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Allianz Hurling League 2026

Kilkenny's 2026 Allianz Hurling League campaign served up mixed results overall.

While performances showed glimpses of promise and commitment, consistency proved elusive at times. However, the League did provide some positives with the team showing resilience in tight games and some notable performances by emerging and returning players.

Leinster Senior Hurling Championship 2026

Attention now turns firmly toward the Leinster SH Championship. A fresh opportunity awaits for the squad to regroup, refocus and channel the determination that Kilkenny supporters know this team possesses.

The opening game will see Kilkenny pitted against Galway on Sat April 18th in Pearse Stadium.

Fulfil Leinster U20 Hurling Championship 2026

Kilkenny's U20 hurlers are in Tier 1, Group 1 along with Galway, Wexford and either Kildare/Kerry or Westmeath from Phase 1 of the competition. Henry's charges overcame Kildare in their opening game on Sat Apr 4 (1-16 to 0-10) and will face a R2 clash with Wexford (Sat Apr 11 in UPMC Nowlan Park) with the R3 clash versus Galway set for Apr 22 in O Moore Park.

Electric Ireland Minor Hurling Championship 2026

Kilkenny Minor hurlers are in Tier 1 of the Minor Hurling Round Robin league along with Dublin and in Group 1. The two winners from the preliminary rounds of the competition will progress to Phase 2 Tier 1 of the competition, where they will be drawn into groups alongside Kilkenny and Dublin in Group 1 (or Wexford and Galway in Group 2). These groups will operate on a criss-cross basis

The minors begun their Leinster MHC Tier 1 campaign on April 18th with a R1 clash versus the 2nd Qualifier from the preliminary round.



2026 LEINSTER SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Round	Date	Time	Venue	Match
RD 1	Sat / 18.4.2026	4.30pm	Pearse Stadium, Galway	GALWAY V KILKENNY
RD 2	Sat / 25.4.2026	6.30pm	UPMC Nowlan Park, Kilkenny	KILKENNY V WEXFORD
RD 3	Sun / 10.5.2026	3pm	Glenisk O'Connor Park, Tullamore	OFFALY V KILKENNY
RD 4	Sat / 16.5.2026	6pm	UPMC Nowlan Park, Kilkenny	KILKENNY V KILDARE
RD 5	Sun / 24.5.2026	2pm	Parnell Park, Dublin	DUBLIN V KILKENNY

LEINSTER FINAL
SATURDAY / 6th JUNE 2026 / 6pm
CROKE PARK

Electric Ireland MH Championship 2026 Details of Rounds (including Criss Cross Fixtures).



Round	Date		
Round 1	Sat 18.04.26	Kilkenny	v Qualifier 2
		Dublin	v Wexford
		Qualifier 1	Galway
Round 2	Sat 25.04.26	Kilkenny	v Galway
		Dublin	v Qualifier 2
		Qualifier 1	Wexford
Round 3	Sat 02.05.26	Kilkenny	v Wexford
		Dublin	v Galway
		Qualifier 1	Qualifier 2

Quiz Night

Our Annual Supporters Club Quiz Night at the Academy Plaza hotel proved to be a great success with almost €1,600 raised. A big thank you to all those who attended and to those who provided prizes for the draw and donations.

The Academy Plaza Hotel served as an ideal venue for the event and the organisers wish to compliment the Management and Staff on duty for all their help and assistance.

A special word of thanks to the organising committee and our club Treasurer Seamus O Neill, who both set the questions and fulfilled the role of Quiz Master on the night.

Below is a selection of photographs of participants and event prize-winners.



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1st Place: – Sue O'Neill, Derek Howard, Colin Howard Maggie O'Neill – 56 points. All the team prizes were presented by Seamus O'Neill



2nd Place: – Derek Somers, Ian Moran, Jack Dalton, (Adrian Tierney absent) – 54 points, with Seamus O'Neill.



