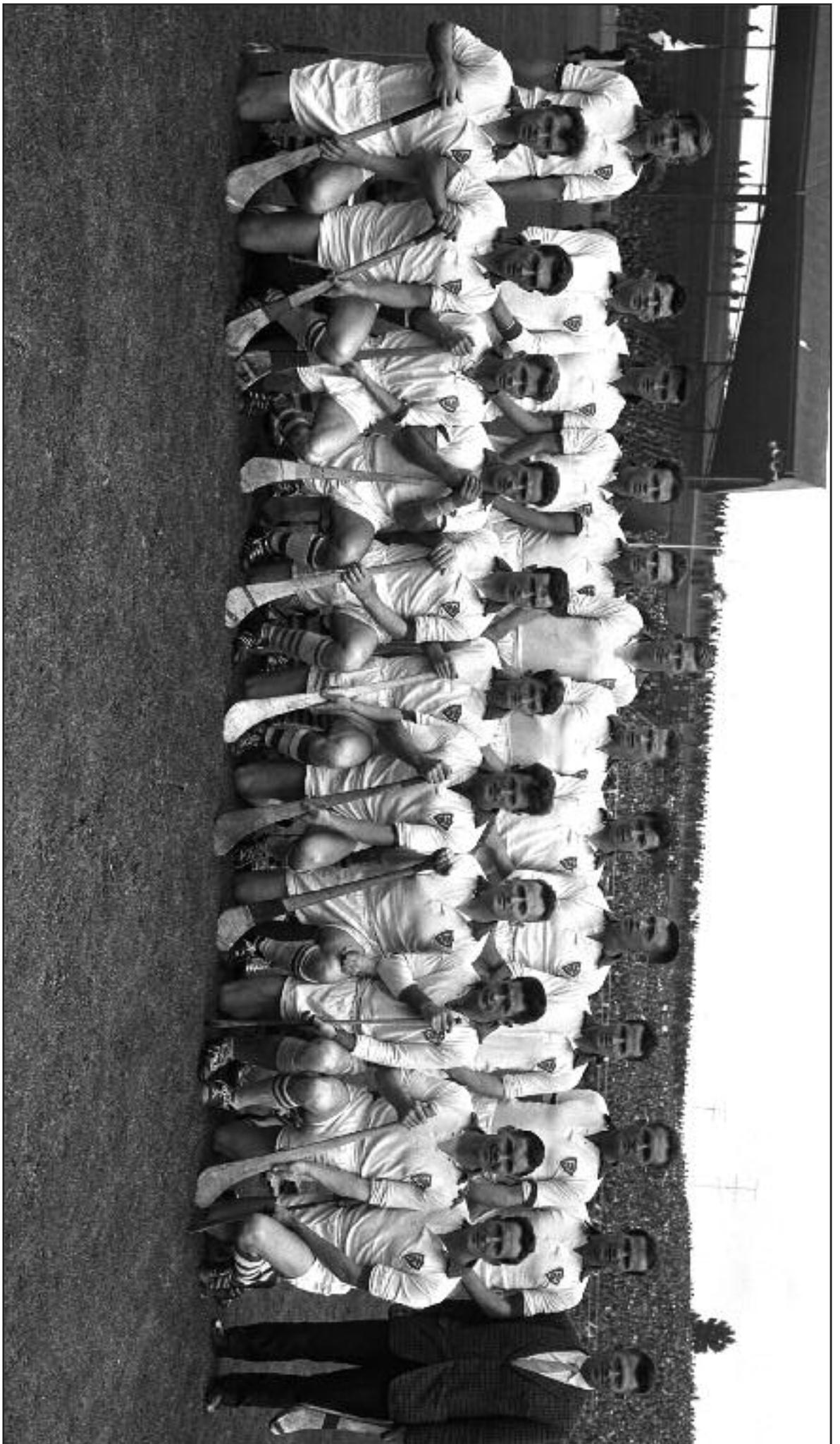
While Waterford's midfield let them down with a bang, their goalkeeper, Ned Power, and their usually reliable full-back line must also shoulder a portion of the blame for defeat. The full line was unexpectedly shaky and Power was badly at fault for at least two of Kilkenny's goals.

At half time he was replaced by Percy Flynn, who conceded only one goal, even though tested severely many times by the probing Kilkenny forwards in the second half.

Austin Flynn, at full back, Martin Morrissey, left centre half, and Larry Guinan on the right wing were the pick of the losers defence, while only Séamus Power and Grimes, and to a lesser extent Mick Flannelly, functioned with the penetration which we had come to expect from the home League champions forward division.

