

# KILKENNY

**1967 ALL IRELAND  
SH CHAMPIONS**

**REMEMBERED**



**SOUVENIR BOOKLET RECALLING KILKENNY'S 1967 ALL IRELAND SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE TEAM'S RECEPTION BY COISTE CO CHILL CHAINNIGH  
AT THE 2016 COUNTY SH FINAL.**

KILKENNY COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL, NOWLAN PARK, 30th OCTOBER 2016



**Luach €3**

### *Teams Previously Honoured on County Final Day*

- 1989 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1939*
- 1990 Carrickshock Senior Hurling Team 1940*
- 1991 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1947*
- 1992 Eire Og Senior Hurling Teams 1939 & 1947*
- 1993 James Stephens Senior Hurling Teams 1935 & 1937*
- 1994 Thomastown Senior Hurling Team 1946*
- 1995 Tullaroan Senior Hurling Team 1948*
- 1996 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1946*
- 1997 Graigue Senior Hurling Team 1949*
- 1998 Dicksboro Senior Hurling Team 1950*
- 1999 Carrickshock Senior Hurling Team 1951*
- 2000 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1950*
- 2001 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1951*
- 2002 Bennettsbridge Senior Hurling Teams 1952, 53, 55, 56, 59.*
- 2003 Kilkenny Junior Hurling Team 1956*
- 2004 Slieverue Senior Hurling Team 1954*
- 2005 John Lockes Senior Hurling Team 1955*
- 2006 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1957*
- 2007 Tullaroan Senior Hurling Team 1958*
- 2008 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1960*
- 2009 St. Lachtain's Senior Hurling Teams 1961 & 1963*
- 2010 Kilkenny Minor Hurling Team 1961*
- 2011 Bennettsbridge Senior Hurling Teams 1960, 62, 64, 66, 67*
- 2012 Kilkenny All-Ireland Minor Team 1962*
- 2013 Kilkenny Senior Hurling Team 1963*
- 2014 Mooncoin Senior Hurling Team 1965*
- 2015 Rower Inistioge Senior Hurling Team 1968*

#### **Appreciation.**

The Chairman and members of the Kilkenny GAA County Board would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the Springhill Court Hotel for their generous sponsorship of this event.





# Fáilte

Celebrating a team from the past who have brought honour to their club or to our county has been a feature of County Final Day here in Nowlan Park for many years now.

This year in association with Springhill Court Hotel we are honouring the surviving members of the team who ended a forty five year hoodoo by defeating our near neighbours and great rivals Tipperary in the All Ireland Final of 1967 For Kilkenny followers of a certain generation, the victory achieved that day will always be regarded as the greatest of all our All Ireland victories.

Following the defeat by Cork in the '66 final, optimism amongst supporters was scarce at the start of the year but fortunately both our players and team management continued to believe that All Ireland success could be achieved, and having defeated Dublin and Wexford to win out in Leinster, they resolved to leave no stone unturned in the their pursuit of ultimate honours.

In the final itself Tipperary had first use of the strong breeze that was blowing towards the Railway goal but it was Kilkenny who made the better start and an early goal by Paddy Moran was just the tonic that the team needed. Gradually Tipperary came into the game and managed to forge a six point lead by half time. Aided by the wind in the second half, our team immediately set about reducing the deficit and goals by both Martin Brennan and Tom Walsh - prior to his career ending eye injury - were the crucial scores that set us on the road to achieving the victory that all Kilkenny followers had longed for. The sounding of the full time whistle sparked scenes of celebrations amongst Kilkenny supporters that will live long in the memory of all who were there to witness them with each player being carried shoulder high to the steps of the Hogan Stand.

Every player that lined out that day played a vital part in ensuring that the McCarthy Cup would once again return to Kilkenny. Ollie Walsh was at his brilliant best in goal and the full back line of Ted Carroll, Pa Dillon and captain Jim Treacy never yielded. Seamus Cleere Pat Henderson and Martin Coogan were positively outstanding on the half back line while Paddy Moran and John Teehan held sway at midfield. The half forward line of Eddie Keher, Tom Walsh and Claus Dunne contributed many of our scores while the inside line of Jim Bennet, Jim Lynch and Martin Brennan worked hard all through. Substitutes Dick Blanchfield, John Kinsella and Pat Carroll also played their parts when called upon.

Sadly six members of the panel that achieved that historic victory have since gone to their eternal reward, namely Ollie Walsh, Ted Carroll, Pa Dillon, Claus Dunne, Jim Bennett and Cha Whelan, and we remember them in a special way today.

Kilkenny County Board are grateful to the Management of the Springhill Court Hotel for their ongoing sponsorship of this event and later this afternoon they will host a Dinner at which both the players and their partners will be guests of honour and during which each player will receive a special memento of the occasion.

Congratulations again to the heroes of 1967 on their great victory.

*Eamon O Coinn,  
Cathaoirleach  
Coisde Contae Cill Chainnigh*

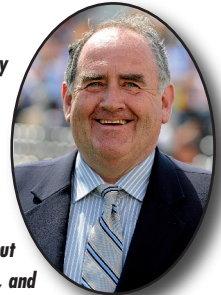
As a keen follower of all sports and a passionate hurling fan, it is a great pleasure again to be representing the Springhill Court Hotel in sponsoring the All Ireland Winning Senior Kilkenny team of 1967.

The Springhill Court Hotel has long been working with Kilkenny GAA and has honoured many famous teams over the past 23 years.

I would like to congratulate the Kilkenny senior hurling team of 1967 and hope they have an enjoyable reunion day and I'm sure many stories will be shared again of that famous day 49 years ago.

I would like to wish the four clubs represented in the junior and senior finals the very best of luck. I wish their supporters and our many customers in attendance at today games our very best wishes and I look forward to seeing two fantastic games of hurling.

*Seamus O Carroll  
General Manager  
Springhill Court Hotel*



## Acknowledgement.

The programme committee wish to thank the following for their help and co-operation in compiling this souvenir programme:-  
Damien Brett (Kilkenny Library), Rita Neary, Ailish Walsh, James Murphy, Seamus Delaney, .



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

# ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONSHIP 1967

## *Leinster SH Championship Semi-Final*

*Carlow 2nd July 1967*

### Kilkenny in Leinster Final

**Kilkenny 6-10 Dublin 1-5**

**K**ilkenny completely submerged a poor Dublin side in the Leinster senior hurling championship semi-final at Carlow on Sunday last and qualified to meet Wexford in the provincial final in Croke Park at the end of the month.

This was a most disappointing display by the metropolitan side, whose form had been boosted somewhat by their encouraging form against Clare in the national league.

Dublin were in the hunt for the first 10 minutes and were a point in front after 11 minutes, but Kilkenny were only waiting for the moment to pounce and the first goal by Jim Lynch started a riot that eventually left the challengers standing.

The game had little to offer in the way of entertainment for the big crowd, or for the Kilkenny supporters who are still in dark about the worth of the Kilkenny side. The Dublin attack was lifeless for most of the hour and only some very good saves by substitute goalie Michael Behan saved them from a more embarrassing fate.

Dublin started as if they would make the winners fight for their lives, but early impressions were deceptive and once Kilkenny settled down they had the game as good as won.

It was a hard game, fought with tremendous vigour, but the standard was not very spectacular and there were very few frills apart from some delightful touches by Eddie Keher.

The Kilkenny selectors learned little from this test, apart from the success which attended two experiments – recalling Ted Carroll to the full back line and playing Jim Lynch at full forward.

Kilkenny led at half time by 2-4 to 0-4

*Kilkenny scorers: J. Lynch 4-0, E. Keher 1-7, D. Blanchfield 1-1, T. Walsh 0-1, J. Bennett 0-1.*

*Dublin scorers: D. Foley 1-1, E. Flynn 0-3, H. Dalton 0-1*

**Kilkenny:** O. Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, S. Cleere, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, P. Moran, C. Dunne, E. Keher, J. Bennett, T. Walsh, P. Foley, J. Lynch, R. Blanchfield.

**Subs.** P. Carroll, J. Teehan.

**Dublin:** M. Behan, S. Moyles, E. Roe, P. Maycock, G. O'Driscoll, M. Doolin, F. Whelan, B. Cooney, H. Dalton, D. McPartland, J. Keaveney, E. Flynn, N. Kinsella, E. Fahy, A. Boothman.

