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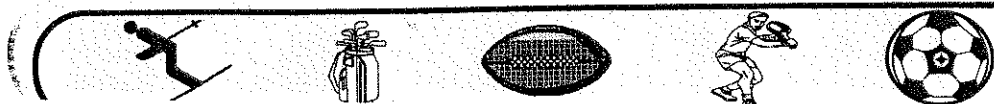
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SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TOP SCORERS 1992

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Pictured at the presentation of the Bass/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers Awards in hurling are, from left, Cathal Moran, third overall, Gerry Burke, second overall, Tomas Grealish, third from play, Jarlath Cloonan, Galway Team Manager, Liam Fahy, joint first from play, Enda O'Rourke, Regional Sales Manager, Tennents Irl. Ltd, Michael McGrath, joint first from play, and Aidan Donoghue, overall winner.



McGrath and Fahy tie for Top Scorer Award

Aidan Donoghue of Sarsfields had a double reason for celebrating on Sunday evening for his seven points haul in the replayed county final made him the first winner of the Bass/Connacht Tribune overall Hurling Top Scorer Award.

Donoghue finished with a personal tally of 0-50 from the 1992 championship season — twelve points ahead of second placed Gerry Burke of Turloughmore.

But there was drama in the Top Scorer from Play Award for the season with Michael McGrath of Sarsfields (2-17) and Liam Fahy of Carnmore (4-11) finishing level — they have been declared joint winners of the award.

In the football category Michael Gavin of Mountbellew won the overall Top Scorer Award with Tommy Devane of Monivea/Abbey finishing second and Jarlath Fallon of Tuam Stars third.

Fallon won the Top Scorer from Play Award, Gavin was second and Val Daly of Mountbellew third.

The winners of each category will receive a crystal trophy, while the overall winners will also receive a trip to London. There will be various prizes for the runners-up in each category.

The awards ceremony will take place in the Huntsman premises on Friday week, November 27.

Connacht Tribune top scorers hurling chart

			Total Score	Total Pts
1	Donoghue, Aidan	Sarsfields	0-50	50
3	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-32	38
3	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-37	37
4	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-28	34
5	Killilea, Michael	Carnmore	3-26	33
6	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28	31
7	Cox, Dermot	Kiltormer	1-27	30
8	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23	29
9	McEvoy, Marcus	M/Eyrecourt	0-26	
	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-28	28
	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22	28

Top scorers from play

1	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-17	23
	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	4-11	23
3	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-16	22
4	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	3-12	21
5	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	2-12	18
6	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14	17
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8	17
8	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-7	16
9	Donoghue, Aidan	Sarsfields	0-14	14
	Killilea, Michael	Carnmore	3-5	14
	Staunton, Mairtin	Kiltormer	1-11	14
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-11	14
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5	14

top scorers presentation



Aidan Donoghue of Sarsfields is presented with his award by Enda O'Rourke, Regional Sales Manager Tennents Ir. Ltd, for winning the Bass/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers hurling competitor. On left, is John McIntyre, Sports Editor of the Connacht Tribune.



Enda O'Rourke, Regional Sales Manager Tennents Ir. Ltd, presents the overall Bass/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers award in football to Michael Gavin of Mountbellew. Photograph also includes from left, Tommy Devane, second overall, Francis Farragher of the Connacht Tribune, Jarlath Fallon, top scorer from play, and Michael Monaghan, Secretary of the Galway Football Board.

Top Scorers awards for Gavin and Fallon

A BRAVE effort by Monivea/Abbey sharpshooter Tommy Devane just failed to catch the long time leader, Michael Gavin of Mountbellew, in the BASS/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers Football Chart.

Devane scored a fine tally of seven points in his team's surprise victory over Tuam Stars in the county final last Sunday, but it wasn't enough to overhaul Gavin who notched six goals and 12 points during the county championship.



Devane was just a solitary point behind with a tally of 1-26 with third place going to Tuam

Stars Jarlath Fallon who notched 3-18 for his club in championship football this year.

But there was compensation for Fallon in the BASS/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers from PLAY award. He claimed first prize with an excellent total of 3-11, four points clear of second place Michael Gavin with Val Daly back in third on 14 points.

The top three scorers in each category will be presented with their prizes at a special function later on in the year. Tennents Ireland Ltd are the official sponsors of the Top Scorers awards.

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**Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart**


1	Kelly, Padraig	Ballinderreen	1-12
2	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-11
3	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-6
4	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	1-8
5	Lynskey, Michael	Ardrahan	0-10
6	Curley, Damian	Kiltormer	0-9
	Dervan, Ian	Tynagh	1-6
	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	0-9
9	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	1-5
	Duane, Ray	Mullagh	0-8
	Killilea, Michael	Cammore	1-5
	Murphy, Johnny	Mullagh	1-5

Top scorers from play

1	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-6
2	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-4
	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-1
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-4
5	Rabbittee, Joe	Atherry	1-3
	Killilea, Patrick	Cammore	0-6
	Kilkenny, Tommy	Kiltormer	2-0
	Healy, Ray	St. Thomas	2-0
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	1-3
	Fahy, Liam	Cammore	0-6
	Cunningham, Kevin	St. Thomas	1-3
	Cunningham, Anthony	St. Thomas	1-3

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**Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart**


22	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-19
15	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-12
14	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-14
14	Lynskey, Michael	Ardrahan	0-14
14	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-14
13	Murphy, Johnny	Mullagh	1-10
13	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-10
12	Moran, Cathal	Atherry	0-12
12	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-6
11	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	1-8
11	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-11
11	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-8
10	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-4
10	Keane, Frank	L.Mellowses	0-10
10	Dervan, Ian	Tynagh	1-7

Top scorers from play

12	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-6
11	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-8
10	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-4
9	Rabbittee, Joe	Atherry	1-6
8	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-5
8	Kilkenny, Tommy	Kiltormer	2-2
7	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-4
7	Murphy, Shane	Kinvara	2-1
7	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	1-4
7	Cunningham, A.	St. Thomas	1-4
7	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	1-4

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**Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart**


1	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-20
2	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-22
	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-19
4	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	1-18
5	Moran, Cathal	Atherry	0-19
6	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	0-18
7	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-12
8	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-11
9	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-15
	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-12

Top scorers from play

1	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-8
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5
3	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-8
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-0
5	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-4
6	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	0-9
	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	0-9
	Burke, Eamon	Killimordaly	1-6
	Rabbittee, Joe	Atherry	1-6
10	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-5
	Kilkenny, Tommy	Kiltormer	2-2
	Fahy, Liam	Cammore	0-8

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**Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart**



1	Moran, Cathal	Atherry	0-33
2	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
3	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22
4	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-24
5	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-22
	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-19
7	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-22
	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-22
9	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-15
10	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-19
	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-13

Top scorers from play

1	Grealish, Tomas	Cammore	2-10
2	Rabbittee, Joe	Atherry	1-11
	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-8
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5
	Fahy, Liam	Cammore	2-8
6	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-10
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-10
8	Conway, John	Atherry	1-9
9	Moran, Cathal	Atherry	0-11
	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	0-11
	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-8
	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	2-5
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	2-5

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Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart




1	Padraig Kelly,	B'dereen	2-28
2	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-33
3	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-32
4	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
5	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23
6	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-26
	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22
8	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-24
9	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-22
10	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-18

Top scorers from play

1	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-13
2	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8
	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-11
5	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	3-6
	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-6
	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	2-9
8	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	1-11
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-11
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5

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Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart




1	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-37
2	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-28
3	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-27
4	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-32
5	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
6	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23
	Cox, Dermot	Kiltormer	1-26
8	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-26
	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-28
	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22

Top scorers from play

1	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-13
2	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	2-12
3	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8
	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-11
6	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	3-6
	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-6
	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	2-9
9	Staunton, Máirtín	Kiltormer	1-11
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-11

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Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart



1	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-28
2	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-33
3	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
4	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23
5	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-26
	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22
7	Headd, Maurice	St. Thomas	1-24
8	Kenny, Mattie	A-Duniry	1-22
9	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-24
	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-18

Top scorers from play


1	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8
3	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-10
	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-10
5	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	1-11
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5
	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	2-8
8	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-4
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-10
10	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	2-6
	Conway, John	Athenry	1-9

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Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart




1	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-40
2	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-32
3	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-37
4	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-28
5	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
6	Cox, Dermot	Kiltormer	1-27
7	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23
8	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22
	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-28
10	McEvoy, Marcus	M'Eyrecount	0-26

Top scorers from play

1	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	3-11
	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-14
3	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-13
4	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	2-12
5	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8
7	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	3-6
	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-6
9	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5
	Forde, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-11
	Staunton, Máirtín	Kiltormer	1-11

Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers hurling chart



1	Donoghue, Aiden	Sarsfields	0-43
2	Burke, Gerry	Turlough	2-32
3	Moran, Cathal	Athenry	0-37
4	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	2-28
5	Turley, Liam	Castlegar	1-28
6	Cox, Dermot	Kiltormer	1-27
7	O'Brien, Tom	Pearses	2-23
8	McEvoy, Marcus	M/Eyrecourt	0-26
	Lally, Pat	Gort	0-28
	Killilea, Michael	Carnmore	2-22
	Haverty, Michael	Loughrea	2-22

Top scorers from play

1	Fahy, Liam	Carnmore	4-11
2	McGrath, Michael	Sarsfields	2-16
	Grealish, Tomas	Carnmore	2-16
4	Cooney, Peter	Sarsfields	3-12
5	Rabbitte, Joe	Athenry	2-12
6	Kelly, Padraig	B'dereen	1-14
	Burke, Jimmy	Turlough	3-8
8	Kenny, Michael	Sarsfields	3-6
9	Staunton, Mairtin	Kiltormer	1-11
	Ford, Bernie	Ardrahan	1-11
	Flaherty, Ronan	Castlegar	3-5

Bass Connacht
Tribune top
scorers football chart



1	Gavin, Michael	Mountbellew	6-12 (30)
2	Devane, Tommy	Mon-Abbey	1-26 (29)
3	Fallon, Jarlath	Tuam Stars	3-18 (27)
4	McHugh, Tom	Killiererin	0-24 (24)
5	Keating, Tony	Tuam Stars	1-12 (15)
	Daly, Val	Mountbellew	0-15 (15)
7	St. John, Cathal	Caherlistrane	0-13 (13)
8	Butler, Mark	Salthill	0-11 (11)
9	McNicholas, Richard	Mon.-Abbey	2-3 (9)
10	Monaghan, Odie	Tuam Stars	2-2 (8)
	Kelly, Kevin	St. Brendan's	2-2 (8)
	Joyce, Stephen	Clonbur	0-8 (8)

Top scorers from play

1	Fallon, Jarlath	Tuam Stars	3-11 (20)
2	Gavin, Michael	Mountbellew	4-4 (16)
3	Daly, Val	Mountbellew	0-14 (14)
4	Devane, Tommy	Mon.-Abbey	1-7 (10)
5	McNicholas, Richard	Mon.-Abbey	2-3 (9)
6	McHugh, Tom	Killiererin	0-8 (8)
	Monaghan, Odie	Tuam Stars	2-2 (8)
	Kelly, Kevin	St. Brendan's	2-2 (8)
9	Philbin, Michael	Clonbur	1-4 (7)
10	Keating, Tony	Tuam Stars	1-3 (6)



VICTORS ... The Carnmore team who qualified for the semi-finals of the County Cup on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Declan Collins, Raymond Grealish, Kenneth Walsh, Tomas Grealish, Alan Kenny, Rory Kenny and Ronan Walsh. Front row: Enda Flaherty, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Sean Newell, Peter Fahy and Alan Thompson.

THE TEAMS



VICTORS ... the Sarsfields team which hammered Ardahan in the county hurling championship on Sunday. Back row, left to right, Brendan Cooney, Joe Cooney, Peter Cooney, Tommy Kenny, Joe McGrath, Michael Cooney, Noel Morrissey. Front row, Michael McGrath, Peter Kelly, Aidan Donoghue, Páike Cooney, Wille Earle, Padraig Kelly, Michael Kenny, Donal Keane.



The Turloughmore team which lost to Carrmore in the county semi-final at Kerry Park, Athenry on Sunday. Back row, left to right, Denis Burke, Pat Forde, Jimmy Burke, Padraig Burke, Michael Shaughnessy, John Burke, Gerry Doherty, Bosco Hurney, Martin Naughton. Front row, Seamus Quaiter, Gerry Burke, Francis Forde, Martin Hurney, Michael Corcoran, Pat Burke.

THE OTHER TEAMS



The Kiltormer team which was held to a draw by Turloughmore in the county hurling championship at Athenry on Sunday. Back row left to right, Brendan Dervan, Sean Kelly, Tony Kilkenny, Sean McKeigue, Justin Campbell, Tony Larkin, Martin Staunton, Dermot C. Front row, Brian McManus, Thos Hanrahan, Gerry Kelly, Pakie Dervan, Damian Curley, Aidan Staunton, Fionan Curley.



The Gort team who drew with Ballindereen at Athenry on Sunday evening. Back row, left to right; Kieran Flaherty (sub) Pat Lally, Jarlath Kearins, Paul Flaherty, John Commins, Pearse Piggott, Gary Linnane, Pat Helebert and Padraig Linnane. Front row, Coláe Rock, Michael Flaherty, Michael Cahill, Gerry Linnane, John Connors, Sylvie Linnane, Brian Murray and Dermot Flaherty (sub)



VICTORS ... The Ardrahan team who defeated Oranmore/Maree in the County Cup on Sunday at Athenry. Back row, left to right; Fergal Fahy, Pat Murphy, Michael Lynskey, Gerry Broderick, Noel Connors, Tom Kennedy, Dermot Fahy and Syl Dolan. Front row, Bernard Forde, Micheal Doherty, Gerry Howley, James Kennedy, Colm Doherty, Joe Callanan, Ivan Linnane.



The Ballindereen team who drew with Gort on Sunday in the County championship. Back row, left to right; Kevin Connolly, Finbarr Meehan, Noel Linnane, Tom Helebert, David Hynes, Mattie Larkin, Gerry Helebert, Padraig Kelly and Martin Helebert. Front row; Pat Gill, Sean Corcoran, Gerry Meehan, Padraig O'Connor, Christy Helebert and Michael Hynes.

County Championship put 'on ice' because of Galway injury worries

A growing concern over Galway's injury problems in the run up to the All-Ireland Senior Hurling Championship has led the team selectors to call for a postponement of the domestic club championship until after the inter-county campaign.

The county's senior clubs voted by 21 votes to four to suspend the club competition immediately at a meeting earlier this week — while the four clubs who voted against the move argued that the competition should continue until next Sunday.

But, with Galway's opening All-Ireland quarter final clash against either Carlow or London now just over two weeks away, most clubs agreed that it was imperative that the county panel would incur no more injuries.

Team manager Jarlath Cloonan and his

fellow selectors requested the suspension as they are said to be worried over the number of injuries in their panel of 33 — they had already opted for such a big panel because of uncertainty over the fitness of a number of players.

And doubts remain about whether key figures such as Michael Coleman, Gerry Keane, Peter Finnerty and Martin Naughton — who has resumed light training with Turloughmore, and was on the sideline at Clarinbridge on Sunday — will have regained full fitness before the All-Ireland campaign.

The club championship has been suspended at least until after August 9, when Galway should be contesting the All-Ireland Semi Final against the Leinster Champions, either Kilkenny or Wexford, and it may be suspended for a further period if Galway manage to make it to the All-Ireland Final in September.

Hurling Board take firm action to stamp out dirt

by John McIntyre

GALWAY club hurling long time to recover weekend's disgraceful play at several venues across county — unless the Board takes decisive action.

It is scandalous really that the authorities in the county have not taken immediate investigation into the unsavoury incidents rather than to hear the contents of referees' reports.

Several of Galway's top GAA officials are on hand — the outbreaks of dirty play on Sunday they don't have to wait for any referees' reports on something they saw with their own eyes.

Tough penalties will have to be dishd out involved and referees must be instructed against offending players in the future — men of hurling will continue to thrive.

We all know hurling is a man's game (bruises are common place) but it does not have a licence to deliberately injure an opponent much of that happening last Sunday. In short, it is a disgrace.