3rd Place: – Nuala McCann, Deirdre Culhane, Aoife Dowd and Emily McEvoy – 51 points, with Seamus O'Neill.



Special Draw for a signed Kilkenny Jersey – Winner Seamus O'Neill.

Masita All Ireland PPS Croke Cup Senior A Hurling Final



Congratulations to the players and management of St. Kieran's College who overcame Presentation College Athenry by 3-19 to 2-16 in their deserved Croke Cup victory (for the 26th time) on St. Patrick's Day. SKC had nine scorers in all on the day including three from Kilkenny underage player Jake Mullen (brother of Adrian) and current Kilkenny senior David Barcoe who captained the victors.

The win further reinforces the reputation of Brian Dowling's charges as a force to be reckoned with in this competition.



BLACK & AMBER FORUM
BUSINESS BREAKFAST
INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL, DUBLIN

Rossa White, Economist & Head of Investor Relations, DCC

Nicky English, Former Hurler & Analyst

Katie Power, Former Kilkenny Camogie Captain

Martin Breheny, Journalist

MC: Kieran Cuddihy

DATE: 13 MAY 2026
TIME: 07:30AM – 09:30AM

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 Table of 10 – €1,000

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Black and Amber Forum

The next Kilkenny GAA Black and Amber Forum, sponsored by Plusvital, will be held on the 13th of May in the InterContinental Hotel in Dublin. Members of the Supporters Club and their guests are warmly invited to attend the event, our next major fundraiser in support of Kilkenny GAA.

It promises to be a memorable Business Breakfast event featuring the Economist and Head of Investor Relations at DCC, Rossa White and with Nicky English, Katie Power and Martin Breheny as panellists. Kieran Cuddihy from RTE will be fulfilling the role of MC for the event.

Bookings are now open and if you would like to book a table, reserve a partial table, or attend as an individual, please contact Jim Dunne - jpkdunne@gmail.com (085) 112 0428.

The line-up will undoubtedly provide for lots of discussion and insight, your support will make a real difference — we hope to see you there for a great morning in support of Kilkenny GAA.

Membership Drive 2026

Joining the Kilkenny Supporters club is a great way for people of all ages and backgrounds to get involved in supporting Kilkenny GAA. By offering a built-in social network of like-minded individuals who get together for the same cause, the club is an enjoyable way of doing what we love. Every club is only as strong as the membership and is therefore continuously tasked with increasing membership and retaining members.

Word of mouth is the most powerful way our existing members can drum up interest. There are 3,500 people, in the 25-65 age bracket, living in Dublin but born in Kilkenny. We have 370 members or just 11% of the potential market. Current members including yourself should tell your friends, family, and co-workers who may be interested in the club to check it out.

GAA in Kilkenny continues to create a wonderful 'feel good' factor. Dublin based Kilkenny fans have an extra outlet to support their GAA players through joining our Supporters Club. The money generated by membership and our activities will go directly to finance Kilkenny GAA projects initiated by the Kilkenny GAA County Board to maintain and ensure the future of all Gaelic Games in the County.

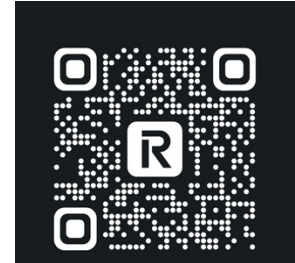
Member Benefits include

- Membership of a representative team organisation
- Free access to All-Ireland tickets draw

- Regular news updates and newsletters by text and email
- Early notification of team selections
- A Kilkenny supporters club car sticker

You can join or renew your membership of the Dublin Branch of the Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club using one of the following options to pay €25.

1. By **Standing Order** – Form available from any member of the committee.
2. By **Revolut** by sending €25 to our Treasurer Seamus O Neill
3. (087 2234789) or by using the **QR Code to the right**.
Please include your name in the Revolut message.
4. By **Cash** to any Committee Member.