**Subs.** D. Foley, E. Malone.

*Referee: M. Spain (Offaly)*



**Leinster Trophy**  
(Bob O'Keeffe Cup)





## BACKROOM TEAM 1967

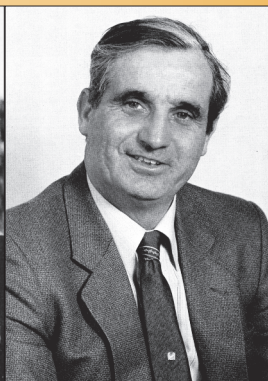
*In addition to the players, the men behind the scenes also reaped considerable satisfaction from the great win. Chief among them were Co Chairman Nicky Purcell, Co Secretary Paddy Grace who had the responsibility that everything worked smoothly, the five selectors, the manager, trainer, medic, kit man and hurley carriers.*



**Nicky Purcell**  
(Graigue)  
Co Chairman/Selector



**Dan Kennedy**  
(Bennettsbridge)  
Selector



**Paddy Buggy**  
(Slieverue)  
Selector



**Tom Nolan**  
(Mooncoin)  
Selector



**Tom Ryall** (Graigue)  
Selector



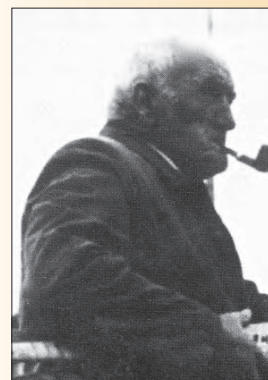
**Rev Tommy Maher**  
(Manager)



**Mick Lanigan**  
(Trainer)



**Michael (Chew) Leahy**  
(Kitman & Dietician)



**Billy Culleton**  
(Hurl Carrier)



**Stephen Kinsella**  
(Hurl Carrier)



**Dr Kieran Cuddihy**  
(Medic)



**Paddy Grace**  
(County Secretary)



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

## Leinster SH Championship Final

Croke Park 16th July 1967

### Kilkenny Win Their 40th Leinster Senior Hurling Title

#### Kilkenny 4-10 Wexford 1-12

A scintillating second half display by Eddie Keher, who contributed 2-5 - half of the Kilkenny total - helped the Black and Amber to retain their title, when they defeated Wexford by 4-10 to 1-12 in the Leinster senior hurling final at Croke Park on Sunday.

This victory brings Kilkenny into their fourth All-Ireland in five years in which they will meet either Tipperary or Clare.

Though it was Eddie Keher who largely paved the way for victory, the goal that started Kilkenny's spree came from Jim Bennett. At this stage, eight minutes after the start of the second half, Wexford led by 1-10 to 0-5 and looked like coasting to victory, but Bennett from some yards out from the left edge of the square sent a rasping ground shot past Pat Nolan.

Wexford, beset by injuries, fielded without Tom Neville, Willie Murphy, Michael Collins, and Joe Murphy while Kilkenny were without Patsy Foley who was replaced by Pat Carroll.

Eddie Kelly came on at full back for Wexford and Mick Kinsella at centre back.

The game had two spells that entitled it to rank as the best game of the year - the first quarter provided many brilliant passages, as Wexford started at a lightning pace, and for 15 minutes of the second half when Kilkenny provided the big crowd with a display of classical hurling.

In between those two periods the game sagged a quite a bit and the hurling was not spectacular but by and large it was a good game well in keeping with the fine tradition of Kilkenny-Wexford hurling. Ollie Walsh had a great game in goal and his save from Phil Wilson as Wexford tried to come back into the game was a very spectacular.

The full back line of Carroll, Dillon, and Treacy were very sound and the half back line of Cleere, Henderson and Coogan kepted a tight grip on the Wexford forwards.

Paddy Moran had his best game for some time and received good support from Jim Bennett. Eddie Keher was the star of the forwards and received great support from Pat Carroll, Claus

Dunne and Jim Lynch.

Tom Walsh was having a great game in the early stages, but following a collision with Willie O'Neill he had to leave the field to be replaced by John Teehan.

Though beaten on four occasions, Pat Nolan had a good game in goal and made a number of brilliant saves

In the Wexford defence that was overworked in the second half Eddie Kelly, Ned Colfer, Vinnie Staples and Mick Kinsella were best.

Jimmy O'Brien did quite a lot of work at centrefield while in attack that lacked the power shown in the league final, only Phil Wilson and Paul Lynch really shone.





## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



Kilkenny: Ollie Walsh, Ted Carroll, Pa Dillon, Jim Treacy, Seamus Cleere, Pat Henderson, Martin Coogan, Paddy Moran, Jim Bennett, Eddie Keher, Tom Walsh, Clause Dunne, Pat Carroll, Jim Lynch, Dick Blanchfield.

Wexford: Pat Nolan, Dan Quigley, Eddie Kelly, Ned Colfer, William O'Neill, Mick Kinsella,

Vinny Staples, Jimmy O'Brien, Richard Shannon, C. Jacob, Paul Lynch, Phil Wilson, Pat Quigley, Tony Doran, Seamus Whelan. Subs. D.Foley, E. Malone.

Referee: John Dowling (Offaly)

Attendance 25,242

# SCORES BY THE CLOCK



TIME	TEAM	SCORE	SCORER
FIRST HALF			
30 sec	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
1 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Tom Walsh
7 min.	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
9 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Claus Dunne
10 min.	Wexford	Point	Phil Wilson
13 min.	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
15 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Tom Walsh
19 min.	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
22 min.	Wexford	Point	Dan Quigley
25 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
25 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
28 min.	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
HALF TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 0-4 WEXFORD 0-8			
SECOND HALF			
2 min.	Wexford	Point	Jimmy O'Brien
4 min.	Wexford	Point	Jimmy O'Brien
6 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
8 min.	Wexford	Goal	Seamus Whelan
9 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Jim Bennett
10 min.	Wexford	Point	Phil Wilson
12 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Claus Dunne
13 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Eddie Keher
14 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Claus Dunne
17 min.	Wexford	Point	Paul Lynch
18 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Eddie Keher
19 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
27 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
28 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
29 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Jim Bennett
FULL TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 4-10 WEXFORD 1-12			

FIGURES OF THE GAME					
First Half	Goals	Points	Wides	Frees	70's
Kilkenny	0	4	4	1	1
Wexford	0	8	9	6	1
Second Half	Goals	Points	Wides	Frees	70's
Kilkenny	4	6	8	4	2
Wexford	1	4	3	9	2



# KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



**Eddie Keher, who starred in Kilkenny's Leinster S.H.C. final win over Wexford at Croke Park on Sunday. He scored 2-7 of his side's total of 4-10 and on Wednesday, when helping Provincial Bank to defeat National Bank in the final of the Inter-Banks' hurling decider, he was responsible for 3-6 of a tally of 4-13. (Irish Independent)**



**Wexford NHL Champions & Leinster Finalists 1967**



# SNIPPETS 1967



**Kilkenny's  
National Hurling League Record  
1966/1967**

Waterford 2-9	Kilkenny 3-13
Kilkenny 10-14	Laois 1-4
Kilkenny 2-15	Offaly 1-9
Kilkenny 5-7	Tipperary 2-7
Kilkenny 2-4	Wexford 3-4

(Semi-Final)  
Kilkenny 3-10 Clare 3-9

(Final)  
Wexford 3-10 Kilkenny 1-9

**National Results 1967**

- All Ireland SH Final
- Kilkenny 3-9 Tipperary 2-8
- All Ireland IH Final
- London 1-9 Cork 1-5
- All Ireland JH Final
- Wicklow 3-15 London 4-4
- All Ireland U21H Final
- Tipperary 1-8 Dublin 1-7
- All Ireland MH Final
- Cork 2-15 Wexford 5-3
- All Ireland SF Final
- Meath 1-9 Cork 0-9
- All Ireland JF Final
- Kerry 0-9 London 0-4
- All Ireland U21F Final
- Mayo 4-9 Kerry 1-7
- All Ireland MF Final
- Cork 5-14 Laois 2-3
- Oireachtas Final
- Kilkenny 4-4 Clare 1-8
- Walsh Cup Final 1967
- Wexford 8-16 Kilkenny 3-7

**Kilkenny Co Final Results 1967**

- County SH Final
- Bennettsbridge 3-10 Thomastown 1-4
- County JH Final
- Coon 5-11 Knocktopher 1-2
- County U21H Final
- Bennettsbridge 7-3 Ballyhale 2-3
- County MH Final
- Ballyhale 4-7 James Stephens 3-1
- County U16H Final
- Rower Inistioge 2-7 St Patrick's 2-3
- County SF Final
- Railyard 3-5 Clann na Gael 1-2
- County JF Final
- Rower Inistioge 0-5 Barrowmount 0-5
- County MF Final
- Railyard 1-8 Graignamanagh 0-1
- County U16F Final
- St Patrick's bt Graignamanagh