There are only two matches down for Meelick/Eyrecount are fighting for championship Ballinderreen while Killimordaly — strange name for Turloughmore — take on Pearses.

July 10th 1992

Tynagh and Kinvara go down from senior

Tynagh and Kinvara have been relegated from senior ranks following the completion at the weekend of the relegation play-offs.

Abbeyknockmoy's win over Mullagh — who were already assured of their senior status — meant that Kinvara return to the intermediate grade for the first time in over twenty years, along with Tynagh.

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SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

THE RATINGS 1992

Championship league tables

GROUP A		GROUP C	
	p w d l pts		p w d l pts
Athenry	22004	Ballinderreen	21103
Cammore	22004	Gort	21103
Castlegar	22004	Eyrecourt	21012
Abbey-Duniry	31022	Tynagh	21012
Mullagh	30030	Loughrea	20020
GROUP B		GROUP D	
	p w d l pts		p w d l pts
Kiltormer	21012	Ardrahan	33006
Killimordaly	11002	Sarsfields	22004
Turloughmore	11002	Oran/Maree	31022
Abbeyknockmoy	10010	Kinvara	30030
Pearsees	10010	Oranmore	10010

THE POINTS

How they stand in Co. Cup

GROUP A		GROUP B		GROUP C		GROUP D	
	p w d l pts		p w d l pts		p w d l pts		p w d l pts
Cammore	33006	Killimordaly	22004	Gort	31204	Ardrahan	33006
Castlegar	33006	Turloughmore	22004	Ballinderreen	21103	Sarsfields	22004
Athenry	32004	Kiltormer	21012	M/Eyrecourt	31113	Oran/Maree	21012
Abbey-Duniry	41123	Abbeyknockmoy	20020	Tynagh	31022	St Thomas	31022
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July 10th 1992

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by Michael Glynn

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D.A.E. D.V.B.



Castlegar caught napping by late Carnmore charge

Carmore 2-9
Castlegar 1-9

by John Fallon

HURLING, for all of its plotting, is still a game of instinct and a decision taken on a whim can radically transform a game as was proven in this vital senior hurling clash at wind-swept Ballinderreen on Sunday.

Castlegar, needing a win to stay in the competition, seemed set to achieve that goal when they led by eight points ten minutes into the second-half against a Carmore side who looked a pale shadow of the team that shocked Athenry earlier in the season. At that stage the Carmore mentors switched Jimmy Noone to full-back and brought Murt Killilea to centre half-back in a move that appeared to be prompted more by the need

Murphy burst through only to kick the ball wide. Castlegar were not perturbed by these misses and looked set for victory when Turley pointed excellently from the right and Murphy added another directly afterwards to leave Castlegar ahead by 1-8 to 0-3 after 36 minutes.

It was at this stage that Killilea was brought out to the half-back line and while he undermined his display by some unnecessary wild pulling which earned him a booking, he showed a spirit which few Castlegar players managed to illustrate when Killilea landed a '70 and a free from almost equal distance before Fahy sprang to life and scored past three players before dispatching the ball past a helpless Tommy Grogan.

Michael Killilea and Turley swapped points but there was no denying Carmore's at this stage much to the delight of their large following — by far the most vociferous in the county.

They got plenty to cheer about five minutes from the end when Fahy repeated his earlier dose to grab his second goal of the match and Tomas Grealish and Michael Killilea added points either side of a last-gasp effort from Castlegar captain and corner-back John Walshe who went upfield and saw his kicked effort superbly saved by Walsh.

Now Carmore go through to the quarter-finals while their more illustrious opponents can only reflect on another premature exit from the County Cup. Indeed at a time when Castlegar are celebrating three All-Ireland medals coming into the parish — Tom Healy on the minor team and his brother Michael and Terence Grogan on the U-14 side — a county title has never seemed further away from Gaiway's most successful club.

They couldn't fault the efforts of John Walshe, Pat Egan, Conor Molloy, Liam Turley and Mike Murphy, but there is a still a massive amount

of work to be done before they are a force again. Carmore will undoubtedly have to step up a gear if they are to advance further but the displays of Kenneth Walsh, Murt Killilea, Jimmy Noone, Tomas Grealish and Liam Fahy (in patches) produced enough evidence to suggest that their quarter-final opponents will under-estimate them at their peril.

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Carmore 2-8 Moyeuillen 1-7
 In their third Junior Hurling Championship Game played in Furloughmore, Carnmore Junior Hurlers continued on their winning ways. With Carnmore short some of their regular players this was a good win over a strong Moyeuillen side. Eamon Connaman was in fine form in the half back line and he was well supported by Alan Thompson and Declan O'Brien. Malachy Hanley and Gerry Fox were in contact at centre field, but it was Gerry Fox who moved to full forward that the game was won, with two well taken goals in the second half. Other players to play well were in the forwards, Seán Murphy, and P.J. O'Hagan. With one more game to play against Kivara, Carnmore Junior Hurlers have already qualified for the quarter finals of the Co. Junior Championship. So we say well done to Johnny Duggan, Lydican, Manager; Michael Carrerly, Kivarska, Selector; Tom Noone, Cahergowan, Selector; Johnny Greaney, Carnmore, Selector; for a job well done. Good luck in the final stages of the Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Carnmore Club would like to congratulate the players from our club who have been selected and who have played on our county teams at all levels. Liam Fahy, a sub was called on to play against Kilkenny in The All-Ireland Semi Final at Croke Park. We also had Murt Killilea on the panel that day. In the County Under-21 Team, Raymond Grealish played at corner forward against Offaly in the All-Ireland Semi Final at Limerick. Ronan Walsh and Kenneth Walsh were on the panel also. In the All-Ireland Minor Semi Final against Kilkenny Shane Walsh and Declan Walsh played a major part in beating Kilkenny and getting to the All-Ireland Minor Final at Croke Park against Waterford on Sunday 6th September. Martin O'Connell was also on the Minor panel. So we say well done to all those players. You have done your club proud and your Parish proud.

Tom Lenihan

Claregalway Junior Hurlers 40th Reunion

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 The following are the panel of players of that year: George Martin "Butt", Duggan, Bawnmore and Galway; George Fahy, Cregboy and Amaghdown; Jimmie O'Dea, Lydican; Michael Glynn, Cloon; Michael Monaghan, Claregalway and Amaghdown; Brian Fahy, Captain, Cregboy; Tom Flaherty, Cahergowan; Wattle Duggan, Montiaigh and Boston; Mattie Duggan, Montiaigh and Boston; John Holland, Cloonbigen; Paddy Rafferty, Cahergowan; Martin O'Boyle, Cregboy; Richie Fahy, Cregboy; Eamon Grealish, Carnmore; Paddy Fahy, Cregboy; "Sonny" Hesston, Claregalway; R.I.P. P.J. Hughes, Claregalway; R.I.P. Wattle Hughes, Collins; Watcudic; Martin Burke, Cregmore and Mervue; Paddy Feeney, Mullabulla and Boston; Michael Hanley, Cloon, R.I.P. Paddy Walsh, Carnmore; Robert Holland, Cloonbigen and London; Christie Grealish, Carnmore; Tommy Greally, Montiaigh and New Zealand; Darby Greally, Montiaigh; John Duggan "Paddy", Montiaigh and Germany; Danny Duggan, Montiaigh and Boston; Pat Concanon, Cregboy and London. The Chairman of the Claregalway G.A.A. Club that year was Billy Morris, Cregboy. So put that date September 25th in your diary and we will celebrate together. Players that have emigrated tell us they will be home for that celebration.

Tickets are available from the following people:
 Tomny Moran, Lakewick, Fergus Madden, Cregboy, Seamus Concanon, Montiaigh; Seamus O'Connell, Cloonbigen; Tom Hughes, Claregalway; Peter Greally, Cortadoxey and Tom Lenihan, Lakewick. Tom Lenihan.

COUNTY CUP HURLING

Athenry, Kiltormer tipped to advance

THE two remaining quarter-final ties in the county senior hurling championship will not, after all, comprise a double bill at Athenry next Sunday.

Such a programme would undoubtedly have produced the biggest crowd at a hurling fixture in the county since last year's club decider between Kiltormer and Athenry, but the two big matches are split next Sunday between Kenny Park and Loughrea.

The times are staggered, however, to give fans the chance to see both of these very attractive fixtures: St. Mary's, Athenry v. Turloughmore at Kenny Park, 2.15, and Kiltormer v. Gort at St. Brendan's Park, Loughrea, 4.45.

The curtain raiser at Kenny Park, 1 p.m., is a senior championship relegation tie between Abbeyknockmoy, who may have to field without any of their dual stars, and Kinvara, and proceedings at Loughrea open with an intermediate quarter-final: Killimor v. Moycullen, 3.30 p.m.

There was speculation that Athenry weren't all that keen to play at Kenny Park, which isn't really a home ground for them as they don't train there,

but surprisingly it is the other big match, Kiltormer v. Gort, that is moved to Loughrea.

Kiltormer, so fortunate to get an easier than expected passage to the quarter-finals following Pdraig Pearse's shock win over Killimordaly, are unlikely to have their three-in-a-row bid halted by Gort who are a pale shadow of the great Gort side of the early '80s.

Yet Kiltormer, the county and All-Ireland champions, are struggling to find their form of the past two years, which I put down to the loss of their inspirational full back Conor Hayes, now enjoying hurling retirement.

The clash of the championship is at Athenry where it will be fascinating to see if the town team can get the blend right for the visit of Turloughmore, themselves with high hopes of going all the way this year.

Athenry have brilliant talent in every department but they must strive harder to harness it all in terms of teamwork and consistency. They can do that however, and I take them to prove too sharp for a 'Turlough' side that, in my view, simply doesn't score enough to justify confidence.

— J.C.



ON THE BALL: Carnmore corner Enda Flaherty in possession as veteran Ardahan forward Bernard Forda gets in a challenge in the County Cup quarter-final at Athenry on Sunday.

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SARFIELD'S IN CO. FINAL

Kiltormer's long running show is over

Sarsfield's 0-11
Kiltormer 0-7

THIS was an epic encounter, full of skill, passion and excitement, and played with championship fervour from start to finish.

Kiltormer's defence of their valued titles this season was as intense as anything they could have been expected to produce, yet they didn't convince anyone at any stage of this series that they really had it in them to repeat their heroics of last year's long campaign.

It was evident in the group games, and in that hard earned win over Gort in the quarter-finals, that the All-Ireland championship had taken a heavy toll. Indeed, it was a fine performance to even get to the semi-finals again, but Sarsfield's, with their ace marksman Aidan Donoghue striking a point more than Kiltormer's total, made sure it was the end of the road for the county, Connacht and All-Ireland champions.

As always, Joe Cooney was also very influential for the winners but after wily Sean Kelly had given Kiltormer the lead with a point after only twenty seconds it was Donoghue who ran the show. He warmed to the task quickly, shooting six points, four off frees, and it wasn't until Justin Campbell made an exhilarating run, crowned with a deftly executed point, that the champions' hopes were revived. However, Michael "Hopper" McGrath made an instant reply, sending over a beauty from the touchline on his right, and though Tony Larkin pulled one back it was Sarsfield's again when big Noel Morrissey took a pass from Michael Kenny and tapped over to give his side a five-point cushion at half-time, 0-3 to 0-3.

On the change of ends the New Inn-Bullaun combination were quickly into their stride, "Hopper" shooting his second point. Sean Kelly kept Kiltormer in touch and the game was now played at incredible pace and with mighty endeavour by both sides. The exchanges were often heated but never boiled over.

Aidan Donoghue, from 50 metres, and Dermie Cox, close in, swapped points off frees as Kiltormer fought like wounded lions to preserve their kingdom. A massive free by Pakie Dervan was only inches wide and they reorganised their attack in a frantic bid to save the day. Aidan Staunton, their great captain who led them so bravely and so well for the past two seasons, threw his men a lifeline with a point in the 19th minute (0-10 to 0-6) but they had a number of wides too. Then a Damian Curley run put Justin Campbell through but he side-stepped once too often and the Sarsfield's wall stood firm. At the other end, Peter Cooney made a penetrating run and when he was fouled the free was sent over with unerring accuracy by Aidan Donoghue. The gap was five points again and despite a tremendous late onslaught, gallant Kiltormer had to settle for a consolation last point by Justin Campbell.

The five Cooney brothers all contributed handsomely to this well deserved victory, with Pakie (captain), Brendan and Michael a splendid full back line, Joe forming a great midfield alliance with Noel Morrissey, and Peter continuing to shine up front. Tommy Kenny was utterly dependable in goals and others to excel were Pdraig Kelly, the McGrath brothers and of course Aidan Donoghue.

For Kiltormer, the older players in particular, it is time to take stock — they have seen and done it all at the highest level and a lot of them won't reach those dizzy heights again. First for those stalwarts though, a long and well earned rest to see if they can recover their zest for another championship campaign. Last Sunday their best were goalie Sean McKeigue, who made some wonderful saves, Brian McManus, the Dervans, Aidan Staunton and Tony Larkin, who had their moments at midfield, and Justin Campbell, Damian Curley and Sean Kelly in attack.

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Kiltormer: S. McKeigue; B. McManus, B. Dervan, F. Curley; Tony Kilkenny, P. Dervan, G. Kelly; A. Staunton (capt., 0-1), T. Larkin (0-1); D. Glynn, J. Campbell (0-2), D. Curley; D. Cox (0-1), M. Staunton, S. Kelly (0-2). Subs., T. Hanrahan, K. Tierney, Tommy Kilkenny.

Ref., John Coady.

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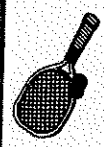
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Ref: P. Kelly

TRIBUNE SPORT



Unconquering Carnmore hold too much firepower

Carnmore0-13
 Ardrahan1-8

By John Fallon

Carnmore, fancied by many to romp home, struggled and toiled for long periods before finally dismissing the challenge of a spirited, if somewhat limited, Ardrahan side in this dull County Cup quarter-final at Atheryn on Sunday evening.

Indeed, Carnmore might have found themselves out of the championship race had Ardrahan converted good possession into scores, especially in the first-half when they had the backing of the slight wind.

Ardrahan held the edge in centrefield during that opening half through the efforts of Noel Connors and Colm Doherty but their attack encountered severe difficulty in breaking down the Carnmore rearguard and even when openings were achieved the final shot regularly left a lot to be desired. Consequently a Carnmore side who laboured to rediscover the superb form that they showed earlier in the year were never likely to fall too far adrift and they always looked the more likely to survive a close finish.

Carnmore can thank a solid half-back line of Declan Collins, Murt Killilea and Alan Thompson for ensuring that their side stayed in contention in a first-half where only Bernard Forde appeared in contention to have the ability to find the shortest route to goal.

But Carnmore played their trump card early in the second-half, the switching of county man Liam Fahy to midfield and unconsciously to steer the game in their favour.

Fahy enjoyed a lot of good possession at centre-forward in the first-half but should have secured a greater return — yet the promise was there that he had the ability to influence proceedings when it mattered most.

Certainly Ardrahan could have done with such a prominent figure and with their most inspiring hurler, Joe Callanan, restricted by injury, they were a side without a leader.

They were the better team of the first-half and yet went in trailing by three points in a game that never really came to life.

County minor Michael Lynskey struck over two points in the opening four minutes to suggest that Ardrahan were poised for a tremendous bid for glory but five scoreable wides in the opening 18 minutes seriously hindered their cause.

Carnmore, with Tomas Greallish always a major threat on the edge of the square, had hauled back Ardrahan's lead by that stage to level the sides at 0-4 each and they might well have been in front were it not for an excellent save by Ardrahan goalkeeper Gerry Howley from a first-time effort by Ray Greallish.

The remainder of the half belonged to Carnmore with Michael Killilea added two points from frees and Fahy firing over another. In fact their half-time lead should have been four points but an effort from play by Tomas Greallish — which went inside the left post — was incorrectly signalled wide by the umpire.

Ardrahan brought Joe Callanan to centre-back for the second-half and while he swung things in his side's favour, the Ardrahan attack was still making little headway.

They narrowed the gap to two points with efforts from Vincent Mullins (who came out of retirement for this match) and Micheal Doherty in reply to a Michael Killilea effort.

It was at this stage that Carnmore brought Fahy to midfield in a move that proved immediately beneficial — two points from Tomas Greallish and a superb effort by Alan Kenny were scored within two minutes of the switch.