If you know of any Kilkenny persons living in Dublin who may be interested in joining the club, please refer them to either membership secretary listed here-under.

- John Mooney phone 086 6406148 email Johnmooney1509@gmail.com or
- Jim Dunne 085 1120428 email jpkdunne@gmail.com

Finally, we want to know what to improve upon in the club. By getting feedback from our current member base we will be able to adjust our membership benefits to appeal to a wider audience. Please forward any suggestions by email to jpkdunne@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Results

For all County and Club Fixtures lists & Results visit the Kilkenny GAA Website
<https://kilkennygaa.ie/fixtures-results/>

The game of STICKBALL



Many of us are aware of a historical bond that exists between the American Choctaw people and Ireland. In 1847, during the Irish Famine, the Choctaw Nation donated \$170 (equivalent to a significant sum today) to aid starving Irish families, despite having their own hardships and poverty. This act of solidarity has led to ongoing cultural exchanges and in 2015, a sculpture ('Kindred Spirits') was installed in Bailick Park, Castleredmond Co. Cork. The sculpture consists of nine 20-foot (6.1 m) stainless steel eagle feathers arranged in a circle, (no two feathers being identical), forming a bowl shape to represent a gift of a bowl of food.

Choctaw stickball (also known as Ishtaboli in the Choctaw language) like hurling is fast-paced, intense field sports that involve striking a ball with a stick-like implement. Stickball is one of the oldest organised sports in North America, with roots in South Eastern Indigenous traditions (including the Choctaw Nation) with oral traditions tracing it back many centuries and the first written account from a Jesuit missionary in 1729.

In common with Hurling, Stickball is an ancient field sport with sticks and balls, rooted in cultural heritage. However, the core mechanics diverge sharply - Stickball requires two sticks and bans all hand contact with the ball, leading to a more grappling, rugby-like scramble, while hurling allows limited hand use and focuses on precise striking and aerial play. Also, Stickball was used historically for conflict resolution or warrior training. Team sizes (30+ vs. 15) and field setups between the two sports differ, with stickball's single-post goals contrasting hurling's dual uprights with a cross bar and net. Where hurling has evolved into a faster, more structured sport with safety rules, Stickball remains more unregulated and violent in spirit, with no gear and fewer boundaries.



Google doodle to celebrate Indigenous North American Stickball

Stickball is considered a precursor to lacrosse, while hurling shares traits with shinty and field hockey, highlighting parallel evolutions in stick-ball traditions. Culturally, both foster community pride—stickball in Native American tribes and hurling in Irish Gaelic revival movements.

History of Choctaw Stickball

Choctaw stickball is historically known for its aggressive play. The game was used as a method of mediating social relations, village conflicts and tensions between tribal members as well as other towns or districts. It served as an alternative to war in diplomatic concerns between tribes when actual weapons could be avoided. Games could involve hundreds of players and last for days, often on natural fields without strict boundaries. Stickball was a competitive contest within a tribe to keep warriors in shape for warfare, sharpen the defensive skills of the tribe and hone hand-eye coordination for successful hunting.

The traditional game had very few rules. In the late 1800s, American anthropologist James Mooney declared, "Almost everything short of murder is allowable." Play took place on a natural field with players wearing no padded clothing or shoes and wielding two Kapucha, or stickball sticks. The sticks were made of hickory or other hard woods cut from the trunk or made of saplings. The ends were thinned and bent into flared cups with leather lacing inside to hold the ball, or Towa, which was made of woven strips of leather. A goal post called a Fabvssa was set at each end of the field, and teams scored by hitting the post with the ball. Full-contact games with limitless players could last for days until either a certain score or time limit was reached.

Tribal social customs were an important part of the game. Players went through rigorous mental and physical preparations, including fasting, dancing, meditating and rubbing their bodies with traditional medicines. Drummers worked to set the pace of the game and highlight key plays. Alikchi, or Choctaw spiritual leaders, provided guidance from the field and side-lines. Spectators, especially women, actively supported their team and celebrated the game by dancing, singing, feasting, cheering and gambling.