**KILKENNY:** O Walsh, P Larkin, J Whelan, M Treacy, S Cleere (0-2), T Carroll, M Coogan, P Moran, S Clohesey, D Heaslip, J McGovern, E Keher (0-14, 0-9 from frees), T Walsh (2-0), W Dwyer, T Murphy (2-1). Sub: O Gough for McGovern.

**WATERFORD:** E Power, T Cunningham, A Flynn, J Byrne, L Guinan, M Óg Morrissey, J Irish, M Dempsey (0-1), J Condon (0-1 from free), M Flannelly (2-0), T Cheasty, F Walsh (0-2), S Power (3-0), J Barron, P Grimes (1-4, 1-1 from frees). Subs: P Flynn for E Power, M Walsh for Byrne, J Meaney for Condon.



**WATERFORD - ALL IRELAND SH FINALISTS 1963**

**Back Row:** Billy Dwyer, Tom Walsh, Eddie Keher, Cha Whehan, Tom Murphy, Martin Coogan, Ted Carroll, Alfie Hickey, Tim Kelly, Noel Skehan, Pa Dillon, Ollie Walsh.

**Front Row:** Fan Larkin, Oliver Gough, Denis Heaslip, Paddy Moran, Martin Treacy, Sean Clohosey, Seamus Cleere (Capt.), Johnny McGovern, Willie Murphy, Sean Buckley, Tony Kelly, Jim Treacy.

# SNIPPETS FROM 1963

## COUNTY BOARD OFFICERS 1963

COUNTY BOARD		SOUTHERN BOARD	
Chairman	Nicholas Purcell (Graigue)	Chairman	John Lonergan (Hugginstown)
Secretary	Paddy Grace (Dicksboro)	Vice-Chairman	Joe Walsh (Thomastown)
Trustees	T.J. Bergin (Johnston)	Secretary	Seamus McKenna
	Liam Moore (Kilkenny)		
Central Council	Bob Aylward (Knockmoylan)		
Leinster Council	Paddy Grace (Dicksboro)	Chairman	Paddy Hennessy (St.Canice's)
Registrar	Liam Moore (Kilkenny)	Vice-Chairman	Billy Leahy (James Stephens)
		Secretary	Joe Walsh (Thomastown)
NORTHERN BOARD		FOOTBALL BOARD	
Chairman	Martin Egan (Threecastles)	Chairman	Michael Meally (Railyard)
Vice-Chairman	Liam Ryan (Clara)	Vice-Chairman	Francis O'Brien (Kilmaganny)
Secretary	Johnny Ivory (Lisdowney)	Secretary	Jim Lyng (The Rower)

## RESULTS 1963

### COUNTY FINAL RESULTS 1963

Senior Hurling Final	St.Lachtain's	1-7	Tullagher	0-3
Junior Hurling Final	Rower Inistioge	2-11	Galmoy	1-7
Minor Hurling final	St.Canice's	6-0	Mooncoin	3-3
U-16 Hurling Final	Thomastown	4-2	St.Canice's	4-0
Senior Football Final	Clann na Gael	1-6	Lamogue	0-2
Junior Football Final	Thomastown	3-8	The Village	4-4
Minor Football Final	Railyard	4-5	Lamogue	0-4
U 16 Football Final	Thomastown	0-3	St. Canice's	0-2

### INTER-COUNTY FINAL RESULTS HURLING 1963

All Ireland senior hurling final	Kilkenny	4-17	Waterford	6-8
All Ireland inter. hurling final	Tipperary	1-10	London	1-7
All Ireland junior hurling final	London	4-7	Antrim	3-6
All Ireland minor hurling final	Wexford	6-16	Limerick	5-9
National hurling league final	Tipperary	5-12	Wexford	1-4
Oireachtas hurling final	Tipperary	4-15	Wexford	3-12
Walsh cup final	Kilkenny	4-10	Wexford	3-12
Railway Cup hurling final	Munster	2-8	Leinster	2-7