Carnmore might have gone further ahead were it not for some inspirational defending by Ardrahan corner-back James Kennedy who was particularly outstanding throughout.

Then, when it was least expected, Ardrahan staged a remarkable revival. Micheal Doherty pointed a free before Mullins burst through to find Syl Dolan on the edge of the square unmarked and he made no mistake from close range.

They must have thought they were poised for victory when Micheal Doherty landed another free to put them a point ahead with eleven minutes remaining.

But Carnmore had far more in reserve and after Tomas Greallish equalised eight minutes from the end, Michael Killilea — who had a quite game by his own standards — made no mistake from a free and then added one from play to secure a deserved, if unconvincing, victory for a Carnmore side striving to reach the county final for the first time since 1977.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, S. Newell, J. Noone, E. Flaherty, D. Collins, Murt Killilea, A. Thompson, R. Walsh (0-1), R. Kenny, A. Kenny (0-1), L. Fahy (0-1), P. Fahy, R. Greallish, T. Greallish (0-3), Michael Killilea (0-7, six frees). Sub: D. Greallish for Walsh, 52 mins.

Ardrahan: G. Howley, J. Kennedy, D. Fahy, G. Gardiner, I. Linnane, F. Fahy, J. Callanan, N. Connors, C. Doherty (0-1), P. Tarpey, S. Dolan (1-0), M. Doherty (0-3, two frees), B. Forde (0-1), V. Mullins (0-1), M. Lynskey (0-2, one free).
 Referee: Eamon Whelan.

NO HOLDING CARNMORE

Carnmore 0-13 Ardrahan 1-8
ALL the promise shown by Carnmore in recent years looks like bearing fruit — this fine club is on the threshold of something really big, following this hard earned but well deserved win over Ardrahan at Athery on Sunday.

With many of their players in their early or mid-twenties, Carnmore certainly have the resources but whether or not they also have the power and hurling know-how to successfully take on the likes of Athery or Turroughmore in the semi-final remains to be seen.

Ardrahan, as expected, put up a brave show but injuries took a heavy toll this season and though most of the lads who missed the closing group games were back on Sunday there wasn't the same kind of cohesion and teamwork that Carnmore built up since their shock early win over Athery.

It was a tribute to Carnmore's spirit and resilience that they coped so well with losing their half-time lead of 4-7 to 0-4 to a Syl Dolan goal for Ardrahan halfway through the second half after that great stalwart Vincent Mullins set it up beautifully. That left the stakes level and Michael O'Donerty then put Ardrahan a point up but the Carnmore men steadied themselves admirably and whipped over the points that turned the game around again.

Inevitably, it was ace marksman Michael ("Bomber") Killilea and powerful inside forward Tomas Grealish who did the big damage, with Liam Fahy making a significant contribution from centre forward and midfield, especially when called on to get the ball through to the sharpshooters in the crucial closing stages.

Some timely interceptions and well placed deliveries by captain Murt Killilea greatly helped Carnmore's cause too, and the late introduction of Denny Grealish made more space for the "Bomber" and Michael Grealish.

Dermot Fahy, in goals last time out because of his leg injury but sufficiently recovered to play at full back last Sunday, did his best to hold the Ardrahan defences together but they couldn't stem the flow in the last ten minutes and there it was won and lost.

Evergreen Bernard Forde showed much of his old skill and cunning for Ardrahan and

Vincent Mullins, Joe Callahan and the O'Doherty brothers all played with pride and passion but Carnmore were the better side and the losers can have no complaints.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; S. Newell, J. Noone, E. O'Flaherty; D. Collins, Murt Killilea, A. Thompson; R. Walsh (0-1), R. Kenny (0-1); A. Kenny, L. Fahy (0-1); Peter Fahy; R. Grealish, T. Grealish (0-3), M. Killilea (0-7).

Ardrahan: G. Howley; J. Kennedy, D. Fahy, G. Gardner; I. Lamont, F. Fahy, J. Callahan; C. O'Donerty (0-1), N. Connors; P. Tierney, S. Dolan (1-6), M. O'Doherty (0-2); B. Forde (0-1); V. Mullins (0-1); M. Lynskey (0-3). — J.C. Ref., E. Whelan.

Sarsfield's blitz Ballindereen

THE result was no surprise, but the ease with which the Joe Cooney-inspired Sarsfield's hurled Ballindereen off the pitch at Loughrea on Sunday was astonishing.

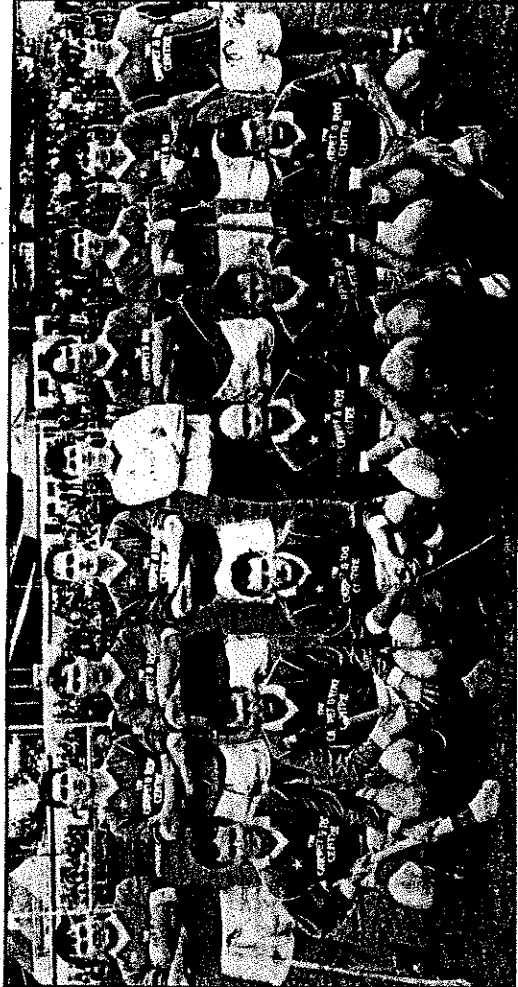
Ballindereen, with five Helebert brothers in their ranks, are invariably very tough opposition at any stage of the championship but they were outclassed and completely outplayed by a Sars side which lashed over some great points in both halves.

A superb goal by Peter Cooney was the icing on the cake and despite the valiant efforts of Noel Lane there was nothing the hapless losers could do to prevent a rout.

Joe Cooney again played brilliantly and, as always, Aidan Donoghue was deadly accurate off ferris.

Sars led 1-7 to 1-0 at half-time, Gerry Keeley getting the only score of the half for Ballindereen after 23 minutes. In the second period, evergreen Joe McDonagh came in at full back to steady the defence and Noel Lane and county minor Sean Corcoran had points but Joe Cooney hit over two beauties to leave no more room for hope.

THE QUARTER FINAL



THE CARNMORE team which beat Ardrahan in the county hurling championship quarter-final at Athery last Sunday. Back row, from left: Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Declan Collins, Ray Grealish, Kenneth Walsh, Tomás Grealish, Alan Kenny, Rory Kenny, Ronan Walsh. Front: Enda Flaherty, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea (capt.), Sean Newell, Peter Fahy and Alan Thompson.

GAA scoreboard

Senior Hurling Championship
Carnmore 0-13, Ballindereen 1-2
Intermediate Hurling Championship
Clonabridge 1-7, Kilconneron 0-11
Castlegar 2-5, Carnmore 0-11
Intermediate Football Championship
Ballinasloe 2-11, Clifden 2-9
U-21 Football Championship
Lettermore 1-9, Michael Breathnach's 1-5
Miltown 0-10, Caherisbane 0-6
Dunmore 1-8, Mountbellew 0-9
Minor Football Championship
Castra 0-13, Kinvara 2-3
Junior Football Championship
Oughterard 1-7, Loughrea 0-8

Carnmore v Ardrahan (Athery, Spain)

Taking at face value their last championship outing against Sarsfields, Ardrahan would have to be rated no-hopers for this clash with Carnmore — but sport is never that simple and there were mitigating circumstances for that touncing in Kenny Park, Athery.

Syl Dolan, Joe Callahan and Micheal Doherty were all unable to line out that day while county player Dermot Fahy was so restricted by an ankle injury he played in goals. All with the possible exception of Dolan will be in action on Sunday and that should give Ardrahan a badly needed lift.

But just how big of a difference remains to be seen. They got an awful touncing from Athery in a recent challenge outing and may be slightly flattered to have reached the quarter finals at all for a big effort on Sunday.

Opponents Carnmore are not hurting as well as earlier in the championship and seem to have gone off the boil. They are particularly well suited to a lively pitch and a fast moving sliotar but they will get neither on Sunday.

The Killilea brothers, Jimmy Noone, Tomas Grealish and Liam Fahy are among the central figures in the team and they will be boosted by their brave comeback against Castlegar last time out. They look to have a far better balanced team than Ardrahan and it will be a big surprise if they fall on Sunday.



Sarsfields and Turlough are set for Co. final showdown

John McIntyre
IT MAY have taken an inordinate length of time to get there but the Galway senior hurling championship semi-finals are at last upon us — next Sunday is decision day as champions enticing the more die-hard fans to both games, but unless they have the assistance of turbo charged vehicles I'm afraid those supporters determined to travel from Athenry to Ballinasloe will miss some of the penultimate stage of the senior championship. The geographical spread of the four teams left in the title

race probably muted some influence as 12 months ago. It is an understandable final round of Ballindereen. It was a superb display even if Ballindereen's challenge never came up to expectations. The Sarsfields defence restricted the opposition to a mere three scores and that, in any great day's work. Joe Cooney is flying at midfield while forward line which contains the likes of Michael McGrath, Michael Kenny, Peler Cooney and Aidan Donoghue takes some polishing.

Overall, Sarsfields seem to be coming good just at the right time. Their quarter final display will have boosted the team's confidence and self-believe and it is only three years since they hammered Kiltormer 1-15 to 0-7 in a previous semi-final clash.

Since then, however, Kiltormer have dominated Galway club hurling. They gained revenge on Sarsfields 12 months later with a narrow two points win — also at the semi-final stage — and they will surely be inspired by the prospect of facing Joe Cooney and company.

It is a close, low scoring game free taking will be crucial. Dermot Cox is missing. Peter Cox is missing. Dermot Cox is missing. Peter Cox is missing. Peter Cox is missing.

that notion, however, was blown apart in their quarter final round of Ballindereen. It was a superb display even if Ballindereen's challenge never came up to expectations. The Sarsfields defence restricted the opposition to a mere three scores and that, in any great day's work. Joe Cooney is flying at midfield while forward line which contains the likes of Michael McGrath, Michael Kenny, Peler Cooney and Aidan Donoghue takes some polishing.



KEY MEN ... Kiltormer's Damian Corley and Turloughmore's Martin Hurney who will be assisting their respective clubs in the county hurling championship semi-finals on Sunday.

Kiltormer v Sarsfields (Ballinasloe, 3.30 p.m.)
Cashel have flown in Tipperary, Birr have flown in Offaly and, I expect, the third team which dominated the concluding stages of last year's All-Ireland Club championship — Kiltormer — to also fall by the wayside on Sunday.

It has been a familiar two years for the Kiltormer club but the wear and tear of intense activity during that time is certainly catching up on the double champions as they judge by several of their lethargic displays this summer.

Conor Hayes' persistent has compounded their problems while long-time servants to the club such as Tony Kilkenny and Sean Kelly are not widening the force of previous years —

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Thomas Grealish has been in fine scoring form for Carmore while Jimmy Noone is settling into the full back position. A fit again Patrick Killilea would be a bonus given their midfield problems against Adranham. Liam Fahy is emerging as arguably their key player though he has a tendency to blow hot and cold.

It is difficult to see a great deal separating the teams but Turloughmore's greater experience and strength are considerable assets and it will be a surprise if they don't come out on top especially in their favourite hunting ground of Kenny Park.

Michael Staughnessy has never looked safer while their backline — marshalled by Denis Burke and Martin Hurney — turned in their best display of the championship against Athenry last Sunday. Bosco Hurney and the highly promising Francis Forde are more than useful midfield partners but there seems to be an over-dependence on Jimmy Burke up front.

In that light, Martin Naughton's significant contribution from the left half will be a surprise if they don't deserve victory over their favourite hunting ground of Kenny Park.

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**Choiste Chontae
Iomana na Gaillimhe**



Galway Senior Hurling Semi-Final 1992

Turloch Mor

v

Carn Mor

Ag 1.30 p.m. Reiteoir: Pat Kelly (Bothar na Tra.)

**PAIRC UI CHIONNAITH, BAILE ATHA AN RI
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***County Intermediate Hurling
Quarter Final***

An Creachmhaoil

v

Droichead A' Chlairin

Ag 2.45 p.m. Reiteoir: Morgan D'Arcy, Maigh Cuilinn

Clar Oifigiuil.

Luach 50p.

- * Liam Fahey the former St. Mary's star in both hurling and football leads the Carnmore attack today. His penetrating runs, high level of skill and splendid striking render him a fine hurling prospect.
- * Peter Fahy, playing for Carnmore today, is a son of Padraig the former Galway forward.
- * The majority of Carnmore's team members have won All-Ireland Vocational school medals with Moneenageisha Community College.
- * Carnmore's Sean Newell is a former County Under 16 player.
- * The Carnmore/Turloughmore rivalry in the 1990 Championship produced a win for Carnmore in the group game while Turloughmore won the resultant play-off.
- * Turloughmore have been arguably Kiltormer's biggest hurdle in their '90 and '91 Championships. They were defeated in the '90 Final while they forced Kiltormer to a replay in the '91 Semi-Final. Can Sarsfields and Carnmore prevent them meeting in the '92 Final?
- * Turloughmore's Championship successes were in '56, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, and '85. (8)
- * Turloughmore's All Stars were Frank Burke (2), Martin Naughton (1) while P.J. Quafter and Gerry Holland were selected as replacement All Stars.
- * Burkes—Denis, Padraig and Jimmy are sons of Pakie the former Galway full-back.
- * Patsy Burke and John are brothers while Gerry and Pat are cousins.
- * Turloughmore's Francis Forde and Carnmore's Declan Walsh were members of three All-Ireland winning sides in 1992.
- * Carnmore were unsuccessful in their County Senior Final appearances to date in '71 and '75.
- * Patrick Killilea on today's injured list has been a member of Galway Minor, under 21 and Senior sides.
- * Jimmy Burke won an All-Ireland Under 21 medal in '86 while Gerry Burke was on the '89 League side.
- * Carnmore's Declan Walsh, Shane Walsh and Mairtin Connell were on the Galway '92 All-Ireland Minor Panel.
- * Murty Killilea played at corner back on the '91 All Ireland Under 21 side.
- * Craughwell's Successes — Senior 1909, '15, '18, '30 and '31 (5). Intermediate '86. Junior '50 and '69. Under21 '69 and 70. Minor '68.
- * Craughwell's Gerry Spellman and Clarinbridge's Tom and Michael are brothers — Rivalry in the kitchen.
- * Craughwell's leading scorer to date in the Championship is Michael Connolly with 0-24 (0-10 from frees).
- * '92 Galway Junior hurlers: Gerry Spellman, Damian Gilligan, Kevin Kelly, Mike Connolly and Kieran Rabbitt.
- * Clarinbridge and Craughwell last met in the 1983 Quarter Final when the 'Bridge' went on to County honours.
- * Craughwell's Club President, Mick Fahy died on 15th July, 1992. He was a member of the 1931 County Champion side. Mick was part of a great game with Clarinbridge in the 1930 West Board Final. The Club's Vice-Presidents are from the '31 team also, Jack Greene and Jack Gilligan.
- * Clarinbridge's part in the '92 All Ireland Minor success was special with selector Martin Kerins and five of the panel, Liam and Micheal Donohue, Kevin Donohue, Darragh Coen and Michael Spellman.

Walsh shines as Carnmore pull off major shock

Carnmore 2-11 :: Turloughmore 0-10

CARNMORE, the dark horses of this year's senior championship, capitulated themselves to the forefront of Galway club hurling when they marched with confidence into the county final for the first time in seventeen years.

by John Fallon

Their victory over a fancied Turloughmore side, surprising as it may have been, was entirely meritorious for a Carnmore side who came of age on Sunday at Athenry and displayed a maturity that must have been unexpected even to their own supporters.