**Gaelic Weekly Cuchulainn  
All Stars 1967**

	
Ollie Walsh	Pa Dillon
	
Jim Treacy	Seamus Cleere
	
Pat Henderson	Paddy Moran
	
Eddie Keher	Tom Walsh

 1967 Texaco/Caltex Winner  
Ollie Walsh

## KILKENNY BOARD OFFICERS 1967

### COUNTY BOARD

Chairman	Nicholas Purcell	(Graigue)
Secretary	Paddy Grace	(Dicksboro)
Trustee	T. J. Bergin	(Johnstown)
Trustee	Joe Walsh	(Thomastown)
Central Council	Nicholas Purcell	(Graigue)
Leinster Council	Paddy Buggy	(Slieverue)
Registrar	Liam Moore	(Kilkenny)

### NORTHERN BOARD

Chairman	Martin Egan	(Threecastles)
Vice-Chairman	Liam Ryan	(Clara)
Secretary	Johnny Ivory	(Lisdowney)

Chairman  
Vice-chairman  
Secretary

### FOOTBALL BOARD

Chairman	Joe Walsh	(Railyard)
Secretary	Tommy O'Brien	(Kilkenny)

### UNDER 16 BOARD

Chairman	Br. Michael	(St. John's)
Vice-Chairman	Tom Brennan	(Clara)
Secretary	Joe Walsh	(Thomastown)

### SOUTHERN BOARD

Michael O'Neill	(Kilmacow)
Joe Walsh	(Thomastown)
Seamus McKenna	(Thomastown)



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

## The Champions from the Nore

Come join with me in victory and raise your glasses high  
To toast a Black and Amber team I'll cherish 'till I die  
They did the deed with skill and speed to get each vital score  
And brought the crown to this old town, Kilkenny by the Nore

We've waited forty-five long years, and that's the reason why  
This victory means much more to us than all the ones gone by  
Revenge is sweet and I repeat, 'twas much the sweeter still  
To have Tipp treed by Noreside speed, like the fox before the kill

By golly didn't Ollie play a game we'll ne'er forget  
Like a big stone wall he stopped the ball before it reached the net  
His puck outs in the second half were a wonder to behold  
He deserves our cheers when he appears, this goalie brave and bold

We can't forget the men who kept the forwards from the square  
These six men played like Trojans and surely did their share  
While John Teehan and Pat Moran were great at centre field  
To Mick Roche and Theo English they never once did yield

Young blondie Tom went like a bomb to get those wonder goals  
And through Tipperary's stout defence he surely found some holes  
No words can say, or e'er convey, how we feel about this boy  
Who played his best game ever and won-but lost an eye

And Eddie Keher as ever ready had a serious injury too  
He too, retired as it transpired before the game was through  
Had he been there, I do declare, we'd have a bigger score  
But he'll play again with these champion men from Kilkenny by the Nore

And so, the "hoodoo's" broken by our Black and Amber men  
Perhaps next year they'll again appear to win the crown again  
But they won the game that mattered, and we'll praise for evermore  
All-Ireland hurling champions from Kilkenny by the Nore

*Written by R Farrell, Dean Kavanagh Place, Kilkenny  
(From the James Murphy, Glensensaw, Tullogher, Collection)*





## A Mighty Man



I met a man the other night he came from Thurles town  
 He was speaking of Tipp hurlers and stars of great renown  
 "Kilkenny, were too soft" he said, "in many a hard fought game  
 But they had a man, a mighty man, and I'll give to you his name  
 Pa Dillon from St Lactain's, he was mighty on the square  
 The forwards they were nervous to encroach that circle there"  
 "You're right", I said, "he was some man, of Tipp he had no fear  
 Go back to Sixty Seven, and our hurling game that year"  
 'Twas Croke Park in September, that we met steel with steel  
 And Pa Dillon from St Lactain's was the star that day I feel  
 He caught the ball from out the sky he struck along the ground  
 And tiptoed through Tipperary men with a surging leap and bound  
 Right well Tipperary gave their all, in their quest for Ireland's glory  
 But they fell before Pa Dillon's men - and that's the final story"

*Written by James Murphy, Glensensaw, Tullogher, 1967*



## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

## EXCURSIONS TO DUBLIN

ON Sunday next, in connection with the All-Ireland Hurling Finals at Croke Park, Minor: Wexford v. Cork, and Senior: Kilkenny v. Tipperary, special trains will leave Kilkenny at 09.10, 09.30 and 09.50, and Waterford at 07.50. Timetable and Standard Class Day Return fares will be:—

Depart					s	d
Kilkenny	09.10	09.30	09.50	...	21	0
Heuston Station						
(Kingsbridge) arr.	10.45	11.05	11.40	...		

## FROM WATERFORD

Depart				s	d
Waterford	07.50	...	...	27	0
Thomastown	08.24	...	...	23	0
Heuston Station (Kingsbridge) arr.	10.25	...	...		

Return train from Heuston Station (Kingsbridge) at 18.50

# GO CIE

## EXCURSION TO DUBLIN Special Buses

ON SUNDAY next, in connection with the All-Ireland Hurling Finals at Croke Park, Minor: Wexford v Cork, and Senior: Kilkenny v Tipperary, a special bus service will run as follows:

Depart		s	d
Kilmacow	07.55	8	9
Mullinavat	08.05	7	9
Ballyhale	08.25	6	0
Bennettsbridge	09.00	4	6
Kilkenny Station			
arrive	09.15		

This bus service will connect with the 09.30 special train to Dublin. Return train at 19.30.

A special bus service will operate from Ballyragget as follows:

Depart		s	d
Ballyragget	09.45	19	6
Attanagh	09.55	18	0
Durrow	10.00	17	6
Abbeyleix	10.15	17	0
Dublin arrive	12.30	—	—

Return service from Dublin at 18.30.

Full information from Bus Agents.

# GO CIE



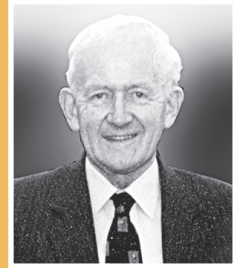
Not a place to be stranded - the formidable Tipp defence converges on Martin (Goggy) Brennan.





## TOM RYALL'S REPORT OF THE 1967 SEASON

Nineteen-sixty-seven was a milestone in the history of Kilkenny G.A.A. It was the year that saw the county lay the 45 year bogey of defeat by Tipperary in the championship. When one examines the facts, however, one sees that in those 45 years, the sides clashed on only five occasions in the championship, Tipperary beating Kilkenny in the All-Irelands of 1937, 1945, 1950 and 1964, as well as the semi-final of 1958. The Munster men had also scored victories over the Noresiders in the National Hurling League finals of 1950, 1954 and 1957, as well as in the Oireachtas finals of 1964 and 1965. Kilkenny gained the first win of importance since 1922 over Tipperary in the 1966 National Hurling League home decider. This championship win in 1967 well and truly buried the "hoodoo" that existed.



Kilkenny started the 1967 championship with an easy 6-10 to 1-5 win over Dublin at Carlow. Two goals by Jim Lynch in the first half gave the winners a half-time lead of 2-4 to 0-4. The Leinster final against Wexford produced another great game. Wexford, aided by the breeze had the better of the first half and led by 0-8 to 0-4 at half-time. At this stage a Kilkenny win looked likely, but ten minutes into the second half they looked to be heading for defeat when Wexford had increased their lead to eight points, 1-10 to 0-5, the goal coming from "Shanks" Whelan.

Then, in a glorious ten minutes spell, Kilkenny scored 3-1 to take the lead. A puckout by Ollie Walsh landed inside the Wexford twenty-one yards line and Jim Bennett collected to score a fine goal. Claus Dunne followed with a point to which Wexford replied with another point. Eddie Keher then blasted a twenty-one yards free to the net, and when Claus Dunne scored another great goal, Kilkenny led by 3-6 to 1-11. Paul Lynch levelled the scores. This was Wexford's last score and Kilkenny added a goal and four points in the closing ten minutes to finish on top by 4-10 to 1-12.

All-Ireland day brought unsettled weather, with a fierce gale and a mixture of rain and bright, sunny spells. Tipperary had first use of the blustery wind. At half-time they led by 2-6 to 1-3. This lead would have been much greater but for the fantastic display of goalkeeping by Ollie Walsh, who had his greatest game ever in the black and amber jersey. In that half he made at least half a dozen brilliant saves, any of which could have yielded a goal. As a result, he was later given the Texaco award as hurler of the year. His display was all the more meritorious as he entered the match with seven stitches in his wrist following an accident on the train on the way to the game.