Today, Stickball is preserved by tribes like the Choctaw, Chickasaw, and Cherokee, with modern tournaments like the World Series of Stickball held annually in Mississippi since 1975. The game is played on a field roughly the size of an American football pitch (100 yds long x 53 yds wide, with goal posts (fabvssa -10 feet tall / 4 inch wide poles) at each end. Teams can have up to 30 players per side and players still use two handmade sticks to scoop, carry, or throw the ball (towa). Scoring occurs by hitting the opponent's post with the ball (1 point per hit), and games continue until a set score (often 12-20 points) or time limit is reached. Physical contact is still intense—tackling, pushing, and shoving are allowed, but modern rules prohibit hits below the knees, swinging sticks at players, or touching the ball. No protective gear is worn, emphasising endurance and tradition.

Q&A - Dual Kilkenny champion in Camogie and Football Katie Nolan

Q. 1, What's your earliest Sports related memory?

My earliest sports related memory is going to training with the boys on a Saturday morning in Muckalee and Coon. We used to play hurling and finish with a football match at the end. Most Saturdays were spent at blitzes. There was never any holding back in tackles between the boys and girls and I feel it brought me on as a player.

Q. 2, Muckalee Ladies Gaelic Football Club made history on December 14th 2025 by winning their first ever AIB GAA All Ireland Junior Club Championship title at Parnell Park....

- Has the win sunk in yet?

I think it is finally starting to register but it may never truly sink in.

- Kerry's Cromane staged a comeback to level the game in the 58th minute, what did it take to dig deep and drive Muckalee to victory?

I feel as a team we just stayed being ourselves and chased every ball to the final whistle. Edel Coonan showed great bravery bringing the ball up the field and Laura Greene won the free.

- When you stepped up to take that last free, what was going through your mind on the pitch?

All that was going through my mind was focusing on the black spot and kicking through the ball.

- How did manager Pat McDowell influence the team's mindset before and during the final?

I am not sure that any one individual player or mentor influenced the team on their own. Pat allowed us to express ourselves all year and not to change us in any way as people or players.

- What did it mean to you personally to win an All-Ireland Final with your club?

I have never experienced anything like it. I have won All Irelands with my county and they mean the world to me but this was just next level. It has given the club new life.

- How proud are you to be part of the first Kilkenny club to win an All-Ireland ladies football title?

Extremely proud. It just shows that nothing is impossible.

- What impact do you think this victory will have on young girls playing football in Kilkenny?

I think that more girls and clubs have started this year in Kilkenny. Unfortunately as a county we still don't see any progress at county level because camogie takes over. There would have to be 100% buy in from all county boards and fixtures and managers for dual players to be able to play both at a high level. I think there is enough players in the county to bring a Junior title home to Kilkenny if everyone bought in.

Q. 3, Who has been your biggest influence in your football journey so far?

I would say Old Leighlin GAA and Scoil Molaise primary school is where my football first started and I had a school teacher called Shane O'Regan who was a passionate Cork GAA man. He always encouraged me and also challenged me to get better while enjoying it.

Q. 4, What advice would you give to younger players who dream of winning an All- Ireland title one day?

I would tell them that I was that young girl once and that anyone can achieve their dreams if they are determined enough and willing to learn.



Katie receives the AIB All-Ireland Junior Club Championship Final Player of the Match award from Nigel Skehan, AIB, following the 2025 AIB All-Ireland Junior Club Championship victory by Muckalee over Cromane (Kerry) in Parnell Park, Dublin

Q. 5, As a dual star, where does the Muckalee win sit by comparison with your significant Camogie accomplishments?

I'd rate the All-Ireland football win right up there with my All-Ireland wins with Kilkenny in the Camogie. It was magical to see the happiness it brought to our whole club and the smiles on the faces of everyone in Parnell Park that night. I have been lucky to experience All-Ireland success so it nearly meant more to see the people I have grown up with win an All-Ireland and experience the joy it brings.