Carnmore came up from intermediate four years ago threatening to leave an immediate mark on the senior ranks, but when a couple of seasons passed without the promise being delivered upon they were, by and large, cast aside amongst a cluttered 20-team championship.

A shock win over Athenry in the group series raised a few eyebrows earlier this season but when they were uninspiring in subsequent wins over Castlegar and Ardrahan few gave them much chance against Turloughmore in Sunday's county semi-final.

Turlough' had reached this stage for the third year in a row with impressive wins over Killmordaly and Athenry and when they started with a flourish, scoring five points in eight minutes, it seemed they were set to romp home. What was particularly appealing to Turlough' followers was the performance in that opening quarter of their forwards in an attacking unit that had lacked penetration throughout the campaign.

first-half return especially as they were just a point behind with their three best forwards — Liam Fahy, Tomas Grealish and Michael Killilea — yet to make a serious contribution.

Turlough' made radical changes to their attack for the second-half with Richard Mc Nicholas, who had forfeited the Connacht club football semi-final with Monivea/Abbey for this encounter, coming in at full-forward. But it had little impact and when Liam Fahy levelled the sides within two minutes of the restart the Carnmore supporters could sense victory.

Gerry Burke edged Turlough ahead two minutes later but it was becoming obvious that Turlough' were beginning to wilt under the extreme pressure being applied by a Carnmore side who were hurling well in every position throughout the field.

Carnmore should have built up a substantial lead during the third quarter but were guilty of some bad wides — they shot fourteen over the hour — while Shaughnessy was called upon to make two superb saves in a row from Peter Fahy, while Denis Burke produced another fine block when he deprived Michael Killilea.

At the other end the Carnmore defence had battered down the hatches with Enda Flaherty, outstanding in the second half, Murt Killilea, Declan Collins and Rory Kenny producing some excellent hurling. Carnmore captain Murt Killilea led by example when he landed a '70' midway through the second-half to level the scores at 0-8 each but when Alan Kenny and Murt Killilea shot bad wides and Shaughnessy deprived Liam Fahy, the omens suggested that the challengers were going to let the chance of glory slip.

That belief was given credence twelve minutes from the end when Gerry Burke put Turlough' ahead with a superb point from a free on the left-wing from 70 yards. But the Carnmore attack moved into full trottle with Alan Kenny,



But with Pat Burke operating well as a roving corner-forward, John Burke looking dangerous at full-forward and the twin threat of Martin Naughton and Jimmy Burke in the wing-forward positions, the Turlough' attack assumed a lethal appearance.

Five players — Gerry Burke, John Burke, Padraig Burke, Francis Forde and Martin Naughton — found the target in that opening eight minutes but as quickly as it started, the barrage ceased. One of the main reasons for the swing in fortunes was the display of Carnmore's Ronan Walsh who produced an inspirational performance in the middle of the field where his partner Patrick Killilea, still striving to recover from injury, struggled to make an impact.

Walsh landed Carnmore's first point with an excellent strike from the right-wing and bit by bit he managed to channel a decent amount of possession into his attack. Michael Killilea landed a point from a free; Liam Fahy pointed from 70 yards and it took a superb block by Turlough' full-back Denis Burke to deny the dangerous Tomas Grealish midway through the half.

But Walsh added another superb point from 70 yards and while Turlough' tacked on two pointed frees from Gerry Burke, it was Carnmore who finished the half the better with Peter Fahy, in a fashion reminiscent of his famous father Padraig, firing over two excellent points from the left-wing to leave his side just a point behind.

Indeed, Carnmore might have gone in leading at the break were it not for a superb save by Turlough goalkeeper Michael Shaughnessy when he denied Alan Kenny three minutes from the interval. But Carnmore must have been pleased with their

Michael Killilea, Tomas Grealish and Liam Fahy tearing apart, what had been up to then, a solid Turlough' defence.

Tomas Grealish levelled the sides ten minutes from the end and the vital breakthrough came a minute later when a Michael Killilea free from the right-wing dropped short and Liam Fahy got the vital connection to send the ball to the net. The enthusiastic and disbelieving Carnmore crowd went wild in the ensuing minutes when substitute Alan Thompson and Michael Killilea shot over points to leave their side five points ahead with six minutes left.

Turlough' had a chance to get back into the match seconds later when they were awarded a penalty after Gerry Holland was fouled but goalkeeper Michael Shaughnessy blasted the ball over the bar. The game was wrapped up two minutes from time when Shaughnessy — who had an otherwise outstanding match — failed to control a Peter Fahy shot and Michael Killilea was on hand to fire the ball to the net and send his side into a county final meeting with Sarsfields.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, S. Newell, J. Noone, E. Flaherty, D. Collins, Murt Killilea (0-1, '70'), R. Kenny, P. Killilea, R. Walsh (0-2), A. Kenny, L. Fahy (1-2), R. Grealish, Michael Killilea (1-2, 0-2 frees), T. Grealish (0-1), P. Fahy (0-2). Sub: A. Thompson (0-1) for P. Killilea, 40 mins.

Turloughmore: M. Shaughnessy (0-1, penalty), G. Doherty, D. Burke, P. Forde, M. Corcoran, M. Hurney, S. Quaiter, Padraig Burke (0-1), F. Forde (0-1), Jimmy Burke, B. Hurney, M. Naughton (0-1), G. Burke (0-5, all frees), John Burke (0-1), Pat Burke. Subs: R. McNicholas for John Burke, half-time; G. Holland for Padraig Burke, 45 mins; Patsy Burke for McNicholas, 54 mins.



County finalists ... the Carnmore team which defeated Turloughmore in the county hurling semi-final at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday. Back row, left to right, Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Declan Collins, Kenneth Walsh, Raymond Grealish, Tomas Grealish, Rory Kenny, Patrick Killilea, Ronan Walsh. Front row, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Alan Kenny, Sean Newell, Peter Fahy, Enda Flaherty.

CARNMORE BACK IN THE BIG TIME!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1992

Turloughmore

The Red Devils of Carnmore hurling club are on the path for glory when the senior team led to take the first senior title to their parish when they play Sarsfields on Sunday next.

Kenny Park Athlery will be a sea of red and green but Carnmore will be hoping that the Reds will fly high on Sunday evening. It is a great occasion for the people of Caragalloway parish and for Carnmore club. All of Sundays team were too young to remember the clubs last appearance in a senior final in 1975 and on Sunday evening in the year of under-dogs we hope that our near neighbours will have the county cup on the sideboards!

Spare a thought for former Carnmore under age coach Padraic Hynes who nurtured all of this team as young boys. Padraic is still recuperating from a recent illness and is unlikely to be able to attend on Sunday. Bring back the cup is Padraic's dearest wish.

Carnmore 2-11
Turloughmore 0-10
YOUTHFUL Carnmore caused a major upset at Kenny Park where they outplayed their neighbours and keen rivals Turloughmore for a convincing seven-point win.

Most followers would have expected Turlough to keep up the good work after their impressive defeat of much vaunted Athlery at the same venue a week earlier, but Carnmore quietly fancied themselves for a place in the final and their confidence was justified.

In the end there was no doubt about Carnmore's superiority, and they were clearly the better side, yet for more than fifty minutes this was a very close, hard fought contest, and there was nothing between them, at 0-9 each, until Carnmore's rising county star Liam Fahy spotted a scoring surge that won the day decisively.

Turloughmore were very disappointed to lose at the semi-final stage for the second successive year, and of course they lost the 1991 final to Kiltorrance, but a look at the scoring returns shows where their problems lay. They put five points on the board in the opening ten minutes but didn't score again from play ... hard-ly the kind of hurling to keep out a side like Carnmore who

notched an impressive 2-3 from play, despite shooting 13 wides, eight in the second half.

Turloughmore played their best stuff in the early minutes, mainly thanks to Gerry Burke's accuracy from frees, with Ronan Walsh pointing for Carnmore. Then they had a second, by Michael ('Bomber') Killilea, off a free, Liam Fahy had one from play, Ronan Walsh fired over another, and with wing back Declan Collins having a great game on Martin Naughton, the hero against Athlery, it began to go Carnmore's way. Peter Fahy, one of the younger lads, weighed in with two points and by half-time Turlough's lead was the minimum, 0-7 to 0-6.

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It was ominous too that Turlough goalkeeper Michael Shaughnessy had to come to his side's rescue on more than one occasion, and inside 30 seconds of the re-start Carnmore were level when Liam Fahy collected from Declan Collins and whipped over a splendid point from 50 metres range. Ger Burke tapped over a free to give Turlough the lead again but Carnmore were piling on the pressure and they forced a double save from Shaughnessy, at the expense of a 85 which captain Murt Killilea sent over, right on the half-way mark of the second period.

Ger Burke (free) and Tomás Grealish (play) swapped points to make it 0-9 each but when the 'Bomber' dropped a free short Liam Fahy doubled on it beautifully with split second timing for Carnmore's first goal. Sub. Alan Thompson followed with a point, the 'Bomber' put over a free and Turlough were now staring defeat in the face as Carnmore led 1-11 to 0-9.

With only five minutes left sub. Gerry Holland, hero of many a Turlough' fightback in the past, won a penalty.

Report by RONNIE BELLEW

Michael Shaughnessy was called up to take it but he blasted well over, rather than under the bar and there the rally died, for the next, and last, score was a Carnmore goal finished by Michael Killilea after Peter Fahy made the initial thrust.

This was a day when Carnmore showed the great benefits of youth, speed and hunger for the ball. Their marking was tight and disciplined, giving Turloughmore sharpshooter Ger Burke as few opportunities as possible after the opening ten minutes, and teamwork was excellent. In the backs, Declan Collins and Eada Fiebery were exceptional but all performed their duties with exemplary application, while Ronan Walsh was splendid at midfield until tiring in the second half. Liam Fahy was a very influential figure in attack and Michael Killilea, Peter Fahy and Tomás Grealish were also prominent.

For Turloughmore, Shaughnessy was a brave and capable goalie but only four others played to peak form, wing back Michael Conoran, who was outstanding, Paurag Burke, who had many fine moments at midfield, brother Jimmy in the half-forward line, and Gerry Burke, whose early points' platform wasn't built on. Significantly, three men who excelled against Athlery, Martin Naughton, Boaco Hurney and county minor star Francis Forde, were held this time.

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Turloughmore: M. Shaughnessy; G. Doherty, D. Burke, P. Forde; M. Conoran, M. Hurney, S. Qualter; P. Burke (0-1), F. Forde (0-1); J. Burke, B. Hurney, M. Naughton (0-1); G. Burke (0-6, all frees), John Burke (0-1), Pat Burke, Subs., R. McNicholas (for John Burke), Patsy Holland (for Pat Burke). Ref., Pat Kelly (Salhull).

SPORTS LINE

Sarsfields and Carnmore for Final

Sarsfields 0 - 11 Kiltormer 0 - 7

Backed by the Cooney brothers, Sarsfields who won the County championship in 1989, are set to take their third county title after putting in a galant bid to make it three in a row.

The champions of 1990 and 1991, who finished a great season early this year when winning the All Ireland Club final, conceded a great Sarsfields team.

It took brilliant defence work by the New Inn-Bullian combination to sustain a tremendous effort by Kiltormer in the second half.

Both teams gave a strong performance from the open quarter, and by half time Sarsfields were in front by 0 - 8 to 0 - 4. But Kiltormer, who had the

assistance of the breeze in the second half, were unable to break the resilient defence.

Carnmore 2 - 11
Turfoughmore 0 - 10

In the other semi-final at Athenry, a young Carnmore side produced a brilliant performance in the second half to which favourites Turfoughmore had no answer.

It took until ten minutes from time for Carnmore to

go in front. After trailing by one point 0 - 7 to 0 - 6 at the break, the Carnmore attack missed enough scoring chances in the third quarter to win by treble scores.

Once Liam Phay hit Carnmore's goal to give them the lead, there was no stopping the young tigers.

The county final, between Sarsfields and Carnmore, has been fixed for Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday week.

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How the mighty have fallen! Like ten-pins during UCG Rag Week on a day out at the bowling alley, the 'erstwhile hurling high-flyers across the country have been sent crashing in quick succession this season. Shocks abound. The old order hath changeth!

Gone from the club scene are the 'oul reliables of yesteryear. Ballyhale Shamrocks capitulated in Kilkenny, Birr fell by the wayside in Offaly, Cashel collapsed in Tipperary and Middleton made a mess of things in Cork. Save the game being privatised, there could hardly have been as many traditional giants made redundant, their seasons unceremoniously cut short by fresher, hungrier forces.

Likewise in Galway, the Year of the Underdog, alias the Year of the Upset, has rung the changes on the hurling scene. Gone are last season's County kingpins and defending All-Ireland club champions Kiltormer beaten by an exceptionally spirited Sarsfields in the penultimate round of the Championship. Reckoned to have been Sarsfield's hardest fought encounter for many seasons, the Gaels of Carnmore would have you believe however, that

the Cooney clan and Associates ain't seen nothing yet.

Even with an almost unblemished county League record, Carnmore were still given little chance of altering the status quo in Galway as the Championship season got underway. The 1992 County finalists elect were, at best, rated as the bete noir of the County Championship series, at worst, cannon fodder for the traditional pre-competition favourites such as Kiltormer and Sarsfields. Now several months later, the team written off by many in Galway is just one game away from creating their own bit of history, having qualified to meet the aforementioned Sarsfields, Joe Cooney included in the county final.

Located just about six miles outside of Galway City, Carnmore is a hurling stronghold with a mission to accomplish this year. Those observers within the county which reckoned it to be a mission impossible may well be made eat their words should the form of the outsiders hold true for the Blue Ribbon of Hurling deciders. Although Carnmore still remain the bookies long shots for the title, a determination borne out of the disappointment of having lost county Championship Senior deciders in each of their only



Underdogs on Sunday, but Carnmore have enjoyed a great year to-date. Front, left to right: Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Alan Kenny, Sean Newell, Peter Fahy, Enda Flaherty. Back, left to right: Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Declan Collins, Kenneth Walsh, Raymond Grealish, Tomas Grealish, Rory Kenny, Patrick Killilea, Ronan Walsh

two previous contested finals will have the Carnmore lads geared up for a supreme effort against Sarsfields.

Founded in 1944, Carnmore have made huge strides over the intervening years, have established a sound underage base and are now deemed one of the more progressive G.A.A. clubs in the county. Originally a humble but yet ambitious Junior hurling outfit, Carnmore reached their first ever Senior hurling county Championship final in 1971. Despite a gutsy, refreshingly open display of fast hurling, Carnmore lost out on that occasion to Tommy Larkins but not before they had learned from the experience.

Within four seasons of their inaugural defeat at the final hurdle, Carnmore were back in the forefront of Galway Club Hurling. Sadly, the 1975 final was no less disappointing and defeat was suffered yet again, this time to Ardrahan. As such the forthcoming clash with Sarsfields represents Carnmore's third chance to leap to the top of the hurling pile in Galway. It's an opportunity all concerned at Carnmore are determined to grab with both hands but, an opportunity also which some of the club's own most optimistic of supporters could scarcely have hoped for. Fact is, Carnmore's leap to pole position in Galway is way ahead of schedule. With an average age of around the 23 year mark, Carnmore are an outfit known in the trade as a "coming team" with the commitment and ambition to match their undoubted talent.

A team in the best meaning of the word, Carnmore have left their mark on this year's Senior fare irrespective of how the final goes. Junior in '44,

Intermediate champions in '88, their pedigree in the white heat of battle has been flawless in terms of determination, pride and will to win. It's been these three qualities which have served the team best of all this season. Qualities which left a fancied Athenry team wondering what might have been when the two teams clashed earlier this year in the group series.

There is a feeling abroad in Galway, it must be said, which suggests that the Carnmore lads got through by the back door but this assessment would be grossly unjust. Ronan Walsh and Company have progressed to the County's high-profile final strictly on merit and thoroughly justified their potential for greatness with a seven point cushioned semi final victory. Workmanlike performances against Castlegar and Ardrahan, in turn, saw Carnmore creep up on the blind side and snatch a well-deserved semi final spot.