Kilkenny got a tonic start with a goal after five minutes from Paddy Moran. Although Tipperary had a highly rated forward line they were rendered completely ineffective by the Kilkenny defence, in which every man was a hero. Ted Carroll mastered Sean McLoughlin, who was



*Tom Walsh in action in the 1967 Final, his last game.*



## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

replaced at half-time, Liam Devaney and John Flanagan in turn. Pa Dillon was soundness personified and his interception of Donie Nealon's intended pass to Liam Devaney was a vital piece of work. Jim Treacy stuck closely to Jimmy Doyle and gave him little room to create openings. Pat Henderson was the outstanding player in defence and outthured three successive centre-half forwards - John Flanagan, Michael Keating and Liam Devaney. Seamus Cleere had his best game of that year, while Martin Coogan also played his customary sound match.

So well did the defence contain the opposing forwards that six of the losers' seven points came from frees. Tipperary had just one point in the second half and that was in the closing minutes. Kilkenny had tied the scores by the 9th minute after a goal by Martin Brennan, a point by Eddie Keher, another from Tom Walsh and a third by Claus Dunne. A goal by Tom Walsh in the 42nd minute put Kilkenny on the road to victory. Just after that, the Leinster champions lost Eddie Keher with a wrist injury. It took Kilkenny, although they were well on top, another six minutes to get the "insurance" point when Claus Dunne landed a free. Dick Blanchfield, who had come on in place of Keher, scored Kilkenny's final point. Jimmy Doyle closed the scoring and left it at 3-8 to 2-7. This was Kilkenny's sixteenth title.

Having already noted the part played by Ollie Walsh and the defence, the rest of the team must not be forgotten. John Teehan and Paddy Moran, except for brief periods, held sway at midfield. Moran's goal was the tonic start Kilkenny needed when facing the breeze. Teehan earned undying fame for his superiority over Tipperary star, Mick Roche. The Kilkenny half-forward line of Eddie Keher, Tom Walsh and Claus Dunne was always mobile and extremely resourceful. Tom Walsh outpaced Tony Wall to a baffling degree. His goal in the second half was the turning point. The game was marred by an unfortunate accident to Walsh four minutes from time. As a result, he lost an eye, and what was shaping-up as an illustrious career was abruptly halted.

The full-forward line of Jim Bennett, Jim Lynch and Martin Brennan battled hard, but with little success, except for Brennan's goal. Dick Blanchfield scored a good point after coming on, while John Kinsella and Pat Carroll were not long enough in the game to leave an imprint. Fr.

Tommy Maher, who had trained the 1957 and 1963 winning teams, was again in charge. The physical well being of the players was looked after by Mick Lanigan, who was with the side for the first time. This Maher-Lanigan partnership was to prove a great combination for Kilkenny. They guided teams to further All-Ireland glory in 1969, 1972, 1974 and 1975 before bowing out in 1978. The captain of the team was Jim Treacy.

*Scorers for for Kilkenny were Tom Walsh (1-2), Eddie Keher (0-3), Paddy Moran (1-0), Martin Brennan (1-0), Claus Dunne (0-2), Dick Blanchfield (0-1). The attendance was 64,241.*

*From "Kilkenny The GAA Story 1884 - 1984"*



*John Doyle, Tipperary's most decorated hurler, leaves the field after the 1967 final, having failed to win his 9th All Ireland medal.*



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



*Ollie Walsh, with his right wrist bandaged, is cheered off the field after the Final*



*Dick Blanchfield (K) takes a shot at goal. The other Kilkenny players are Jim Lynch, Martin Brennan and John Kinsella.*

*The Tipperary players are Kieran Carey, Len Gaynor and John Doyle.*





KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

**Croke Park**  
**Sunday 3rd September 1967**

**The weight of their hurling years inexorably caught up with Tipperary at Croke Park yesterday in the All-Ireland senior hurling championship final in which Kilkenny superiority was greatly minimised in their four-point margin 3-8 to 2-7 before an attendance of 64,241 who watched the game in blustery conditions.**

It was indeed a celebrated occasion for Kilkenny who in the process of winning a game more noteworthy for intensity of endeavour than it was for spectacular fare, shattered to smithereens the hoodoo that had for so long encompassed them in All-Ireland deciders with Tipperary.

Not since the 1922 senior final had the winners beaten yesterday's rivals in a final, and it will greatly add to the joy of the celebrations which must follow the great triumph, that not even the most grudging of Tipperary men could cavil at the result

The four points which separated the sides at the call of time sufficed for the day and Kilkenny men will doubtless see something significant in the

result - one point for each of Kilkenny's defeats in the 1937, 1945, 1950, and the 1964 All-Ireland finals

#### **Elegance**

In screaming, scarlet lettering the writing was on the wall at the railway end for the losers at the interval at which they led by only 2-6 to 1-3 after having played with a wind the strength of which demanded the comfort of at least a ten or twelve point lead at half-time.

Kilkenny, particularly in the second period, moved with an elegance that betokened an unshakeable belief in themselves, whereas Tipperary, never at any stage of the hour felt the confidence that would have enabled them to match their opponents.

In the last quarter the winners luxuriated in their position and the unity of their effectiveness was in sharp contrast to the endeavours of Tipperary who at times were confused even when the ball was their prisoner.

#### **Escaped**

Looking back on it all in the loneliness that Croke

# Irish Index

## TIPP NO MATCH

### All-Ireland "hoodoo" shatter Teehan brilliance



*Clause Dunne, Len Gaynor, John Doyle and Dick Blanchfield in goalmouth action.*



ependent 

KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



# H FOR KILKENNY

tered in exciting hurling final  
ce was vital factor.

J. D. Hickey  
Irish Independent

Park becomes when the tumult and the shouting ends, my wonder grows that Tipperary escaped so lightly.

But their cup of sorrow would be fuller and the lost treasure - John Doyle's ninth medal - more difficult to live without had not Kilkenny lost Eddie Keher near the close of the third quarter and Tom Walsh in the closing minutes.

It was after Keher's departure with a wrist injury that the game began to cascade as Keher likes it to torrent and over-spill the whole pitch. Brilliantly though Len Gaynor resisted all thoughts, Keher, it is only fair to assume, would have been at the helm in the last quarter.

Tipperary to their credit battled with admirable tenacity. Their hearts were as big in any of their victories over the years, but intent is a poor substitute for action on the hurling field.

Will, resolution, even frenzy, are in essence negative attributes when a side reaches the stage when some men's legs have become reluctant.

Within ten minutes of the restart, the six points lead which Tipperary sweated about rather than enjoyed at the break had been demolished and from that stage onwards a Kilkenny victory was inevitable as night follows day.

The measure of Kilkenny's second half mastery is demonstrated in the fact that the opposition's only score in the period - a point - did not come until 30 seconds from the end at which time not even a hurling miracle could have redeemed the Munster county.

While club, blood and far more remote and watery relationships may cause Kilkenny men to nominate any of the fifteen for stellar rating, John Teehan gets my vote as the man of the match who did most to fashion the triumph.

His part in the victory may not have the gloss of some of Ollie Walsh's the spectacular saves: the ruthless but over legitimate fury of Pat Henderson's hurling: the grandeur of Pa Dillon's power: or the consistency of Tom Walsh's directness: but the St. Lachtain's man neutralised Mick Roche.

In doing so he carried out Kilkenny's design ideally, got in some telling blows for his side and who can measure how he disillusioned Tipperary

## CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS IOMÁNA

MIONÚIR  
1.45



SINSIR  
3.15

1/-



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

*Seán Ó hÓgáin*  
ARD-RUNAT

Roinn  
m

Suíocán

1119



Aróán Ó hÓgáin  
(LOWER DECK)

ALL-IRELAND  
HURLING FINALS

3-9-'67

Mionúir 1.45

Sinsir 3.15

Lwac

25/-



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

## ALL IRELAND SENIOR

## CILL CHAINNIGH



(1)  
**O. Breathnach**  
(O. Walsh)



(2)  
**T. O Cearbhaill**  
(T. Carroll)



(5)  
**(S. de Cléir)**  
(S. Cleere)



(8)  
**P. O Moráin**  
(P. Moran)



(10)  
**E. O Ceithir**  
(E. Keher)



(13)  
**S. Beinéid**  
(J. Bennett)



(3)  
**P. O Diólún**  
(P. Dillon)



(6)  
**P. Mac Andréis**  
(P. Henderson)



(11)  
**T. Breathnach**  
(T. Walsh)



(14)  
**S. O Loinsigh**  
(J. Lynch)



(4)  
**S. O Treasaigh**  
(J. Treacy)



(7)  
**M. O Cuagáin**  
(M. Coogan)



(9)  
**(S. O Téacháin)**  
(J. Teehan)



(12)  
**C. O Duinn**  
(C. Dunne)



(15)  
**M. O Braonáin**  
(M. Brennan)

**Dathanna :** Dubh is Bui  
(Black and Amber)



Réiteoi

**M. O hA**  
(An Cl)

Maoir-C

**R. Gáir****P. O Fat****T. O Cal****T. O B**

(Gaillir)

**Fir Ionaíd :** (16) N. O Sceacháin (N. Skehan); (17) S. O Faoláin (C. Phelan); (18) P. O Cearbhaill (P. Carroll); (19) S. O Cinsealaigh (J. Kinsella); (20) R. Bluinsín (R. Blanchfield).