Q. 6, Who's your favourite sports personality of all time?

Lyndsay Peat who, as an all-round sportswoman, has played rugby for Ireland, soccer for Ireland, basketball for Ireland and football for Dublin/an All-Ireland winner. She is a machine and seems like a down to earth person.

Q. 7, Any role models outside of GAA or sport?

My parents/family- thought me to work hard in sport and life and to be honest.

My friend Eleanor who opened her own Pilates business and is thriving. Elucidate is the name of her studio.

Q. 8, Favourite Food?

Thai Food and pastries



Q. 9, Favourite Artist?

By artist if you mean drawing, I don't really have one but my mam is handy at the painting at home...

Music- anything from The Tumbling Paddies to Macklemore

Q. 10, Favourite Podcast or Book?

I don't have a favourite but enjoy a good book from time to time.

Q. 11, Top of your our holiday destination bucket- list

Philippines , Bali, Vietnam in one trip

Q. 12, Name any 3 celebs (past or present)you'd invite to dinner?

1 John Mulhall a fellow club man

2 Lindsay Peat

3 Eoin Cody

Q. 13, What's the best advice anyone has given you?

Be like a duck, remain calm on the surface but paddle like crazy underneath

Q. 14, Describe yourself in 3 words.

Hardworking, organised and unique

Q. 15, Greatest player you shared a pitch with?

Ann Dalton- when I first entered the Kilkenny panel she was always encouraging and she is just class act on the field.

Final question.**Q.16, Is there anything you would share by way of encouragement to the Committee/membership of the Dublin Branch of the Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club?**

Any person who gives up their time to volunteer on any committee or in any way to help the GAA in Kilkenny has my utmost respect and I want to thank everyone for their work in the background and everything they do for us as players.

Katie Nolan is a highly accomplished dual-sport player known for her success in camogie with St Martin's and the Kilkenny Intermediate and Senior teams, as well as her achievements in Ladies Gaelic Football with Muckalee, the first side from Kilkenny to win an All-Ireland club ladies football final.

**Katie Nolan - Sporting Achievements**

- All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship Winner: 2020, 2022.
- All-Ireland Intermediate Camogie Championship Winner: 2016.
- Camogie All-Star Award: 2022 (Corner-forward) 2021 (Centre Forward).
- PwC GPA Women's Camogie Player of the Month: August 2022.
- All-Ireland Senior Final Player of the Match: 2022 (scored 0-5 in a 1-13 to 1-12 win over Cork).
- National League Titles: Multiple titles (2016, 2017, 2018, 2021).

Ladies Gaelic Football Achievements (Muckalee)

- All-Ireland Junior Club Football Championship Winner: 2025 (Captain/Key Player).
- All-Ireland Junior Club Final Player of the Match: 2025.

Presentation to Barry Hickey



A token of appreciation from the Dublin Branch Committee was presented by Seamus O'Neill to Barry Hickey on his retirement as County Board Treasurer and in recognition of his work, valued support and longstanding friendship with the Supporters Club.

Bereavements



Sincere condolences to the families and friends of all those, in any way associated with Dublin Branch of the Kilkenny GAA Supporters Club, who passed away recently.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

GAA CONGRESS 2026

The latest Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) Annual Congress 2026 passed several significant rule and structural changes, especially affecting hurling discipline rules and championship format.

The 2026 GAA Congress decisions bring **disciplinary, structural, and scheduling impacts** that will directly affect Kilkenny at senior, underage, and club levels.

SUMMARY

The 30-metre dissent rule is the single biggest change and could directly influence match outcomes, especially in tight championship games.

Preliminary All-Ireland SHC quarter-finals are removed with the Joe McDonagh pathway restructured and there will be continued attention to hand-pass legality

A continued emphasis on fixture balance between club and county so the championship structure remains and the club calendar remains protected, which should continue benefiting Kilkenny's strong club base.