For team-manager John Greaney, trainer Joe Reilly and selectors Paddy Walsh, Joe Hanley, Malachy Hanley and Martin Higgins, the victory over Turlough was one part of the dream scenario fulfilled. Now Sarsfields alone stand in the way of utopia for Carnmore. If the Year of the Upset holds true to form, men like club President Michael O'hEidhin, Vice Presidents Roddy Kenny and Mairtin Hanley, Chairman John Greaney, Secretary Pat McCarton, Assistant Secretary Danny Potter, Treasurer Paraic Hynes, Assistant Treasurer Tom Hughes and P.R.O. Tom Lenihan will take their place alongside the club's founding fathers and the current Carnmore squad in any future synopsis penned on the history of the

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Sarsfields players Peter Kelly, Joe Cooney, Padraig Kelly, Jimmy Cooney and Michael Kenny in contented mood prior to Sunday's county final.



All geared up for Sunday's county final are Cammore players Patrick Killilea, Raymond Grealish, Rory Kenny, Dedan Collins and Jimmy Noone.



Cammore selectors Paddy Walsh, Martin Higgins, Joe Hanley, Joe O'Reilly (trainer) and Malachy Hanley, the men behind the club's qualification for the county final.

Sarsfields camp guard against complacency



Looking ahead to Sunday's county hurling final are Sarsfields team manager Michael Conneely, Pat Hyres, Club Chairman, and Michael Murray, selector.

senior championship medal in school in New Inn when there wasn't much of a hurling team. The teams before us and after us have won a lot but I was unfortunate that we didn't have a strong team when I was there. It was the same at under-age with Sarsfields."

Consequently Donoghue could find himself on Sunday with two hurling medals to his name — both senior championship medals. He got a run with the county last year during the league but when the panel was trimmed he found that himself and clubmate Gerry McGrath had been axed.

"It was disappointing to be dropped but I think it spurred Gerry and myself to prove ourselves all the more in the championship," he says. Indeed, if Donoghue produces another flawless free-taking performance on Sunday it could go a long way towards a recall to the county team.

luck. People feel we are favourites for Sunday's game but nobody in Sarsfields is reading much into that.

"We are at a disadvantage in that we don't know a lot about Carnmore. We haven't played against them in recent years. But they have to be good to get this far and most neutrals I have met reckon they will win," says the former goalkeeper who has prepared the team this year along with selectors Michael Murray and Michael Mulkenrins.

And while Conneely believes that his side operate as a team rather than through individuals, there can be no doubting the major contribution supplied throughout the season by half forward Aidan Donoghue who is the top scorer in the championship.

Donoghue took over the free-taking duties in the course of last year's semi-final defeat by Athlery after a couple of other players had employed little

Galway and time for training a senior hurling team was at a premium — but he accepted the challenge and is pleased with the ways things have gone so far.

"The lads are very committed and easy to train. Most of them are very fit all year round and they are very dedicated to the club, especially the county players," says the former All-Star.

Consequently Sarsfields concentrated on playing matches earlier in the season rather than physical work on the training ground and he feels that this is one of the primary reasons for his charges progression for this season.

"We got a fairly good draw in the group stages. But the problem of playing against so-called weaker teams is that they will always raise their game when playing against the likes of Sarsfields."

"We took nothing for granted but it could have been easy to have been

semi-final defeats in the past two years has only served to heighten the desire to claim another crown.

"We were very determined not to lose a third semi-final in a row when we met Kiltormer. That was very much in our minds apart from actually winning the game," said team manager Michael Conneely.

"We went into that match with a fair degree of confidence. They were the All-Ireland champions and county champions for the past two years but we knew in our hearts that we had the measure of them."

Michael Conneely also knew that Sarsfields had the ability to make a bold bid for the county title when he accepted a request to train the side this year — but at the same time he knew it would take a massive effort to achieve that.

He works as a sales representative for Mortgage Masters in

THE ABUNDANCE of talent in the Sarsfields club was clearly evident at a training session in Ballyaun the other evening with three-quarters of the panel taking part in a match wearing county jerseys.

There were a plethora of Galway jerseys, a few Connacht ones as well as the Down, Offaly, Kilkenny and Limerick colours — all bearing testimony to the number of Sarsfields clubmen who have represented their county at minor, U-21, junior and senior level.

But while Sarsfields clubmen have achieved the highest honours with the county, success on the ground with the club has not been in proportion.

Two county senior titles in a twelve year period, when they have perhaps been in the most consistent club in the county, has not reflected their talents and

Understrength Galway claim Oireachtas title

Burke, who made a good fist of the free-taking, represented Galway's chief threat up front. Goalkeeper Richard Burke was once again on top of his game.

Neither Galway or Waterford had a great deal to lose or gain from Sunday's encounter but, at least, the Westerners had the consolation of retaining

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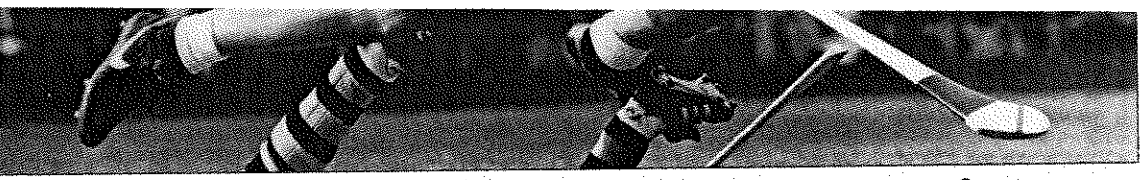
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Influence of outside trainer and players' hunger places Carnmore on brink of history

by Frank Farragher

SINCE CARNMORE won the Intermediate championship four years ago they had never until this year managed to come out of their group — at their '91 AGM there was the usual mix of criticism, solutions and hope.

Another meeting followed and John Greaney was appointed manager on the basis that he would secure an outside trainer — the early ambitions being

nurtured at that stage was that the team would emerge from their championship group. That in itself would be a breakthrough.

At that stage it would have been hard to imagine a more likely candidate for team trainer than a man synonymous with the Hibernians soccer club in Bohernmore, Joe Reilly

The connection between the two was provided by current Carnmore captain Murt Killilea who worked in Buckley's builders providers with Reilly. Small talk about taking over the job was followed by a firm approach from

the Carnmore club and senior team manager John Greaney.

"When I asked him to do the job there was only one thing which he said he wanted and that was commitment. If he got that he would stay — if he didn't he'd be gone after one night. That was the deal — no more or no less," John Greaney recalls.

Joe Reilly remembers a first meeting with the players about last April when he was confronted with a lot of strange faces which he didn't know — coming into a new set-up many

sessions were to pass before he could match names with faces but even in the early nights he was struck by the overwhelmingly positive response.

Winning tends to build its own momentum and after early group victories over Mullagh and Abbey-Duniry, Carnmore were to sound their first warning note as to their championship potential when they beat Athenry by one point at Turloughmore.

John Greaney and Joe Reilly agree that this victory gave the side an added degree of confidence and self-belief. Athenry were one of the big teams in Galway club hurling ... one of the teams that Carnmore a few seasons back would have been relieved to have settled for a respectable margin of defeat against.

After the summer break, Carnmore were involved in a piece of farce against Castlegar coming from eight points behind to win by two but that ability to come back in matches was now getting to be the norm rather than the exception. The scamps of Ardrahan and Turloughmore followed and Carnmore were in their first county final since 1975.

One man more than most is known to people outside the parish of Carnmore as symbolising the spirit of the club. Known all over the county as "Big Tom", Tom Lenihan played in the '71 final when Tommie Larkins defeated the side by 5-2 to 1-11 and was manager of the '75 side who were beaten by Ardrahan.

Looking back over the past 10 years Tom Lenihan — like many others in the club — regards the drop into Intermediate in the mid-eighties as ironically a good thing for the development of the current team.

"We had gone through a few bad years in senior getting hammered in some matches. When we went down we could re-group and start building a new team — during that time the foundations for this team were laid."

From Cleregalway, Tom reckons that the parish rite which came in the sixties was an important factor in the development of the club. It brought Carnmore and Cleregalway together. "Two groups going their own way would end up going nowhere — our only way to progress was to stick together," recalls the former secretary and chairman of the club.

At the other end of the spectrum in Carnmore, 22-

year-old captain Murt Killilea knows that on Sunday he will be hurling for men like Tom Lenihan and Padraic Fahy — the latter who gave so much both as a player and team trainer to the club.

"Maybe we are a young team, and you can't buy experience, but we know what a lot of people have done for the club and we'd like to pay them back on Sunday," said Murt Killilea.

Apart from John Greaney and Joe Reilly, the Carnmore backroom team is made up of former Galway United supremo Joe Hanly, Martin Higgins, Malachy Hanly and Paddy Walsh.

Joe Hanly though is no stranger to hurling having won an Intermediate championship back in 1961 as a 16-year-old when Carnmore defeated Loughrea.

"It has been a great year for the club but everything has been made easy for us by the tremendous dedication of all the panel. They don't know what it is to miss training," said Joe Hanly.

Overall it has been a year when Carnmore got things done properly. The right set-up early on, the introduction of a trainer with no friends or no enemies, the forging of a discipline and dedication which in turn provided the embryo for a well of self-belief.

Incidentally at the start of this season Carnmore travelled to Sarsfields for a challenge against the county champions of 1989. John Greaney recalls that it was one of those matches where they found it hard to get a team together.

"We got hammered — I remember walking up to Michael Conneely after the match and saying to him that 'we weren't that bad.' I am hoping that I might be able to take that chat a stage further on Sunday evening next," quips John Greaney.

For a 'townie' like Joe Reilly the feeling of parish country pride when a team gets to a county final has been invigorating. "There's a great buzz and atmosphere right through the team, club and parish — the interest is phenomenal," he says.

If Carnmore could pull it off on Sunday — and right through the club there is a feeling of quiet confidence — it will be emotional times in Carnmore and Cleregalway between now and Christmas.

"It will be a bit like Galway winning the All-Ireland in 1980. A lot of us would die happily if Carnmore won a first senior title," says Tom Lenihan.

Captains' big match view



Pakie Cooney (Sarsfields)

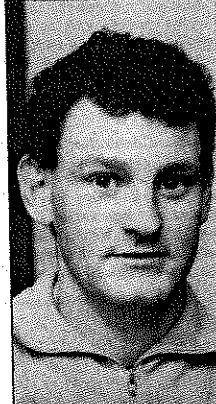
A COONEY captaining Sarsfields has been a common feature in recent years but on Sunday corner-back Pakie will be bidding to become the first member of the famous Buleau family to lift the County Cup.

Jimmy, Joe and Michael Cooney have all captained Sarsfields over the past decade or so and while Michael captained the U-21 side to victory in 1984, one of the brothers has yet to lift the top prize in Galway club hurling.

30 year old Pakie is hopeful of putting that right on Sunday but he dismisses the notion that Sarsfields should have it easy against surprise-packets Carnmore.

"You don't get to a county final without being a good team. We don't know a lot about Carnmore but they have to be a strong team to get this far. I would give us no more than a 50-50 chance but we are coming good at the right time" said the right corner-back.

Cooney, who works as an income tax official, insisted that Sarsfields were no longer dependent on certain individuals to deliver the goods. "We have a good all-round balanced team and I am hopeful of victory on Sunday," he added.



Murt Killilea (Carnmore)

A youthful team, a fresh approach and probably one of the youngest ever players to captain a county final side are Carnmore's credentials coming into Sunday's clash with Sarsfields.

Despite Carnmore's lack of big time experience, Murt Killilea is confident that this will be compensated for by the inherent enthusiasm and self belief which is in the team.

"We respect Sarsfields as a good hurling team but they haven't got any better since they last won the title and we're not turning up just to admire them.

"For the last few years we've had a good young team which up until this year hadn't realised their full potential. Joe Reilly has helped to give us that something which we were missing — we're all looking forward to giving a good account of ourselves," said Murt.

He hopes to lead a team with an average age of 23 — 28-year-old full back Jimmy Noone is the "veteran" of the side — to a victory which would confirm '92 as the real year of the underdogs.

From Bill Clinton to Donegal it's been a great year for the outsiders — Murt Killilea badly wants Carnmore to join that exclusive club.



The Carpet and Rug Centre, Tuam Road, Galway, are the main sponsors of the Carnmore hurling team. Photograph shows Gerry Shannon of the Carpet and Rug Centre (centre) presenting a set of jerseys to Johnny Greaney, Manager of the team, and Murt Killilea, Captain.

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Carnmore forwards Liam Fahy and Tomas Grealish share joint leadership on 20 points, but Sarsfields Michael McGrath is only a point behind while team-mates Michael Kenny and Peter Cooney are not out of contention either — they have both scored three goals and six points.

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Sarsfields to hold Carnmore challenge



Hurling Final Preview by Jim Carney



★ Michael McGrath, county star who has the honour of leading his club Sarsfield's to their second county championship, in 1989

IT'S a county hurling final to delight the purists, the clash of Carnmore and Sarsfield's at Athenry on Sunday, 3 p.m.

This annual fixture invariably attracts a 900-plus crowd, by my reckoning the biggest audience at a sporting fixture in the West of Ireland after the Connacht football championship and the Galway Races ... and it rarely, if ever, fails to live up to expectations.



★ Joe Cooney, in sparkling form at mid-field in the County Cup.

This year's County Cup decider could be as good as any in the recent past, for both sides possess an abundance of skill, craft and pace, and they are both renowned for sportsmanship. On form, there's little between them and all the ingredients are there for a thriller, as long as nobody freezes on the big day.

That's the big danger facing Carnmore, of course, for they are a very young team, lacking County Cup Final experience, unlike their more vaunted opponents from the Bullaun/New Inn amalgamation, champions three years ago and close to the top of the hurling tree in Galway since they won the first of their two county titles in 1980.

But the Carnmore lads have strutted their stuff on many a stage at under-age and colleges levels. One remarkable fact to emerge is that thirteen of the fifteen who shocked neighbours Turloughmore in the semi-final were successful at one time or another in Voc. Schools hurling championships with Moneenageisha, while a big number have also excelled for county minor and under-21 sides, notably Liam Fahy and the Killilea brothers. For those reasons, Carnmore believe they will rise to the big occasion on Sunday but that remains to be seen.

● Lost form

With a little bit of luck, it could have been Sarsfield's, and not Kiltormer, who dominated Galway hurling for the past two years. They looked a superb combination when they beat Athenry in the 1988 final at Loughrea, but didn't maintain that high level of performance in '90 and '91, nor did their two star players, Joe Cooney and Michael ("Hopper") McGrath, find their best form in either of those two campaigns. Happily for Sarsfield's (and Galway), these two gifted players are back to their brilliant best for this championship.

A boost for the hot favourites is the fine form of their backs, brothers Fakie (captain), Brendan and Michael Cooney, Padraig Kelly, Donal Keane and Willie Earls, a very good replacement for the injured Gerry McGrath. Joe Cooney and powerful Noel Morrissey have teamed up superbly at midfield and youngsters Joe McGrath and Peter Kelly have had no problems fitting into an otherwise vastly experienced forward line. The team has done it nicely, and

cleverly, in every outing to date, giving the clear impression that there's a little bit more in reserve, and no matter how determined and ambitious Carnmore are, they face a side seemingly without a weak link.

● Defeated Athenry

Carnmore's defeat of highly fancied Athenry, revenge for a reverse in under-21 a couple of years ago, was a sign of things to come. Later on, they had to work very hard to overcome Ardahan in the quarter-final but last time out they hurled brilliantly to knock out Turloughmore. Most of their players are in the 19-24 age group, led by an inspirational captain, Murt Killilea, an outstanding defender whose first half heroics did much to stifle the threat of the much vaunted O'faly forwards in last year's All-Ireland under-21 final.

The Carnmore backs, with Jimmy Noone the senior member, at 27, are set to huri for their lives and the form of Enda Flaherty, left full, and Declan Collins, right half, was particularly encouraging in the semi-final where they excelled against a Turlough forward line that moved menacingly in the previous rounds. Ronan Walsh was the outstanding figure in the midfield exchanges in that game but it's far from certain that Carnmore can survive in this key area if Joe Cooney and Noel Morrissey hit it off so well again.