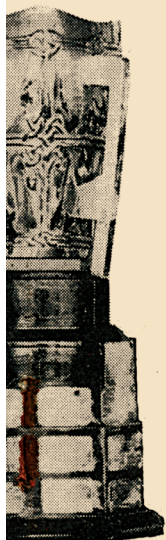
CILL CHAINNIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	70 Sl.	Saor-Phocanna
1 adh. Leath ... ..					
2 adh. Leath ... ..					
Iomlán ... ..					





# DR HURLING FINAL 1967

**Dathanna :** Gorm is Bui  
(Blue and Gold)



(1)  
**S. O'Donnadha**  
(J. O'Donoghue)



(2)  
**Seán O'Dúill**  
(J. Doyle)



(5)  
**M. O'Brien**  
(M. Burns)



(8)  
**T. Inglis**  
(T. English)



(10)  
**D. O'Niall**  
(D. Nealon)



(13)  
**Séamus O'Dúill**  
(J. Doyle)



(3)  
**C. O'Ciardha**  
(K. Carey)



(6)  
**A. de Bháil**  
(A. Wall)



(11)  
**S. O'Flanagan**  
(J. Flanagan)



(14)  
**M. O'Céitinn**  
(M. Keating)



(4)  
**N. O'Gormáin**  
(N. O'Gorman)



(7)  
**L. Mag Fionnbhair**  
(L. Gaynor)



(9)  
**M. de Róiste**  
(M. Roche)



(12)  
**L. O'Duibheannaigh**  
(L. Devaney)



(15)  
**S. Mac Lochlainn**  
(S. McLoughlin)

**Fir Ionaid :** (16) S. Mac Cionnaith (J. McKenna); (17) L. O'Cadhlá (L. Kiely); (18) P. O'Riain (P. Ryan); (19) M. O'Lonargáin (M. Lonergan); (20) P. O'hAragáin (P. Arrigan).

<b>TIOBRAID ARANN</b>	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	70 Sl.	Saor-Phocanna
1 adh. Leath ... ..					
2 adh. Leath ... ..					
Ionlán ... ..					





## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

men who had such high hopes of Roche.

### Reasonable.

Except for a brief spell in the first half to which Roche made a start that must have warmed the cockles of the hearts of Tipperary men, Teehan and Paddy Moran were midfield masters

With time running out, the losers brought in J. Ryan for Theo English, but it is doubtful if at that time the family of the four Ryan brothers could have salvaged Tipperary. In speed and implementation of decision, the losers

were out-distanced in the closing stages, but it speaks volumes for the defence - in the anxious days of waiting regarded as the suspect sector of the team - that Kilkenny's score was kept down to reasonable proportions.

### Moderate

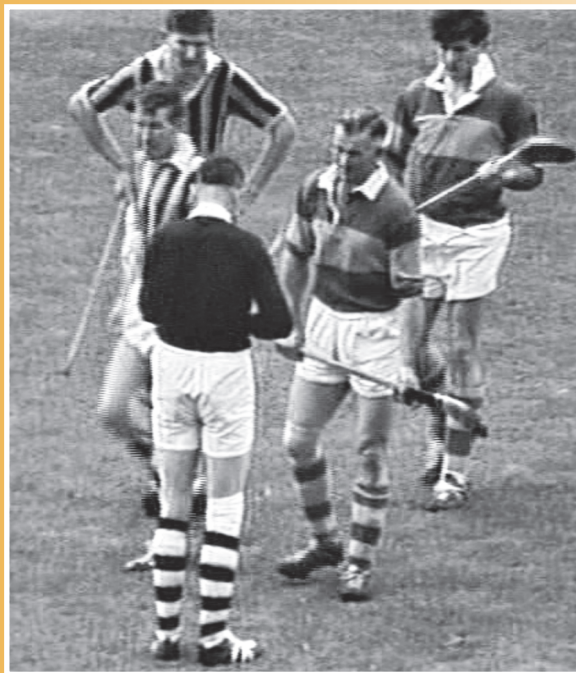
As stated Gaynor, even when he opposed by Keher, was the star of that department, but nowhere else through the field had Tipperary an inspiring figure who might galvanise the side to lift the tempo of their game.

The others were almost uniformly moderate and All-Irelands are not won by passable or even capable sides. It takes something such as some of Ollie's saves or Teehan's policing of a feared foe to ignite a team.

One is uncertain whether Walsh should be esteemed most for his saves or the manner in which he hurled defiance at the opposition as he came through their lines to clear.

Henderson in turn outclassed John Flanagan, Michael Keating, and Liam Devaney, and in my order of merit Ted Carroll although unobtrusive, comes next in the winners' defence. He was utterly dependable and Kilkenny followers must have been at ease every time Tipperary went up the wing.

Jim Treacy, Seamus Cleere, and Martin Coogan,



John Teehan, Paddy Moran, Theo English and Mick Roche await referee Mick Hayes' (Clare) throw in.

even though Donie Nealon scored two goals also contributed generously to the triumph.

In the attack, Tom Walsh was the most deeply penetrative thorn in Tipperary's side. Insubordinating his customary approach, puck and solo run, to first time tactics, he often nonplussed the opposition and prevented Tony Wall getting in his lengthy clearances on which the losers' forward division feasted for many years.

### Little Scope

Claus Dunne got very little scope from Mick Burns and the inside line of Kilkenny forwards so harassed their rivals that

they were glad to scramble the ball away rather than seek to get in lengthy clearances.

Gaynor and Burns were the only Tipperary players to enhance their reputations. Roche came into the game when time was running out and Nealon was the only forward in the losers ranks ever to hold out even little hope that Kilkenny's defensive rampart would be broken down.

This in all the circumstances was a defiantly glorious win for Kilkenny and it adds to the flavour of the triumph that it was conclusively clear-cut, a win about which there can be no ifs or buts or onlys from any source - even the gambler reported to have staked £2500 on Tipperary to win £2000.

### Tailpiece

Referee Michael Hayes (Clare) officiating in his second All-Ireland senior final performed his duties in a manner that should earn further similar honours.

### SCORE BY SCORE BY BOB HYLAND

The Tipperary captain Mike Roche won the toss and elected to play with the strong wind, which blew right down the pitch into the Railway goal and the Kilkenny defence had to cope the additional hazard of strong sunshine.

In the early minutes Tipperary mounted several dangerous attacks and Ollie Walsh was called on



# SCORES BY THE CLOCK



TIME	TEAM	SCORE	SCORER
FIRST HALF			
5 min	Kilkenny	Goal	Paddy Moran
6 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
8 min.	Tipperary	Point	Mick Roche
11min.	Tipperary	Point	Mick Roche
13 min.	Tipperary	Point	Jimmy Doyle (F)
14 min.	Tipperary	Goal	Donie Nealon
16 min.	Tipperary	Goal	Donie Nealon
18 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
21 min.	Tipperary	Point	Jimmy Doyle (F)
25 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Tom Walsh (F)
26 min.	Tipperary	Point	Jimmy Doyle (F)
28 min.	Tipperary	Point	Jimmy Doyle (F)
HALF TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 1-3 TIPPERARY 2-6			
SECOND HALF			
4 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Martin Brennan
5 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Tom Walsh (F)
9 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Eddie Keher
10min.	Kilkenny	Point	Claus Dunne
12 min.	Kilkenny	Goal	Tom Walsh
18 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Claus Dunne (F)
27 min.	Kilkenny	Point	Dick Blanchfield
29 min.	Tipperary	Point	Jimmy Doyle (F)
FULL TIME SCORE: KILKENNY 3-8 TIPPERARY 2-7			

to make a great save from Flanagan.