30-Metre Dissent Rule - Status: PASSED

What Changes:

- Any dissent to referees results in a free being moved forward 30 metres (up to the opposition's 20-meter line.).
- The rule, which replaces the previous 13-meter advance, was introduced for the league finals and is part of new 2026 playing rules.

Context:

- This is part of a broader push by the GAA to tighten discipline and similar to changes in football was passed with 95.1% support at the 2026 GAA Congress. The rule aims to stop players from "badgering" or "rushing in" on referees during incidents and to improve player discipline by significantly increasing the penalty for showing dissent.

Impact: likely immediate across all grades with Increased referee enforcement early in season.

Under-18/Youth Penalty: For underage games (under-18 and younger), a player committing dissent will receive a black card and be sent to the sin-bin for 10 minutes.

Management Penalty: Members of team management or backroom staff can also be penalised with a free against them for dissent.

- **Coaching Implication:** Discipline training will become as important as skill drills with an increased emphasis on captain leadership/communication, controlled player behaviour/discipline and referee management.
- Training emphasis likely on avoiding any verbal reaction to decisions and walking away from referees.

Removal of Preliminary All-Ireland Quarter Finals - Status: PASSED

What Changes:

- Preliminary quarter-finals removed.
- Reduced crossover from Joe McDonagh Cup.

Positive Effects:

- More predictable championship progression.
- Reduced risk of unexpected fixtures.

Strategic Effect: Provincial placing becomes even more critical.

RETENTION OF JULY ALL-IRELAND FINALS - Status: RETAINED (Extension of Inter County Season - Motion Withdrawn).

What This Means for County Clubs: Current compressed championship calendar retained so club championships continue to benefit from a protected August–October window which may prove particularly valuable given Kilkenny’s strong club culture.

What This Means for County Players - current workload structure retained with no further extension of elite-level season.

MINOR FINALS REMAIN STANDALONE - Status: Return as Curtain-Raisers Rejected

What This Means For Kilkenny Minor Hurlers - Standalone fixtures will continue to allow for greater scheduling control and dedicated attention to minor games.

Camogie News

Senior County Update

The 2026 season has marked the beginning of a new chapter for the Kilkenny senior camogie squad following the departure of former manager Tommy Shefflin at the end of the 2025 campaign. A new management structure has taken charge, led by James Meagher (St Lachtain’s), supported by selectors including David Dowling, Eoin Murphy, Kieran Brennan, Stephen Farrell, and James Kelly.

In the Camogie Association master fixtures plan for 2026 the National Leagues got underway mid-February, with the All-Ireland Championships beginning on 23rd/24th May. Division 1A saw Kilkenny seniors pitted with Cork, Antrim, Galway, Tipperary and Waterford.



Kilkenny have made an encouraging start to their 2026 National Camogie League Division 1A campaign, securing victories over Galway (2-11 to 1-13), Tipperary (0-15 to 0-10) and Antrim (2-18 to 1-12) but losing out to Waterford (2-10 to 0-14) and Cork (0-09 to 1-15). The seniors finished third on the table with 3 wins from 5 outings finishing on 9 pts. Just score difference separated them from 2nd place Galway and a Div 1A final outing against Waterford who topped the league with 12 pts.

Waterford and Galway will contest the Division 1A final on April 12 in UPMC Nowlan Park.

In the championship structures for 2026, the tier formats will remain, with Senior split into groups of four and six, and Intermediate into two groups of four. Seeding sees the 2025 semi-finalists entering Group One, with the top two sides in that group qualifying for the All-Ireland semi-finals. Third and fourth from Group One will progress to the quarter-finals, where they will face off against the top two sides from Group Two.

New Trial Rules

Meanwhile, a number of Camogie rules to be trialled during 2026 have been announced, applying to the National Leagues, Glen Dimplex All-Ireland Championships and U23 All-Ireland Championships only.