Sarsfield's will be aware of the damage caused by the customary switches in the Carnmore front line, involving Liam Fahy and the bang-in-form strike force of Tomás Grealish and Micheál ("Bomber") Killilea, and they will be alert to the danger. On Fahy's adaptability, Grealish's hunger for the ball and the Bomber's normally

unerring marksmanship rest Carnmore's best hopes of victory and an historic first County Cup.

Team manager and club chairman John Greaney, trainer Joe Reilly and selectors Pad Walsh, Joe Hanley, Martin Higgins and Malachy Hanley, have all worked hard for this great day backed by club secretary Pat McCartan and Padraic Hynes, treasurer, who sadly may miss the final because of illness.

For the record, their two unsuccessful appearances in county finals were in 1971, beaten by Tommy Larkin's, and 1975, when they failed by only two points to Ardahan.

They will enjoy huge, colourful excited support next Sunday, and their pace and youthful zeal will make them powerful opposition for the favourites, but all year there's been a champion look about this Sarsfield's team coached by one of their own former greats, nature's gentlemen Mike Conneely. The big man who took Crok Park by storm on that unforgettable September Sunday in 1980, in the same season as he won his County Cup medal, is set for another glory day twelve years on.

CAMOGIE STAR IN SHOCK BAN



GALWAY camogie was rocked this week by the news that the county's star young player, Sharon Glynn of Pearse's (Ballymacward-Gurteen), has been suspended by the code's national governing body for six months.

The ban is punishment for an "attempted striking" offence in an inter-provincial game last month.

Sharon, only 17 but regarded as one of the most exciting prospects in the whole country, was reported by Clare referee Kitty McNicholas after an incident involving a Leitrim player in the Gael-Linn game against Connacht at Turloughmore on October 18th.

Galway sources argue that Sharon pushed her opponent away with her stick and everybody involved in camogie in the county was not only shocked by the wording of the reported offence but devastated by the severity of the ban. Apparently, there is no appeals procedure.

The player herself, who will miss Pearse's All-Ireland clubs' championship bid, is said to be distraught and considering her future in the game.

Last Sunday, on home ground, Sharon was badly missed as Pearse's struggled to a 2-8 to 3-1 win over Urán (Roscommon).

★ MURT KILLILEA (right) bids to become the first man to captain Carnmore to County Cup success. Already the holder of an All-Ireland under-21 medal, Murt has two brothers on the team next Sunday, Patrick and Micheál.



★ Micheál ("Bomber") Killilea is Carnmore's ace freetaker and deadly from play too. His marksmanship will be a big factor in determining the outcome of the final.

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Carnmore Fight Back in Thrilling Final

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The showpiece of the Galway G.A.A. calendar more than lived up to expectation. Two passionate teams slugged it out to the very finish in front of a massive crowd, estimated at 10,000, in Kenny Park on Sunday.

After the heat of battle there is no doubt that the laurels rest with Carnmore. Appearing in their first hurling finals only four years after making the senior grade they showed the mettle which has seen them overcome clubs with much greater pedigrees than they have.

It seemed impossible that they could overcome a seven point deficit going into the final quarter of the game but overcome they did especially in the final minute when Liam Fahy scored a great

goal to level the match and Tomas Grealish pegged back a late Sarsfields lead to draw the match.

The accuracy of Paul Cooney from frees and play was a telling factor in Sarsfields dominance of the early stages of the game as was the performance of Michael (Hopper) McGrath at corner forward. They lead at half-time by 0-7 to 0-3 and should have made it even more had Peter Cooney and Joe McGrath not missed goal scoring opportunities and

Cooney compounded his misery by missing a penalty on the stroke of half time.

Sarsfield put their penalty miss behind them and took the initiative in the second half with points from Peter Cooney (three), Peter Kelly, Michael McGrath and Aidan Donoghue but their dominance should have yielded more scores and they had a lamentable tally of 19 wides in the game as a whole.

With 11 minutes remaining Sarsfields lead

by 0-13 to 0-6 with 11 minutes remaining but Carnmore clawed their way back into the game with points from Peter Fahy (2), Tomas Grealish and Raymond Grealish and when Liam Fahy got the all important goal the sides were level.

Not to be outdone Sarsfields inched in front again with a point from Peter Cooney but Carnmore haven taken heart from their comeback equalised again in the dying seconds with a point from 45 yards by Tomas Grealish.

The teams will meet again, same time, same place for the replay.

GALWAY SENIOR HURLING FINAL:

**Youthful Carnmore Challenge
Cooney-Backed Sarsfields**

Sarsfields, who last won the Galway Senior Hurling title in 1989, will be well fancied to take this year's crown. But the young and talented Carnmore side are not turning up at Athenry's Kenny Park on Sunday (3 p.m.) just to fulfil the fixture.

While hurling followers were looking at possible winners in Kiltormer, Athenry, Turloughmore, Killimordaly, Ballindereen and of course Sarsfields, few were taking notice of the Carnmore side, who opened their group games with comprehensive wins over Mullagh and Abbey-Duniry.

Few took Carnmore seriously when Athenry threw away their match. Then Carnmore struggled against Ardahan in the quarter-final and nobody gave them hope of beating Turloughmore at the semi-final stage.

Carnmore would prefer if nobody treated them as serious contenders for the crown on Sunday, hoping to take Sarsfields by surprise. But they have arrived on merit, and they must be treated as serious contenders to take the title.

Their victory over Athenry was no fluke. It was an excellent first half display, lacking in stamina in the third quarter. But when victory was in sight in the final ten minutes Carnmore grew in confidence to capture a great victory. That win gave Carnmore belief in themselves.

A young team with veteran Jimmy Noone at 28, Carnmore field 14 players under 25, who are superbly trained and very fit. They are backed by the three Killilea's, captain Murty, Michael (Bomber) and Patrick, with two Kenny and two Grealish brothers. They will be looking to Liam Fahy and Ronan Welsh to provide a good backup.

Their biggest worry is an injury to star player Enda Flaherty.

Carnmore reached the county finals in 1971 and 1975, and since then lost to

senior status. A great under-age policy is now proving its worth and in 1988 they supplied eight players which helped Moneenageisha to All Ireland success. Six of those players line out on Sunday.

Family connections of very much to the fore with Sarsfields, where five of the six Cooney brothers providing the team's backbone. The elder statesmen Jimmy has reverted to junior status, but is on call. Twelve of their players were in action in their '89 championship success.

Sarsfield's centre back Donal Keane is having his best year and should prove a handful for Liam Fahy. Noel Morrissey continues to shine and with Padraic Kelly, Michael Kenny and the accurate Aiden Donoghue, Sarsfields have a wealth of talent.

Joe Cooney's influence will be critical for the East Galway side, while Joe McGrath and Peter Kelly have been improving all year with Willie Earls playing well at wing back.

Sarsfields easily qualified in their group with wins

over Kinvara, St. Thomas's, Ardahan and Oranmore-Maree before defeating Ballindereen in the quarter-final. Their semi-final against Kiltormer was their biggest challenge, but they came away with a deserved four point victory.

Despite the youthful challenge of Carnmore, who will be no push over, the Mike. Conneely trained Sarsfields side should go on to win their third County title.

**County Final on
Sunday week**

THE Hurling Board has fixed the county senior final between Carnmore and Sarsfields for Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday week, Nov. 8th.

This decision was made last night (Monday), thus ending speculation that the final would not take place until Nov. 15th because of Galway's National League date with Dublin.

But to the Hurling Board's delight, the Dubs agreed to a request to play the league tie on Saturday week, eve of the county final, at Duggan Park, Ballinasloe. Galway won't have the services of Joe Cooney, Michael McGrath or any other Sarsfield's or Carnmore players.

Carnmore are the surprise packets of the County Cup, maintaining their great form to put out Turloughmore last Sunday. Sarsfields knocked out holders Kiltormer in the second semi-final.

Carnmore surge

Sarsfields 0-14

Carnmore 1-11

by John McIntyre

THE GREAT escape. Ronald Biggs and his gang of notorious train robbers would surely have taken their hats off to Carnmore senior hurlers at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday evening — even Lazuras himself might have joined in the tributes to a miraculous comeback.

Carnmore were gone — almost dead and buried. Trailing by seven points with just over ten minutes remaining there appeared to be no way back. No hope. A gallant effort was about to end in honourable defeat, or so we thought. But what unfolded subsequently just had to be seen to be believed.

Those final ten minutes of frantic action must have left Sarsfields in a daze as Carnmore picked themselves off the floor to stage a match-saving recovery which simply hadn't seemed possible. It was real "Roy of the Rovers" stuff with Tomas Greally emerging as the toast of his parish with that dramatic levelling point in injury time.

It was a nerve-tingling conclusion to an absorbing county final which had flowed Sarsfields way for so long. Carnmore's never-say-die spirit and superb level of fitness eventually rescued them and, though the match ended in stalemate, the result must be regarded as a moral victory for Johnny Greaney's men.

While Carnmore deserve the highest of praise for sticking to their task when the spirit of many other teams would have been long broken, the Sarsfields post mortems this week will only serve to increase their level of amazement at how things almost went so disastrously wrong in the closing minutes.

They looked to have made their third county title safe when stretching into a 0-13 to 0-6 lead with a brilliant Peter Cooney point in the 49th minute, but all through the match Sarsfields were haunted by some deplorable shooting — a staggering 19 wides in all — with county player Michael McGrath, in particular, spurning several great chances. He wasn't alone, however, and the off-farm Aidan Donoghue was also culpable in this regard.

Their high tally of wides and 14 points gives an indication of

Sarsfields territorial dominance over the hour and while they will be crestfallen at letting Carnmore salvage a draw, there could have been an even worse scenario and the '89

champs still have everything to play for.

The only difference now is that Carnmore's confidence will be sky high after their great fightback on Sunday. They

won't be in awe of Sarsfields in the replay and several of their team, including Ronan Walsh, Murt Killilea and goal scorer Liam Fahy, are capable of much better.

A huge crowd witnessed a stirring duel and while the standard dipped somewhat after a splendid opening, the exciting finale richly compensated. In a free-flowing and sporting match — excellently refereed by Patsy Lynch — three players covered themselves in glory. Joe and Peter Cooney of Sarsfields and Carnmore's Deolán Gillin.

The late change was, being synonymous with Carnmore in the current campaign but that ten minutes of glorious hurling should not blind them to the fact that they were a well beaten team for much of the game. The 1988 intermediate winners still have it all to do in the replay, though the morale of the team must be at a peak after Sunday's extraordinary revival.

Noel Morrissey's eleventh hour withdrawal with a knee infection was a big blow to Sarsfields as his replacement Gerry McGrath, apart from a ten minute spell at the start of the second half, struggled to overcome his lack of match practice even if his direct opponent Ronan Walsh made no great impact either.

Carnmore's high level of physical fitness stood to them in the final quarter but I don't believe Sarsfields ran out of steam. More credible is the theory that they lost concentration and became slightly complacent. Yet, Sarsfields were so dominant that even with all the wides they still looked certain winners.

They were not in the least flattered to lead by 0-7 to 0-3

Morrissey doubtful for Co. final replay

by John McIntyre

NOEL Morrissey remains a doubtful starter for Sunday's county hurling final replay at Kenny Park, Athenry (2.30p.m.) — the Sarsfields midfielder was a shock late withdrawal from the drawn game due to a knee infection which developed the night before the game.

Team manager Michael Conneely revealed on Wednesday that Morrissey was receiving daily treatment but that there had been no great improvement in his condition. "However, we have not given up hope on getting Noel fit for the replay," he said.

Conneely remains optimistic that Sarsfields will win the replay despite Carnmore's great comeback last Sunday. "I suppose we got a little complacent and lost concentration, but I am hoping that won't happen again on Sunday. Everything is still there to be played for.

Carnmore boss Johnny Greaney believes that their late Houdini Act last Sunday will have a positive effect on the team. "I think deep down some of the players didn't really believe they could beat Sarsfields, but that feeling is gone now.

"I was really proud of the team and they never threw in the towel. I am glad we are getting a second chance and I am looking forward to a more consistent effort in the replay. We have no new injury problems," added Greaney.

The county final programme committee, under the editorship of Frank Burke, are producing a brand new programme for Sunday's county final. It will contain several interesting features including a humorous piece by Kevin Cashman of the Sunday Independent.

Meanwhile, a bad weather forecast for the weekend has forced the Galway Hurling Board to abandon its plan of staging the county minor final between Clarenbridge and Castlegar as a curtain raiser to the senior replay on Sunday.

Hurling Board Secretary Phelim Murphy said they were "afraid to chance" a two-match programme due to the strong risk of bad weather on Sunday. "It's unfortunate and in the circumstances I would strongly advise patrons to come early in the hope of eliminating a last minute rush. The gates to the grounds will be opened at 12.30p.m.," he added.

Carmore will carry greater psychological armory into county hurling final replay

by Michael Gilman

THE dichotomy was startling — Carmore palpably failing to do themselves justice with a display of rank and insecurity and Sarsfields, thriving on their experience, attaining much of their characteristic fluency and conviction to the extent that only one result should have been possible. Remarkably, the outcome was to bear little relevance to the overall trend of the hour's hurling. Unlike other field sports, superiority in hurling invariably translates into victory and one-sided contests are usually reflected accurately on the scoreboard. Here was an exception to the rule. Yet,

conversely, to suggest that Carmore were unworthy of the draw would be an injustice. They were just lucky that Sarsfields were within catching distance. Put starkly, the rank outsider hustled with self-belief for a mere ten minutes — yet, ultimately, achieved as much as Sarsfields who dominated proceedings virtually throughout and had it within their capabilities in the third quarter to inflict a defeat of some considerable proportions. There's no prize for guessing then who will carry the greater psychological armory into next Sunday's replay. The draw may have been achieved through a smash and grab last ten minutes, but Carmore must now be undoubtedly asking themselves what a display of their normal resilience and consistency would

have produced. It's unlikely players of the stature of Murty Killilea, Ronan Walsh and Liam Paly will exert as little influence again or that their midfield will be so over-run that it will lead to a repeat of the inordinate pressure on their defence and the starvation diet of forwards that existed at Kenny Park on Sunday. It was in the exchanges around the centre of the field where Sarsfields established the basis for their dominance at an early stage on Sunday and while it is impossible to legislate for the sustained class of Joe Cooney, it is doubtful if Carmore can prove so aseptic in this sector again. Carmore, quite simply, failed to function anywhere near their full potential with a series of key players failing to produce the goods,

whether through a sense of overawe, inexperience or just freezing on the biggest occasion they have ever encountered. Such criticism appeared academic as the third quarter progressed, however, for despite five wides in the first eight minutes, Sarsfields had stretched their lead to a commanding 0-13 to 0-6 by the 49th minute and a rout looked a more likely scenario than what was to materialise. If anything the ease with which they were winning possession lulled Sarsfields into a false sense of security and made form one memorable hook by Brendan Cooney to deny Patrick Killilea a clear shot at goal after 35mins their defence was virtually redundant. Indeed it took Carmore a full 16 minutes to register a wide in the second half — and that was not a tribute to their accuracy.

with which their forwards got the ball to hand against a ponderous defence. Carmore's performances this season — their fitness and ability to punish tired teams in the closing stages. They maintained that trend in spectacular fashion on Sunday with 1-5 in the final ten minutes to alter radically a game that might have been beyond salvation. The expressions on the faces of the teams at the end of an important late game — Carmore, exultant with their comeback, had the carriage and expression of victors; Sarsfields, visibly stunned by the sequence of events, had the demeanour of losers. What the consequences will be only Sunday's replay will reveal, but what is undeniable is that Carmore had performed

poorly and survived well. Sarsfields had played well, yet it was not good in terms of hurling the game had disappointed, notwithstanding the absorbing climax and its commendable sporting nature. True, there were many passages of excellence, chiefly from Sarsfields, but strange as it may seem for a match that ended deadlocked, it lacked competitiveness and equality, particularly in the second and third quarters. That the seemingly inevitable conclusion didn't transpire can largely be attributed to one man — Carmore wing back Declan Collins who single-handedly became the launching pad for their late revival. Proficient in the first-half, he graduated into the game's most influential performer on the resumption, not just for the quality of his defending, but primarily for the way he compensated for the midfield void with the amount of percussive ball he supplied to his front-runners. There were other Carmore contributory factors to the result in the shape of goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh, Ends Fisherly, Rory Kenny, Alan Kenny (first half), Tomás Graeish, if only for his last minute pressure point to tie the game, and Michael Killilea who always looked dangerous from limited possession. But, in a team context, there is enormous scope for improvement. Sarsfields also produced one individual display of

the highest order: from Peter Cooney whose 0-8 from play represented an outstanding display of sharpshooting from a variety of angles and distances — and included one point from a near-impossible angle on the right sideline. Even a partial repetition of this accuracy on a regular basis would take him to the peaks previously scaled by his brothers Joe and Jimmy. One has come to expect such lustre from Joe Cooney as a matter of course and he duly dictated the mid-field battle with a regal display, though possibly cramped by the absence of Noel Morrissey he tended to opt for the conservative early delivery. It was a substantial platform, yet one which Sarsfields did not fully utilise on the day. They enjoyed other areas of ascendancy, too. Their full-back line was untroubled for fifty minutes, while outside them Padraic Kelly was the best player on the field in the first half and Donal Keane and Willie Easté also performed effectively. And in attack Peter Kelly provided admirable support for Cooney, though Michael McGrath detracted from his performance with a procession of bad second half wides. For Sarsfields the conundrum must be why the sum of the parts did not produce the total — and the destiny of the tie in Sunday's replay may well depend on their answer.