### INTER-COUNTY FINAL RESULTS FOOTBALL 1963

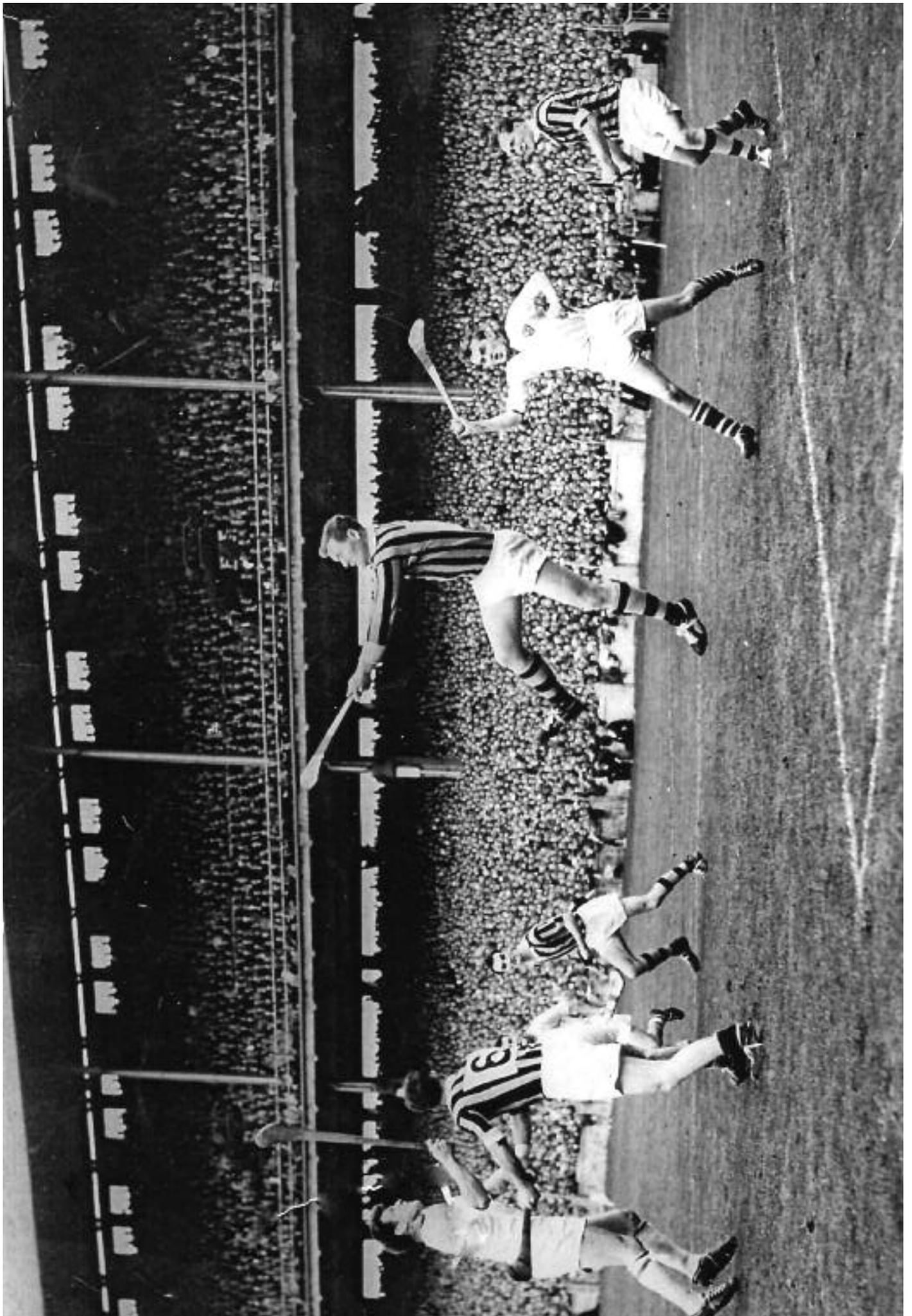
All Ireland senior football final	Dublin	1-9	Galway	0-10
All Ireland junior football final	Kerry	3-5	Lancashire	2-5
All Ireland minor football final	Kerry	1-10	Westmeath	0-2
National football league final	Kerry	1-18	New York	0-10
Railway Cup Football final	Ulster	2-8	Leinster	1-9

### KILKENNY' SENIOR HURLING TEAM'S PLAYING RECORD IN 1963

Played 17 – Won 14, Lost 3

10-2-1963	Kilkenny 3-11	Offaly	0-2	National hurling league (1962/63)
21-4-1963	Kilkenny 2-9	Tipperary	2-12	National hurling league (1962/63)
3-3-1963	Kilkenny 3-9	Wexford	0-3	Wembly Tournament semi-final
7-4-1963	Kilkenny 6-8	Dublin	6-4	Challenge game
26-5-1963	Kilkenny 5-10	Limerick	3-12	Challenge game
1-6-1963	Kilkenny 2-10	Tipperary	5-8	Wembly Tournament final
2-6-1963	Kilkenny 3-9	London	3-5	Challenge game
25-6-1963	Kilkenny 9-10	Waterford	4-5	Challenge game
7-7-1963	Kilkenny 4-9	Wexford	3-8	Leinster championship semi-final
21-7-1963	Kilkenny 2-10	Dublin	0-9	Leinster championship final
11-8-1963	Kilkenny 6-8	Dublin	4-7	Welsh Cup semi-final
17-8-1963	Kilkenny 4-4	Wexford	0-6	Challenge game
1-9-1963	Kilkenny 4-17	Waterford	6-8	All-Ireland Hurling final
8-9-1963	Kilkenny 4-10	Wexford	3-9	Welsh Cup final
16-9-1963	Kilkenny 3-10	Tipperary	5-15	Oireachtas semi-final
13-10-1963	Kilkenny 1-13	Galway	1-4	National hurling league (1963/64)
10-11-1963	Kilkenny 5-10	Clare	5-6	National hurling league (1963/64)