Play switched rapidly to the other end and following a Kilkenny attack a defender's clearance was gathered by Paddy Moran, 45 yards out and his head high return completely baffled the Tipperary goalkeeper who was unsighted by players in front of him.

## Fine Saves.

In the sixth minute Keher increased the lead with a pointed free and this seemed to prod the Tipperary men into action. Two minutes later Roche pointed from a '70, and English was wide after a Flanagan-Devaney move. Ollie Walsh then made a super save from Nealon.

Roche was again in the picture when in the 11th minute he fastened on to Dillon's clearance to score a point from 30 yards. And following an excellent save by Walsh from a long shot from Burns, Jimmy Doyle pointed a free in the 13th minute.

With Tipperary now in full cry, Nealon cut in behind the half-backs and flashed the ball to the left corner of the net after 15th minutes to give his side the lead- 1-3 to 1-1 at that stage.

After Ollie Walsh had made another great save from Devaney, Tipperary were awarded a free in front of goal. Keating apparently going for a goal hit the ball low and it was scrambled out to Nealon who shot to the net after 16th minutes. Soon afterwards Coogan's name was taken after a clash with Nealon.

## Relief

Then in the 19th minute relief came for Kilkenny when after a field-length movement Keher pointed.

Three minutes later Doyle pointed a free and Walsh in the Kilkenny goal foiled Flanagan with another great save.

In the 26th minute a stinging Tom Walsh free was tipped over the bar for a point and in the closing





# KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



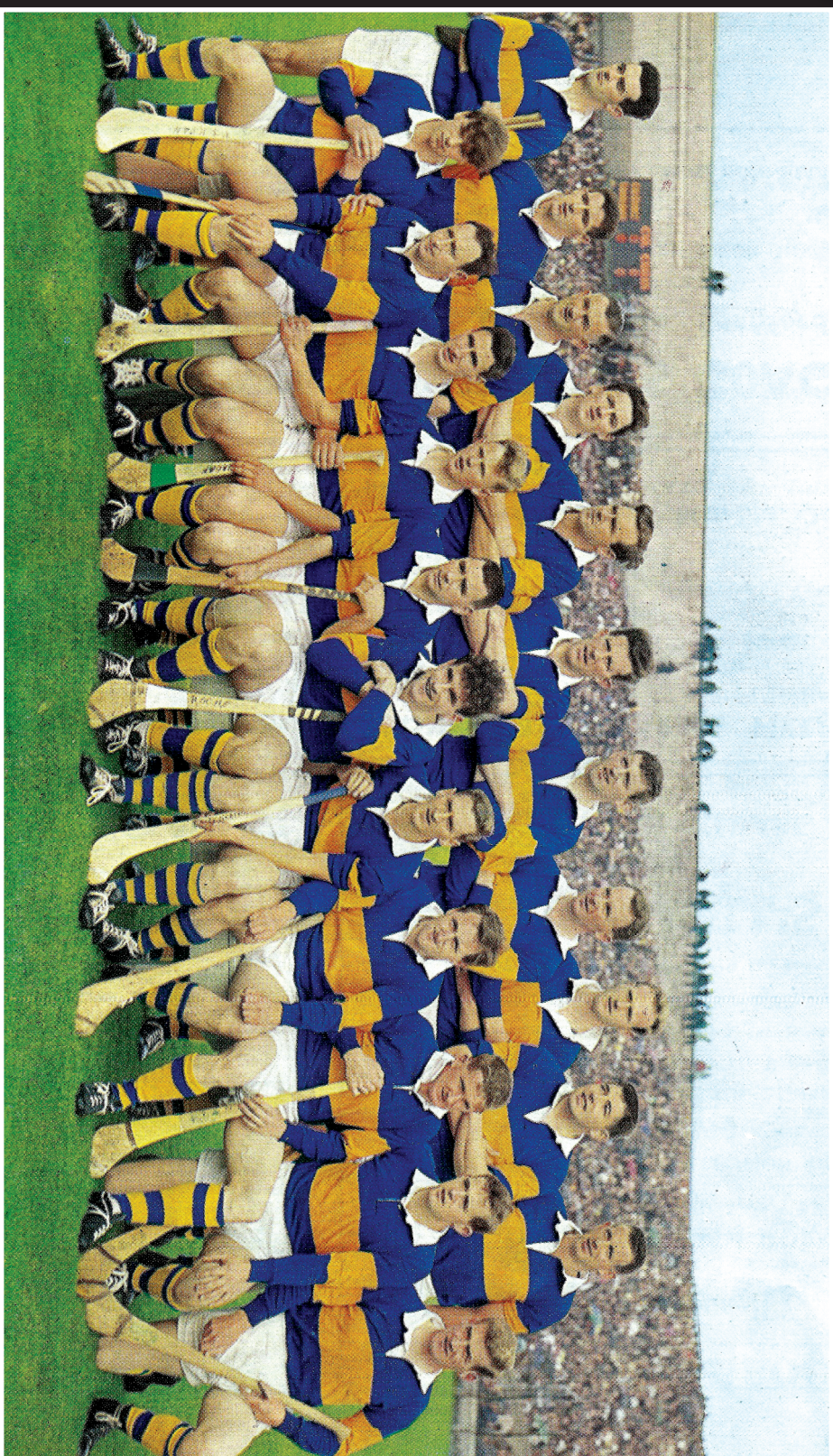
## KILKENNY - ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

Back: Ted Carroll (Lisdowney), Pat Henderson (Fenians), Claus Dunne (Mooncoin), Eddie Keher (Rower Inistioge), John Teehan (St Lachtain's), Pa Dillon (St Lachtain's), Jim Lynch (Mooncoin), Ollie Walsh (Thomastown).

Front: Martin Coogan (Erin's Own), Martin Brennan (Erin's Own), Seamus Cleere (Bennettsbridge), Jim Treacy, Capt. (Bennettsbridge), Jim Bennett (Bennettsbridge), Paddy Moran (Bennettsbridge), Tom Walsh (Thomastown).



## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



TIPPERARY - ALL IRELAND SH FINALISTS 1967

Back: John O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers), Jimmy Ryan (Carrick Davins), Theo English (Warfield), Noel O'Gorman (Newport), John Doyle (Holycross Ballycahill), Kieran Carey (Foscrea), Sean McLoughlin (Thurles Sarsfields), Tony Wall (Thurles Sarsfields), Mick Loneragan (Moycarkey Borris), Michael Babs Keating (Ballybacon Grange), Pat Arrihan (Carrick Davins).

Front: PJ Ryan (Carrick Davins), John Mackey McKenna (Borrisokane), John Flanagan (Moycarkey Borris), Jimmy Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields), Mick Roche (Carrick Davins), Donie Nealon (Burgess), Liam Devaney (Borrisoleigh), Mick Burns (Nenagh Eire Og), Seamus Shinnors (Newport), Larry Kiely (Gortnahoe-Glengoele).





# KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



Assisted by Dr Kieran Cuddihy, Tom Walsh leaves the field with a career-ending eye injury.

stages Jimmy Doyle pointed two frees from 40 and 80 yards respectively to leave the half-time score Tipperary 2-6 Kilkenny 1-3.

## Relief

Tipperary resumed with Kiely replacing McLoughlin and playing at right half forward, Devaney moving into the left corner. Kilkenny now playing with the breeze hurled with

more determination and in the fourth minute came a dramatic goal. Kilkenny were awarded a free in front of the goal. Tom Walsh failed to connect properly but had a second try off the ground and the ball rose up for Brennan, although well challenged, to tip to the net.

Over a minute later Tom Walsh pointed a free to leave Kilkenny only two points in arrears and similar scores from Keher and Dunne (after a brilliant solo) brought the sides level after ten minutes. Lonergan then replaced the injured right half back Burns.



The Final Score

## Indecisive

In the 12th minute Tom Walsh took advantage of some indecisive poking by the Tipperary defenders following a Moran free to whip the ball to the net. Blanchfield then replaced the injured Keher for Kilkenny, the former going to the right corner, and Bennett to right half-forward.

Dillon saved a very dangerous situation for Kilkenny when he intercepted a Nealon pass which if it had reached the waiting Devaney, could have brought a goal as the defence was drawn out.

In the 21st minute Dunne pointed a free after Tom Walsh was injured. Then came two substitutions, P. Ryan replacing English, and John Kinsella coming in for Jim Bennett for Kilkenny who soon afterwards brought on Pat Carroll for Tom Walsh. Three minutes from the end Blanchfield had a neat Kilkenny point and in the remaining minutes Keating's goal attempt was saved and Jimmy





**GIVING OLLIE DAYLIGHT**  
With minutes remaining, Pa Dillon, Seamus Cleere, Pat Henderon and Ted Carroll (hidden) keep out the Tipp forwards, as Ollie Walsh saves a high ball.





# KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

Doyle had the final point of the game having robbed Treacy

*Kilkenny scorers: T. Walsh 1-3, E Keher, 0-4, P. Moran 1-0, M. Brennan 1-0, C. Dunne 0-1, D. Blanchfield 0-1.*

*Tipperary Scorers: D. Nealon 2-0, J. Doyle 0-4, M. Roche 0-2.*

**Kilkenny: O. Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Dillon, J. Treacy, S. Cleere, P. Henderson, M. Coogan, P. Moran, J. Teehan, E. Keher, T. Walsh, C. Dunne, J. Bennett, J. Lynch, M. Brennan.**

**Subs. R. Blanchfield, J. Kinsella, P. Carroll, N. Skehan, C. Phelan.**

**Tipperary Team: J. O'Donoghue, J. Doyle, K. Carey, N. O'Gorman, M. Burns, A. Wall, L. Gaynor, T. English, M. Roche, D. Nealon, J. Flanagan, L. Devaney, J. Doyle, M. Keating, S. McLoughlin,**  
**Subs. L. Kiely, M. Lonergan, P. Ryan, J. McKenna, P. Arrigan.**

*Referee: M Hayes (Clare)*

*Attendance: 64,241*



Cha Welan (Thomastown), Pat Carroll (Knocktopher), John Kinsella (Bennettsbridge), Noel Skehan (Bennettsbridge) and Dick Blanchfield (Lisdowney) all played their part in Kilkenny's campaign.



Watched by his comrades, Jim Treacy, Kilkenny captain, receives the Liam McCarthy Cup from Uachtarán Seamus Ó Riain.





Michael "Chew" Leahy tends to the spiritual needs of Ted Carroll, Pat Henderson and Martin Brennan after the game.

## 20,000 WELCOME HURLERS HOME

Celebrations, already dampened by Tom Walsh's eye injury, were thoroughly soaked when the All Ireland hurling champions arrived in the City on Monday night.

From 7 o'clock onwards, cars splashed into the city almost bumper to bumper and before the team arrived all the approach roads were lined with parked vehicles.

Men, women and children with umbrellas, overcoats and plastic macs, and quite a few hardy individuals in suits only, lined the route from the railway station to the Parade.

### HERE THEY COME

At exactly 8.10, exploding fog signals heralded the arrival of the heroes' train and simultaneously, the surging thousands around the gates of the station burst into a jubilant victory chant. Borne in a black and amber bedecked lorry, the team were played by the Graignamanagh brass band and St. John's Boys' flageolet band from the station to the Parade.

Here, on a huge Brewery lorry they were given a civic reception by the robed Mayor and Corporation, and were also welcomed by the Bishop of Ossory, Most Rev. Dr. Birch.

### TRUE TRADITIONS

Receiving the team, the Mayor, Ald. S. Pattison TD complimented them on their great display on Sunday and said they were keeping the true traditions of Kilkenny hurling to the fore.

He referred to the defeats of Kilkenny by Tipperary during the past 45 years and added: "we are now proud to have beaten the Munster men who have such a glowing hurling tradition".

Earlier in the morning, he said, he had received a phone call from Mr. McCarthy of the Kilkennymen's Association in New York complimenting the team on its achievement. Kilkennymen in many parts of the world were celebrating.

He expressed the hope that members of the Kilkenny team, some of whom were very young, would equal the record breaking feats of Cork's Christy Ring

and Tipperary's John Doyle.

Referring to Tom Walsh's accident, he said it was an unfortunate occurrence and on behalf of the people of Kilkenny he wished him a speedy recovery.



Mayor of Kilkenny,  
Seamus Pattison



## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

### A CREDIT TO ALL

Most Rev. Dr. Birch said he was very proud of the team and officials and all connected with the win. "The team", he said "were a credit to the city, the county and the diocese in the way they conducted themselves both on and off the field. Their example is something all young people could follow".

"I hope this success is only the beginning of many other successes, and I hope that next year the minors and juniors will also be bringing home cups".

Chairman of the County Board Mr. N. Purcell was critical of people who wrote letters to the paper criticising the hurlers.

"There were a number of letter writers who told us they were going to take to the fields on Sunday because they had no faith in the Kilkenny team.

### NO USE TO US

"Well I hope they had a good walk. I say to them that I hope they will continue to go for walks. They would not have been any good to us in Croke Park yesterday and they will be no use to us in Nowlan Park in the future".

At the outset, Mr. Purcell said the team were delighted to have brought the McCarthy Trophy to Kilkenny again.

Thanking the people for their turnout and wonderful support on Sunday, he said he hoped they would continue to support the team as well.

He congratulated Tipperary on the "magnificent endeavour", but added that they had been beaten by a better team.

Referring to Tom Walsh, he said that all they could do now is pray that he would be able to bear his cross.

Remarking "I am a very happy man tonight", Co. Secretary Mr. P. Grace said that despite all that had been said about Kilkenny they had won the All Ireland.

### NOT WON WITH LETTERS

Coach and trainer, Rev. T. Maher, St. Kieran's College, said many people thought All Irelands could be won by writing letters to the paper.

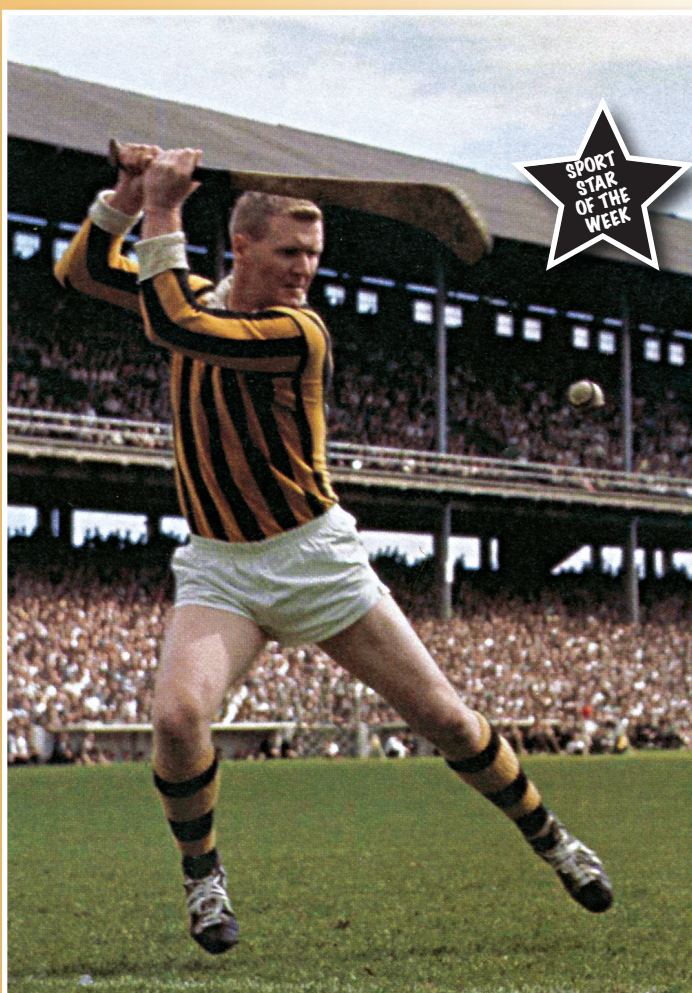
All Irelands were won by hard work. And it was the team who had worked hard. They had worked hard and had broken the bogey that was made by teams in the past.

### VERY PLEASED

Team Captain Jim Treacy said it was a great honour to bring back the cup, and he was particularly delighted to do so because it was Tipperary they had beaten.

On behalf of the team he thanked all the people associated with them for all their assistance and help.

Among those on the rostrum to receive the team was Mr. T. Fielding, Chairman of Kilkenny Council.



Goalkeeper Ollie Walsh whose brilliant display played a big part in Kilkenny's victory over Tipperary in the All Ireland SH Final at Croke Park on Sunday.  
(Irish Independent)



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



Kilkenny's Dick Blanchfield tussles with Tipperary Goalie, John O'Donoghue.



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

## Daily IRISH Mail

### WINNING MARGIN SHOULD HAVE BEEN BIGGER

(Dermot Gilleck)

Kilkenny superiority hinged on pace, positional play and more than anything the brilliant midfield display of Paddy Moran. Kilkenny were also helped considerably by what I feel was a tactical error by Mike Roche the Tipperary Captain who having won the toss elected to play with the strong breeze in the first half. Tipperary's interval lead was six points and everything depended on whether they could keep up the pace. They failed miserably. Kilkenny outplayed them to such an extent that their winning margin should have been more than four points.