Carmore fightback a shock for Sarsfields

Carmore 1-11 Sarsfields 0-14
IT WAS A severe strain on the patience of Sarsfields' loyal followers, as their team, the hot favourites, all but pressed the self-destruct button in the final ten hectic, thrilling minutes of the county hurling decider at packed Athenry ... but though they lived dangerously, they survived to take on brave, big hearted Carmore in a replay, at the same venue, next Sunday.

Yes, a strong case could be made for a judgement that it was Carmore who showed sharper survival instincts but in my view Sarsfields were very lucky not to have had the cup of victory snatched from their thirsty lips, and for that they can offer their thanks to brilliant and courageous goalie Tommy Kenny who made two stunning late saves to deny Carmore a sensational first success in the county's premier sports competition.

Kenny, hero of Sarsfields' championship win over St. Mary's, Athenry in 1989, skillfully got his body and hurley to two bullet-like drives that seemed destined for the net, and though he was finally beaten by Liam Fahy for a close range levelling goal a minute from full time there was no

doubt he had covered himself in glory in the dramatic preceding minutes. Then, in time added on for injuries and a couple of other stoppages, the sides put over a point apiece and so it ended all square — a fair result!

On a grand day for hurling, and before a huge crowd, probably in excess of 12,000, this was an absorbing encounter that provided magnificent entertainment. Faulty shooting by both sides denied it classic status but there were many marvellous moments, some superb individual displays, wholehearted endeavour and of course that pulsating finale which put almost intolerable pressure on the fainthearted. The drama was played out in a wonderful atmosphere; sportsmanship was of the highest order, referee Patsy Lynch did a superb job in his first senior final, and it was, above all, a great and memorable occasion.

Win, lose or draw next Sunday, the history books will pay due tribute to gallant Carmore for their spirited second half fightback that turned seemingly certain defeat into a share of the spoils. Inspired by a superlative display of wing back hurling by Declan Collins, one of the heroes of their semi-final defeat of Turloughmore, they refused to die though faced with a seven-point deficit. It was a mountain to climb but stout hearts and set minds rose to the challenge and met it magnificently. Nobody begrudged them another chance, or Sarsfields either.

At half-time it was Sarsfields 0-7, Carmore 0-3, after a Sarsfields penalty by Peter Cooney was blocked by Alan Kenny just before the break. That proved a major factor, as events transpired, for if it had been netted I doubt if Carmore, well out of it at that stage, would have recovered. It seemed to affect Sars

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Hurling Final:**

**Carmore v.
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too, for in the early minutes of the second half Michael McGrath shot three wides in a row, and his brother Gerry a fourth, and a possible six points, and a lead of ten, slipped away.

Youthful Carmore are renowned for their fitness and stamina and as the second half wore on, it began to tell. Sarsfields, with Peter Cooney doing most of the scoring in the game of his life, did stretch their lead to seven points but when Peter Fahy, Tomás Grealish and Micheál ("Bomber") Killilea finally got into top gear in the Carmore full forward line the challengers suddenly found themselves close enough if good enough. Twice the eagle-eyed Kenny denied them goals but they stuck to it superbly and Liam Fahy was the man who levelled it with a cracking low strike to Kenny's left, for the only goal of the game. You could feel the electricity in the air as Kenny pucked out but Peter Cooney, inevitably, eased the tension a little for Sarsfields when he whipped over the last of his six points from play. Carmore, who left it so late to start hurling, weren't finished however and Tomás Grealish saved the day with a great equaliser, under a lot of pressure, from the right wing.

Sarsfields knew they let this one slip in running up nineteen wides, many from good positions, without being challenged hard. For the 1989 skipper "Hopper" McGrath, in particular, it was a frustrating final. This great man, surely one of Galway's best ever, shot three smashing points, the third, in the second half, a beautiful long range effort over the shoulder, with Carmore men around him. Yet it was a day he could so easily have bettered Peter Cooney's tally and, indeed, had he been sharper in his finishing in the early minutes of the second half it simply wouldn't have been a contest in the last quarter.

McGrath's long time comrade in arms Joe Cooney was, in my opinion, the best hurler on the field last Sunday. It was a joy to watch this remarkable man display the full range of his wondrous gifts, in as good a display as he has ever given for club or county. Perhaps his spectacular catches, through forests of ash, will live longest in most minds, but for me it was the deft striking, low down the flanks or high to the corners, that proved thrilling. Here was a craftsman at the height of his considerable, awesome powers, giving poetic expression to the beautiful game of hurling. That he was finally curbed, or at least that his influence did not yield the full fruits of such splendid labours, eloquently speaks volumes for Carmore's own fine players and their spirit, courage and collective resilience.

Peter Cooney, at 22 the youngest of the six brothers on the Sars panel, also took centre stage with a brilliant exhibition of striking

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A STIRRING CLIMAX . . .

**Commentary
by J. P. BURKE**

ALL the thrills in this County Cup hurling final at Kenny Park on Sunday came in the last few minutes as what had been a tame enough encounter rose to a crescendo of excitement as Sarsfields' lead was whittled down to the single major score that would have given challengers Carmore the senior title for the first time. There wasn't time to pull level on points, so it was a goal or nothing — and that goal came dramatically in the last minute of normal time, leaving the spare seconds for Peter Cooney to save the day for Sarsfields. And when it seemed that this time they must take the title they had missed three times, the Bullaun-New Inn combination were denied by a long range point from Tomás Grealish to give Carmore a second chance.

Only for the incredible saves by Tommy Kenny when Carmore were finishing with rare abandon, Sarsfields might have lost the battle on the scale of missed chances. The most grievous one was when a penalty late in the first half was saved by Alan Kenny. The penalty was awarded after keeper Kenneth Walsh made an impetuous charge on the incoming Aidan Donoghue, his only black mark on an otherwise clean sheet. Oddly it didn't even merit a note of warning from referee Patsy Lynch, who may not have seen the incident at close range. Sarsfields then had only a four points margin at the interval, 0-7 to 0-3, and they had plenty of time for regrets before the finish.

They had gained a double scores advantage early in the second half, but followed with a succession of wides to allow Carmore to build up to the powerful finish that had characterised their progress to the final. Though Joe Cooney was still top man at the centre, his pinpoint passes along the right sideline were wasted and Walsh in goal was never really in danger. And

the Carmore men didn't need any prompting to turn on their best, and while the Cooney led side might have sneaked through on a slim margin they probably won't mind having another chance to prove they're the best!

If any one man left his mark on this game, it was that exemplar of hurling skills Joe Cooney, whose fearless catches and perfect striking were testimony once more to his mastery of the game. He missed the strength of his usual partner Noel Morrissey, who had to cry off only hours before the game, and his replacement Gerry McGrath had not fully recovered from injury. Joe couldn't turn the game on his own, but three brothers in the full back line showed invincible power in the first half, Pakie in particular doing tremendous work. Peter, fifth of the family, was top scorer with six points but must regret not having hit more. Hopper McGrath and Aidan Donoghue had three each but they could have had more.

For Carmore, the hurling side of Claregalway parish, this was as near the top as they might have hoped for, but their hero must be Liam Fahy who scored that all important goal. It came at the right time, the major salvo that all but turned the tables, but their best hurling was coming as they saw that Sarsfields were not going to overwhelm them and the confidence they lacked in the first half fairly blossomed in that stirring climax. The Killileas, Grealishes and Kennys will relish another chance to prove their worth, and having survived the initiation to County Cup fervour they might just go one up next time out. And that's at Athenry again, and I hope a starting time that makes allowance for fading light in a November evening.

CLEARING to safety: Sarsfields goalie Tommy Kenny to the rescue as Carmore move in.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

**THE
REPLAY**

CARNMORE

Carnmore Fight Back in Thrilling Final

CARNMORE1-11
SARSFIELDS.....0-14

The showpiece of the Galway G.A.A. calendar more than lived up to expectation. Two passionate teams slugged it out to the very finish in front of a massive crowd, estimated at 10,000, in Kenny Park on Sunday.

After the heat of battle there is no doubt that the laurels rest with Carnmore. Appearing in their first hurling finals only four years after making the senior grade they showed the mettle which has seen them overcome clubs with much greater pedigrees than they have.

It seemed impossible that they could overcome a seven point deficit going into the final quarter of the game but overcome they did especially in the final minute when Liam Fahy scored a great

goal to level the match and Tomas Grealish pegged back a late Sarsfields lead to draw the match.

The accuracy of Paul Cooney from frees and play was a telling factor in Sarsfields dominance of the early stages of the game as was the performance of Michael (Hopper) McGrath at corner forward. They lead at half-time by 0-7 to 0-3 and should have made it even more had Peter Cooney and Joe McGrath not missed goal scoring opportunities and

Cooney compounded his misery by missing a penalty on the stroke of half time.

Sarsfield put their penalty miss behind them and took the initiative in the second half with points from Peter Cooney (three), Peter Kelly, Michael McGrath and Aidan Donoghue but their dominance should have yielded more scores and they had a lamentable tally of 19 wides in the game as a whole.

With 11 minutes remaining Sarsfields lead

by 0-13 to 0-6 with 11 minutes remaining but Carnmore clawed their way back into the game with points from Peter Fahy (2), Tomas Grealish and Raymond Grealish and when Liam Fahy got the all important goal the sides were level.

Not to be outdone Sarsfields inched in front again with a point from Peter Cooney but Carnmore haven taken heart from their comeback equalised again in the dying seconds with a point from 45 yards by Tomas Grealish.

The teams will meet again, same time, same place for the replay.

Brave Carnmore earn a replay

Sarsfields 0-14; Carnmore 1-11

A massive point by Carnmore full-forward Tomás Grealish in the dying seconds forced a draw with hot favourites Sarsfields in the Galway senior hurling final at Athenry yesterday.

Sarsfields, who had won the County Championship in 1980 and 89, were hotly tipped and were powered in the main by two families, who made up over half the team. Joe Cooney and his four brothers, Pakie, Brendan, Michael and Peter, were supported by Michael McGrath and his brothers Jerry and Joe, in a team that had defeated the All-Ireland champions, Kiltormer, two weeks ago.

At half-time Sarsfields led by 0-7 to 0-3 but Carnmore, who are renowned for a late finish, left their vital scores until the last 60 seconds when Liam Fahy had the only goal of the match and Grealish the all-important point.

Scorers for Sarsfields: P. Cooney 0-6, M. McGrath 0-3, A. Donoghue 0-3, Joe Cooney and Peter Kelly 0-1 each.

Carnmore: Michael Killilea 0-4, L. Fahy 1-0, R. Grealish, P. Fahy and Tomas Grealish 0-2 each, R. Walsh 0-1.

SARSFIELDS: T. Kenny; Pakie Cooney (Capt), B. Cooney, M. Cooney; Padraic Kelly, D. Keane, W. Earls; G. McGrath, Joe Cooney; M. McGrath, J. McGrath, A. Donoghue; Peter Kelly, M. Kenny, Peter Cooney.

CARNMORE: K. Walsh; S. Newell, J. Noone, E. Flaherty; D. Collins, Murty Killilea, R. Kenny; P. Killilea, R. Walsh; A. Kenny, L. Fahy, R. Grealish; Michael Killilea, T. Grealish, P. Fahy.

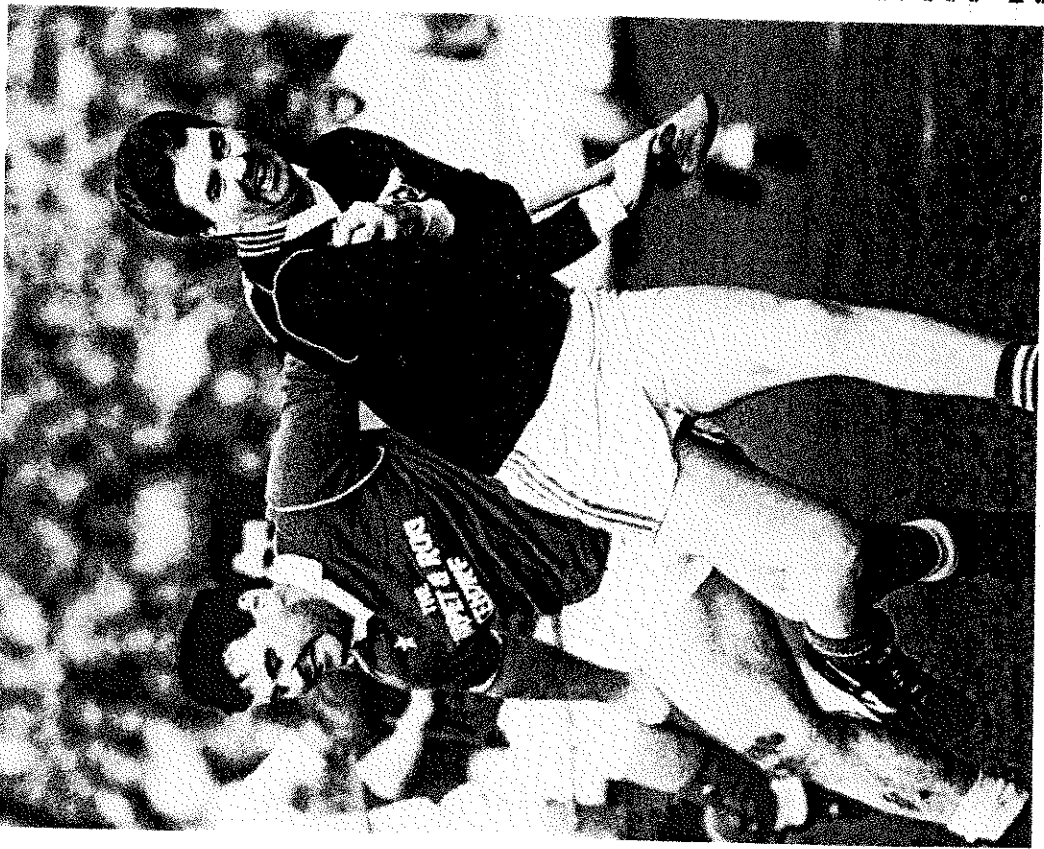
Referee — Patsy Lynch.

Carmmore's Houdini Act!

Sarsfields left reeling
by storming finish from
Carmmore's young lions

Sarsfields 0-14
Carmmore 1-11

CARMORE staged one of the great comebacks in the history of Galway club hurling to deny hot favourites Sarsfields a third senior championship success in a thrilling finish to the county final at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday.



IN SAFE HANDS ... Sarsfields goalkeeper Tommy Kenny tries to escape the attentions of Carmmore's Michael Killilea during Sunday's county hurling final at Athenry.

Looking down and out when trailing by seven points with barely 11 minutes remaining, Carmmore launched a desperate late offensive to earn an unlikely draw and, in the process, leave the Sarsfields camp in a state of shock.

Right half back Declan Collins was the Carmmore hero with a magnificent second half display while Joe and Peter Cooney, scorer of six points from play, were by far the biggest influences on the Sarsfields team.

A near capacity attendance saw the game being turned on its head in the closing ten minutes — Sarsfields had been the dominant side but a total of 19 wides prevented them from really putting Carmmore away.