- Helmet removal: A player who during a game removes their helmet or has had it removed by a player/official from the player's own team shall be presumed to be potentially injured and shall be instructed by the referee to leave the field of play to be assessed for injury and the helmet refitted.
- The removal of substitutions upon the completion of 30 minutes of each half, and upon the completion of 10 minutes of each half in extra-time.
- Increasing the penalties for dissent from players and team officials.
- Team captains (or a nominated player when either the captain is the team's goalkeeper, or the captain has left the field of play) are the only players permitted to speak to the referee to seek clarification of their decisions.
- Side-line pucks may be taken from the player's hand, if she is inside her own 45.

These rules will be trialled throughout the 2026 season, with an initial review taking place following the conclusion of the National Leagues. Any necessary adjustments will be considered ahead of the Championship. A further review will then be undertaken, with any proposed permanent changes, informed by feedback from the trials, to be brought to Congress in 2027.

Test your knowledge with this edition's GAA Quiz!



Q1 How many times did Kilkenny win the Leinster Senior Hurling Championship in the 1970's?

Q2 How many All Ireland SH Championships did Kilkenny win the in the 1970's?

Q3. Kilkenny won the senior and minor All Ireland HC Double in 1935, what was the next time this feat was achieved?

Q4 We have had lean periods in the past, how many years did Kilkenny wait for their first All-Ireland SH victory?

Q5 – In what year were Kilkenny awarded a Leinster HC Final win after an objection was upheld?

Q6 – The First Railway Cup Hurling Final was played at Croke Park in 1927 and won by Leinster (who had 3 Kilkenny men on the side, Lory Meagher, his brother Henry and John Roberts). In what year was the last Railway Cup hurling final and where was it played?

Q7 In what year did Kilkenny Senior Hurlers move level with Cork to share top spot for the number of All Ireland SH titles won?..... and what was the number of titles?

Photos from the Archive

Muckalee Senior Football Runners Up 1974



Kilkenny All Ireland Hurling Champions 1972

Back Row: Eddie Byrne, Mick Crotty, Pa Dillon, Pat Henderson, Eddie Keher, Frank Cummins, Kieran Purcell. Inset on left, top to bottom: Senan Cooke, Nicky Orr, Willie Murphy, Ollie Walsh.



Front Row: Pat Lalor, Jim Treacy, Liam O'Brien, Noel Skehan, Pat Delaney, John Kinsella, Eamonn Morrissey. Inset on right, top to bottom: Fan Larkin, Martin Coogan, Paddy Moran, Mossy Murphy.

Quiz Answers

A1 – on 7 occasions –1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978 and 1979.

A2 - on 4 occasions - 1972, 1974, 1975 and 1979. You would have to back to 1932-1933 for Kilkenny to have won senior All Ireland HC finals in successive years.

A3 – 1972, a year that also saw Kilkenny Vocational Schools win their All Ireland decider against Cork, the Kilkenny ladies winning the Leinster Senior Camogie final, St Kieran's College winning their Leinster Senior Colleges and the Kilkenny U14 team won the Leinster HC final.

A4 – 17 years!

A5 – 1925 Dublin actually defeated Kilkenny on the field of play (June 21, 1925) with a score of 6-4 to 4-7. Following the match, a formal objection was lodged against Dublin, (that a player named J Conway had already played for Laois, that Dublin took the field 8 mins late, that Dublin did not furnish a list of players and that Dublin scored a goal one minute and 47 seconds after a half hour of actual play in the first half!). The objection was subsequently upheld and the match result was overturned, and Kilkenny was awarded the Leinster title and proceeded to represent Leinster in the 1925 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship, where they lost in the semi-final.

A6 – 2016, Semple Stadium.

A7 – 2007.... Kilkenny won their 30th SHC title, then bringing the Cats level with Cork.

END OF NEWSLETTER