# what the PAPERS SAY

## THE IRISH TIMES

### IT'S A LONG ROAD THAT HAS NO TURNING

(Paddy Downey)

In sport as in all walks of life, the old saying holds good; It's a long road that has no turning. On an afternoon of wind and showers at Croke Park yesterday, the long unbending road of championship failures against Tipperary turned at last for Kilkenny. This was the sweetest of all championship victories. They had waited 45 years to beat Tipperary in an All-Ireland Final and their chance of breaking the ice in this one had got scant backing even among their own supporters. Perhaps it was this lack of faith in their ability to break out of this straight – jacket of tradition that spurred them on to the resolute endeavours which conquered their old rivals from Munster yesterday. Whatever it was it wielded fifteen men in black and amber into a force that killed for ever the case that Kilkenny hurling was no match for the vigorgus style of Tipperary whenever the really big chips were down. They had performed the same feat twice in the league over the past 16 months but it took this championship triumph to prove finally that Kilkenny could match timber with timber and hip to hip in a dour fight with Tipperary and come out victorious in the end. It was a memorable day for the Leinster champions and they richly deserved the adulation they received at the finish as thousands of their supporters roared out their joy under the Hogan Stand when Jim Treacy went up to receive the Liam McCarthy Cup.





## Kilkenny People

### EACH MAN PLAYED HIS PART THEY SHARE A GREAT VICTORY AN HOUR OF POWER-PACT HURLING

(Pete Holohan)

While special bouquets may be distributed here and there among the Kilkenny men, it is fair to say that each man played his part successfully in sharing the great victory. Teamwork and solidarity made this team look very unlike Kilkenny teams that failed to Tipperary in the past.

Ollie Walsh, despite the injured wrist was in devastating form. His every action bore the hallmark of perfection. Ted Carroll playing with his sound though unobtrusive game might be said to have stolen the honours in this rampant Kilkenny full-back line.

Pa Dillon also merits a special bouquet for his sound cool and calculated defence work. On his left Jim Treacy played a real captain's part. The Kilkenny half-back line of Seamus Cleere, Pat Henderson, and Martin Coogan were also in sparkling form.

After a slow start Paddy Moran and John Teehan got on top after the first quarter and from that to the end they were the complete masters. While Eddie Keher and Claus Dunne were brilliant in patches Tom Walsh stole the honours. His goal in the 42nd minute put Kilkenny on the high road to victory.

Martin Brennan was the best of the full-forward line, Jim Lynch distributed the ball well and Jim Bennett despite been marked by Tipperary's best defender Noel O' Gorman had his moments.

## THE IRISH PRESS



### KILKENNY'S MOST IMPRESSIVE DISPLAY

(Mick Dunne)

Kilkenny's victory is enhanced by the fact that after losing the early lead which they snatched in the 5th minute and having falling six points into arrears by the interval, they came thundering back. They drew level after ten minutes of the second half and then swept on to assume complete control for the remainder of the game.

Indeed so thoroughly were they in command throughout the last quarter in which absolutely nothing went wrong for them that they had their territorial advantage and possession of the ball been reflected in their yield of scores. Even further lustre was shed on their performance by their ability to assert such dominance and ultimately succeed after losing two of their most outstanding forwards Eddie Keher and Tom Walsh were forced to retire in the 43rd and 56th minute.

This was Kilkenny's most impressive display for three years. In addition to their exuberance they moved the ball about with a facility and speed that had so many of their opponents dismayed long before the end.



## KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967

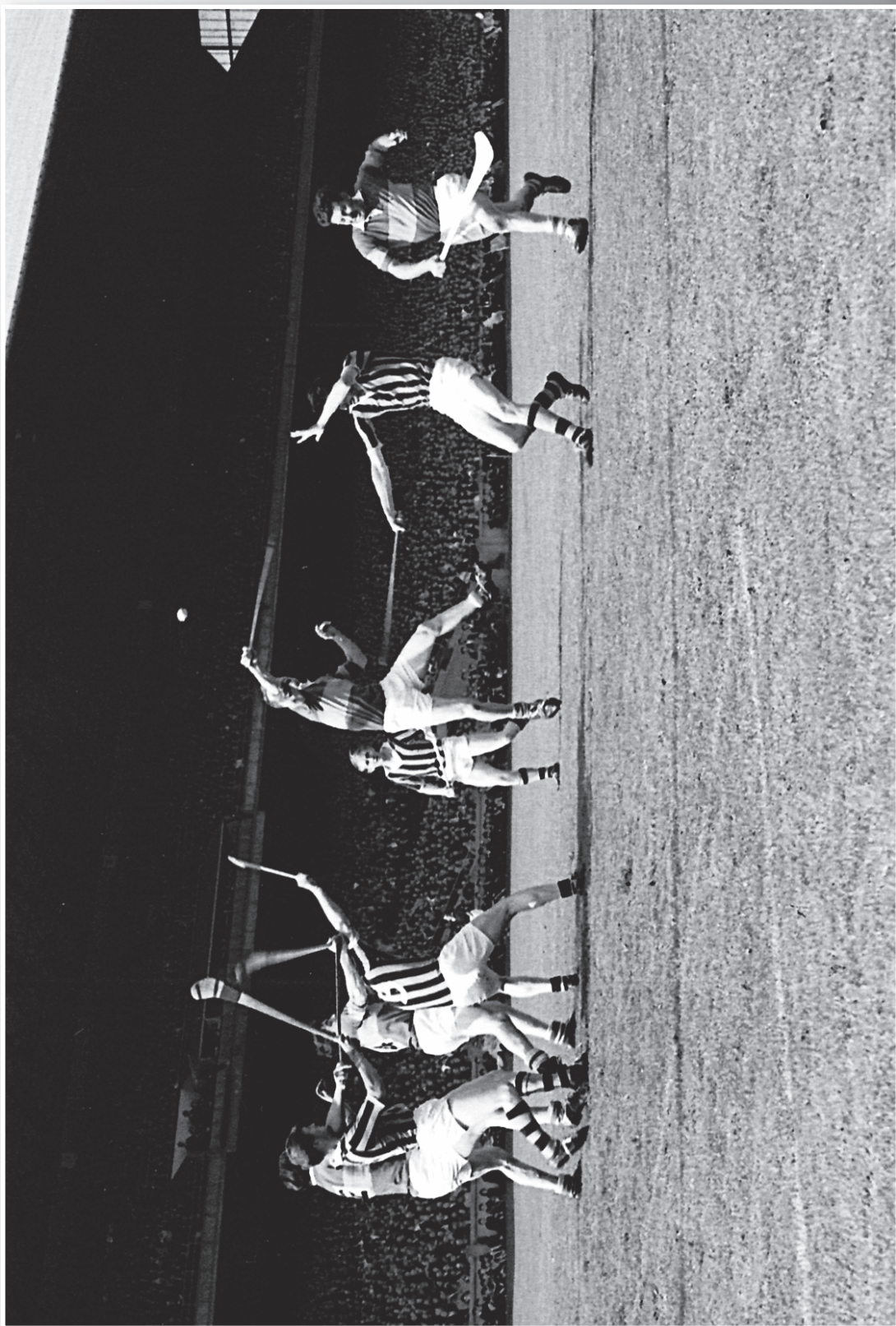


Action from the Final





# Action from the Final







KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



Action from the Final



KILKENNY ALL IRELAND SH CHAMPIONS 1967



ACTION FROM THE FINAL



# SPRINGHILL COURT HOTEL

KILKENNY

**ONLY FOOLS  
and  
4 COURSES**



## Christmas 2016

**Only Fools  
Xmas party night**  
Sat 3rd December  
€40 pp

**Delicious 4 Course  
Christmas Day Lunch  
with all the  
Trimmings**  
€80 per adult

**Xmas  
Party Night  
with Troubadours  
Live Band & DJ.**  
Sat 10th  
December  
€35 pp.

**Festive  
Afternoon Tea,**

€12.95 pp  
Must be pre  
booked.

**Pre-Christmas  
Dining**  
**Lunch** €19.95 pp  
**Dinner** - €29 pp

**Fantastic Xmas Party  
Overnight Rates**  
€55 pps B&B.

Waterford Road, Kilkenny  
T: 056 7721122

E: [events@springhillcourt.com](mailto:events@springhillcourt.com)  
[www.springhillcourt.com](http://www.springhillcourt.com)