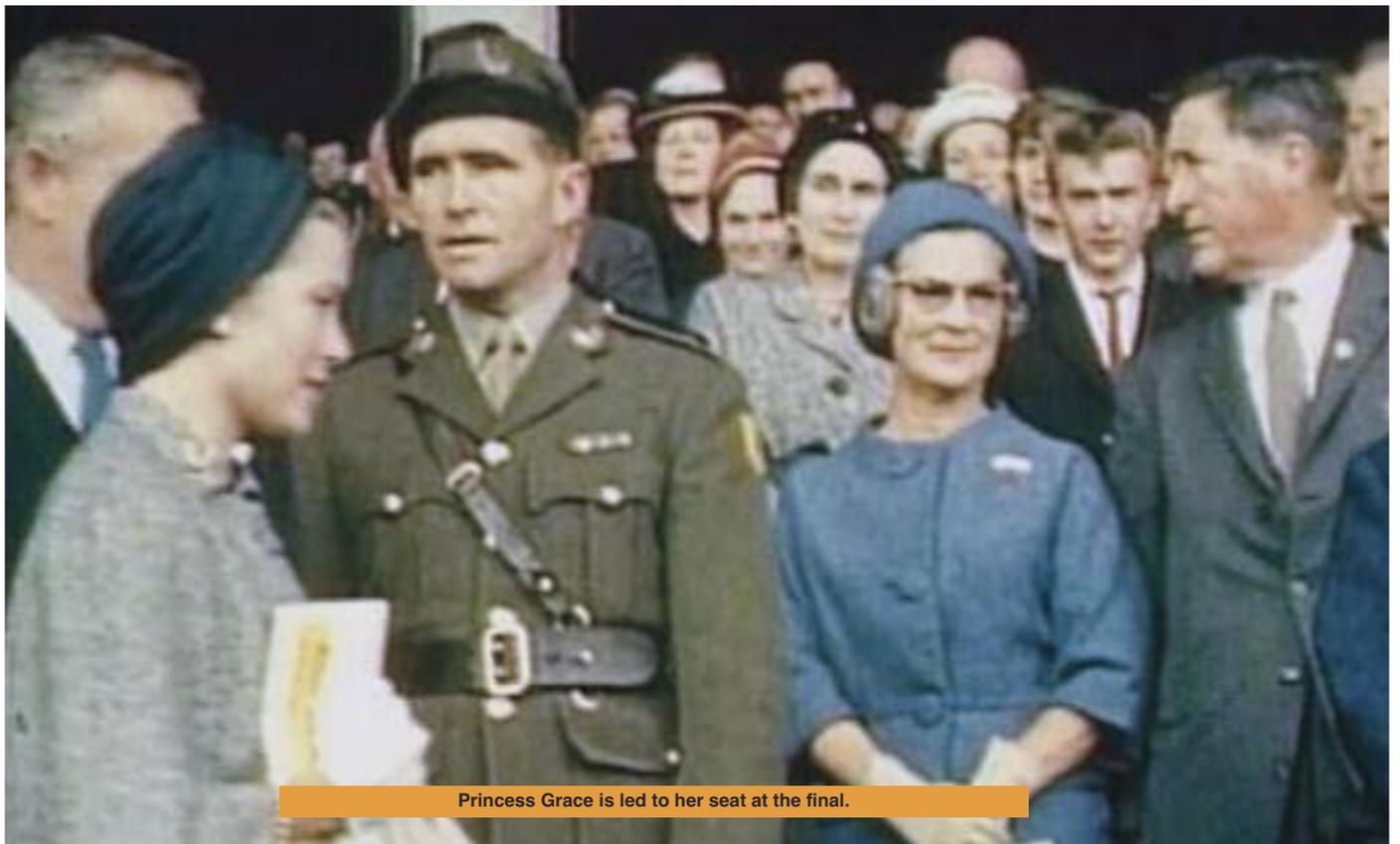
Seamie Cleere - Captaen na Fóirne



President Hugh Byrne introduces referee Jimmy Hatton to



Taoiseach Sean Lemass with Prince Rainier, Bishop Birch behind.



Princess Grace is led to her seat at the final.