There wasn't much between the teams during a bright opening with Peter Cooney scoring two points for Sarsfields and Ronan Walsh (free) and Raymond Grealish replying for a young Carmmore side. Despite an impressive first quarter from wing back Rory Kenny for Carmmore, Sarsfields were beginning to take control but Joe McGrath and Peter Cooney squandered good goal scoring chances.

Two great points from Michael McGrath along with similar efforts from Joe Cooney and Aidan Donoghue (two, one from a

great lineball) helped Sarsfields lead 0-7 to 0-3 at the interval — but Peter Cooney had a penalty saved just on the stroke of half time after Donoghue was flattened by Kenneth Walsh.

The standard of hurling dropped in the opening 20 minutes of the second half as Sarsfields began to take a strong grip on the exchanges. Points came from the rampant Peter Cooney (three), Peter Kelly, Michael McGrath and Aidan Donoghue but their intense pressure ought to have yielded more scores.

Carmmore, with Michael Killilea scoring their opening three points — two from frees — of the second half, began to take heart from Sarsfields squandermania and with Tomas Grealish finishing strongly at centre forward, the match really came to life in the closing ten minutes.

Points from young Peter Fahy (two), Tomas Grealish and Raymond Grealish had narrowed the deficit to 0-13 to 0-10 when the subdued Liam Fahy goaled from close range after Sarsfields keeper Tommy Kenny had made a great save from Tomas Grealish.

Sarsfields could hardly believe it but they showed great resolve in working up the field for Michael Kenny to set up Peter Cooney for what seemed the winning score — but straight from the puck-out the ball broke to Tomas Grealish and he

drifted the equaliser over from about 45 yards.

Sarsfields top players were Joe and Peter Cooney but goalkeeper Tommy Kenny was also in excellent form. Padraig Kelly had a great first half with Michael Cooney and Willie Earis also prominent in defence.

Michael McGrath picked off three great points but he also drove some costly wides as did Aidan Donoghue. The eleventh hour withdrawal of Noel Morrissey with a knee infection did Sarsfields no favour either.

Collins was the Carmmore star but, at various stages, Ends Flaherty, Rory Kenny, Raymond Grealish, Michael Killilea, Alan Kenny, Tomas Grealish and Peter Fahy were strongly to the fore. Goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh didn't put a foot wrong.

Sarsfields: T. Kenny, Pádraig Cooney, B. Cooney, M. Cooney, P. Kelly, D. Keane, W. Earis, G. McGrath, J. McGrath (0-3), J. McGrath, A. Donoghue (0-3, 0-2 from frees, 0-1 from sideline cut), P. Kelly (0-1), M. Kenny, Peter Cooney (0-6).

Carmmore: K. Walsh, S. Newell, J. Noone, E. Flaherty, D. Collins, Murt Killilea, R. Kenny, P. Killilea, R. Walsh (0-1, from free), A. Kenny, L. Fahy (1-0), R. Grealish (0-2), M. Michael Killilea (0-4, 0-3 from frees), T. Grealish (0-2), P. Fahy (0-2), A. Thomason for P. Killilea (injured).

Fahy's late goal forces Sarsfields into replay

SARSFIELDS.....0-14 CARNMORE.....1-11

SARSFIELDS, who have never lost a Galway senior hurling final, kept their record intact to some degree against underdogs Carnmore at Kenny Park, Athenry.

In an truly exciting final before a crowd of 12,000 Sarsfields dominated matters and yet saw Carnmore, bidding for their first ever senior title, come back to level matters a minute before the finish.

The last minute withdrawal of Noel Morrissey from the Sarsfields midfield didn't up set the rhythm of his side unduly in the first half.

Intercounty star Joe Cooney, one of five brothers on their team, played very well and was aided in the forward line his brother Peter at left corner forward, Michael 'Hopper' McGrath at left half and Aidan Donoghue.

Carnmore, who trailed by 0-7 to 0-3 at half time, were kept in the match by Michael Killilea — one of three Killikeas in the side — Raymond Grealish and Ronan Walsh.

Sarsfields shot a lot of wides after the break and this gave a boost to Carnmore who kept coming back and only for Tommy Kenny in the Sarsfields goal might have won but he made two brilliant saves that kept the outsiders from the taking the match.

But with three minutes to go he could not stop the Carnmore centre half-forward Liam Fahy from scoring a great goal to level the match.

However, the excitement was still not over as with two minutes to go Sarsfields once more took the lead with a point from Peter Cooney, his sixth of the day.

But in the last minute Carnmore full forward Tomas Grealish, from 45 yards out, sent the sliothair over the bar to ensure a replay.

SCORERS — Sarsfields: P Cooney 0-6, M McGrath and A Donoghue 0-3 each, Peter Kelly 0-1, J Cooney 0-1. Carnmore - M Killilea 0-4, L Fahy 1-0, T Grealish, P Fahy and R Grealish 0-2 each, R. Walsh 0-1.

SARSFIELDS — T Kenny; Pakie Cooney, B Cooney, M Cooney; Pdraig Kelly, D Keane, W Earls; G McGrath, J Cooney; M McGrath, J McGrath, A Donoghue; Peter Kelly, M Kenny, Peter Cooney.

CARNMORE — K Walsh; S Newell, J Noone, F Flaherty; D Collins, Murt Killilea, R Kenny; P Killilea, R Walsh; R Grealish, L Fahy, A Kenny; P Fahy, T Grealish, Michael Killilea. Subs: A Thompson for P Killilea.

REF — P Lynch (Athenry)

Fermanagh crush Leitrim

FERMANAGH.....6-19 LEITRIM.....0-3

Fermanagh recorded a runaway victory over a weak Leitrim side on home ground at Ederney, having led by 2-6 to 0-1 at halftime.

SCORERS — Fermanagh: O McShea 1-8, S O'Donnell 3-3, J McGoldrick and C Dunne 1-0 each, K McKeough, D McShea, A McPhillips 0-2 each, S Breslin 0-1. Leitrim: T McLoughlin, S Duigoan, J McGreevy 0-1 each.

REF — M Langtry (Sligo).

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Danny Potter
TREASURER: Pádraig Hynes
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Tom Hughes
P.R.O.: Tom Lenihan
HURLING BOARD DELEGATE: Johnnie Greaney
JUVENILE COMMITTEE: John Noone, Martin Keating, P.J. McGovern, John Kerrigan and Francis Moran

ROLL OF HONOUR

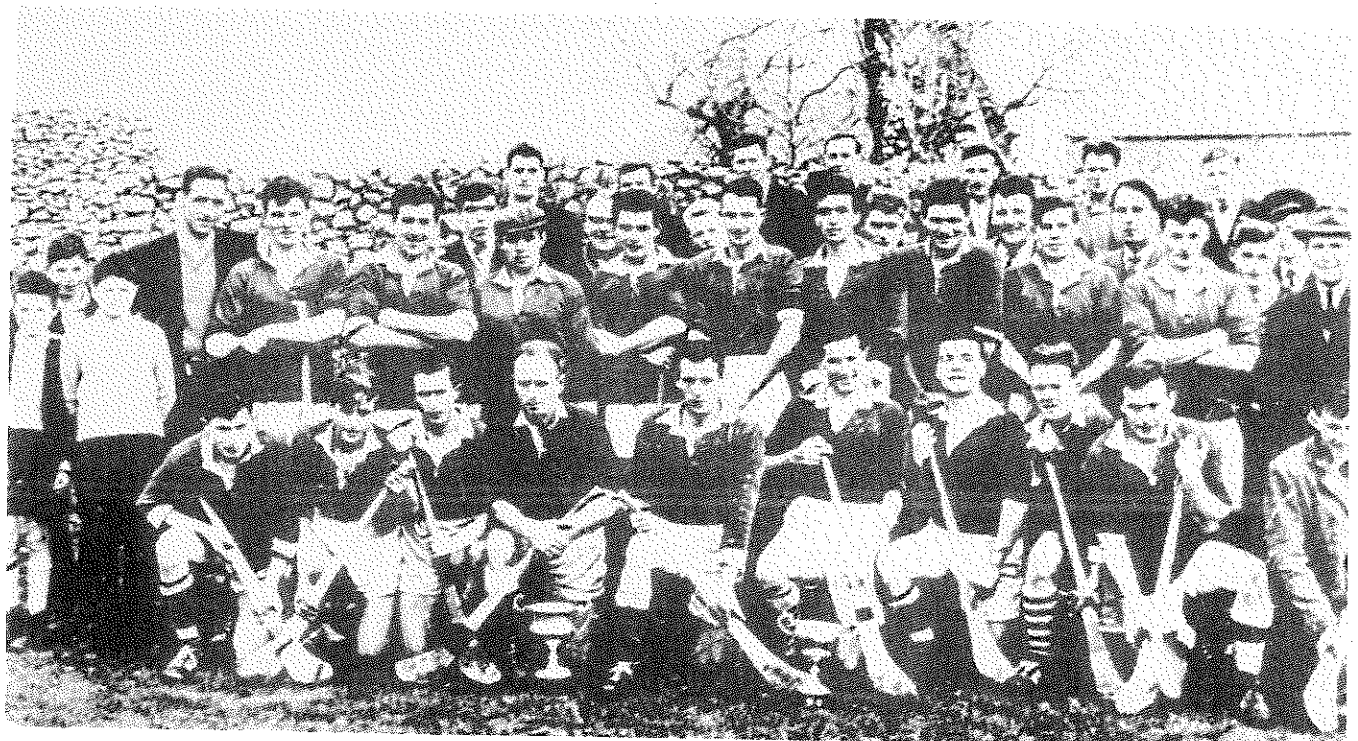
Co. Intermediate: 1961 and 1988 (2)
 Co. Junior: 1946 and 1955 (2)
 Co. Under 21 B: 1987 (1)
 Co. Minor B: 1984 and 1990 (2)
 All Ireland Féile na nGael (Div. 4): 1981 (1)
 Claregalway, now joined with Carnmore for hurling, won Co. Junior Hurling Championships in 1947 and 1952 (2).
Carnmore were unsuccessful in their three County Senior Hurling Final appearances to date:
 1947: An Chéad Cath Gaedheach (Army) 4 - 13 Carnmore 4 - 3
 1971: Tommy Larkins 5 - 2 Carnmore 1 - 12
 1975: Aodrhan 4 - 5 Carnmore 1 - 11

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Tommy Monahan.
VICE-PRESIDENTS: Fr. Hubert Murray and P.P. Fr. John Garvey.
CHAIRMAN: Pat Hynes.
VICE-CHAIRMAN: Seamus Doyle.
SECRETARY: Gerry Leslie.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY: Michael Glynn.
TREASURER: Joe Dolan.
ASSISTANT TREASURER: Michael Cooney.
P.R.O.: Michael Kenny.
ASSISTANT P.R.O.: Sean Geraghty.
JUVENILE SECRETARY: Sean Geraghty.
DELEGATE TO HURLING BOARD: Paddy Corcoran.
TEAM MANAGER AND TRAINER: Michael Connolly.
FELLOW SELECTORS: Michael Mulkerrins and Michael Murray.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Under 12: (2) 1983, 1990 (B).
 Under 14 B: (1) 1990.
 Under 16: (2) 1980, 1990 (B).
 Under 21 (A): (1) 1984.
 Junior (B): (1) 1985.
 Intermediate: (1) 1976.
 Senior: (2) 1980, 1989.
 Senior Connacht Club Titles: (2) 1980, 1989



1961 CARNMORE INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Back row, left to right: Tom McDonagh, John Roche, Billy McDonagh, Pádraig Fox, Michéal Kenny, Micky Collins, Máirtín Sullivan, John Conroy, Paddy Ruane, Jim Commins, Pádraig Kenny, Peter Conneely, Martin Kerrigan, Pádraig Hynes, Pat Walsh, Jim Girwin, Michael Hynes, Peter Fahy, Roddy Kenny, Paddy Carr, Gill Ruane, Christy Grealish, Martin Grealish, Jimmy Collins, Michael Walsh, Michael Walsh, Paddy Greaney, Joe Walsh, Michael Commins. Front row, left to right: Micky Hanley, John Greaney, Joe Hanley, Jack Murphy, Eddie Hanley, Brother Fox, Tommy Leonard, Máirtín Beatty, Mattie Hanley, Jack Beatty.

WHAT THEY SAID IN THE PAPERS

Carnmore's Houdini Act!

Sarsfields left reeling by storming finish from Carnmore's young lions

SARSFIELDS0-14 CARNMORE1-11

CARNMORE staged one of the great comebacks in the history of Galway club hurling to deny hot favourites Sarsfields a third senior championship success in a thrilling finish to the county final at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday.

Looking down and out when trailing by seven points with barely 11 minutes remaining, Carnmore launched a desperate late offensive to earn an unlikely draw and, in the process leave the Sarsfields camp in a state of shock.

Right half back Declan Collins was the Carnmore hero with a magnificent second half display while Joe and Peter Cooney, scorer of six points from play, were by far the biggest influence on the Sarsfields team.

John McIntyre, Connacht Tribune

"... historic come back by Carnmore in a game of great sportsmanship ..."

Jim Carney, Tuam Herald

"A capacity crowd saw the game being turned on its head in the final minutes ..."

Francis Farragher, Connacht Tribune



EQUALISER

Tomás Grealish who is responsible for having us back in Kenny Park today proved his worth in the dying minutes on Sunday last when he received an unerring pass from Declan Collins on the right wing and made no mistake in scoring the vital point and bringing the Carnmore crowd to their feet. It was his second in the game and never before did he score a more important one.

Tomás who is an engineer came to hurling prominence with Galway R.T.C. with whom he won All Ireland and League titles. Prior to that he had played both hurling and football with Moneenageisha. He was on the victorious Carnmore Féile '81 team, Minor B in '84 and under 21 B in 1987.

Tomás is confident his side can take their first county title today after their heroic comeback last Sunday. When asked for inspiration he looks to his idol Conor Hayes who led Galway and Kiltormer with such distinction. Tomás's brother Raymond plays on the half forward line today, while his older brother James was captain of the 1975 County Final side. His father Peter also played with Carnmore and was on the Galway Junior Hurling team in the early forties.

SPORTS LINE

Galway County Senior Hurling Final: Carnmore Salvage a Draw with Late Charge

Carnmore 1 - 11

Sarsfields 0 - 14

After total domination, favourites Sarsfields were cruising to their third county title when Carnmore stages a dramatic fightback to earn a draw in the Galway County Senior Hurling final in Athenry's Kenny Park last Sunday.

Sarsfields led comfortably by 0 - 13 to 0 - 6, but with only ten minutes remaining the West Galway side hit back with power and conviction to rock the New Inn-Bullaun team.

Many of the huge crowd had contemplated leaving what had turned out to be a disappointing game until Carnmore finally began to believe they had nothing to lose. They took on the challenge with time very much against them.

The fightback started from the inspirational play of Declan Collins, who set up Ray Grealish for a point in the 50th minute. Almost immediately

Tomas Grealish had a goal shot well blocked by Sarsfields keeper Tommy Kenny, but the resulting scramble broke to Grealish again who potted a point. Peter Fahy replied with another inside a minute and suddenly Carnmore had a new lease of life.

Sarsfields Peter Cooney was wide of target and Liam Fahy hit a blistering shot which hit goalie Kenny and was cleared. Alan Kenny set up Peter Fahy for another Carnmore point, putting just a goal between the sides and three minutes remaining.

Carnmore supporters gasped when Kenny cleared another from Tomas Grealish, but the ball broke to Liam Fahy on the left wing who hit a piledriver to the back of the Sarsfields net past. Kenny Park erupted into a sea of red and white.

GREALISH EQUALISES

With the scores level and less than two minutes left Sarsfields star forward Peter Cooney broke loose and tapped over a point from 25 metres. From the puck out Kenneth Walsh found Declan Collins, who passed to Tomas Grealish to slot the equaliser from 40 metres.

The late challenge provided Carnmore with a well deserved draw, but Sarsfields will rue the many missed scoring chances, particularly in the early stages of the second half.

Sarsfields, who were forced to line-out without star midfielder Noel Morrissey, who had an inflamed knee, started in convincing fashion and within three minutes Peter Cooney had slotted two points.

The New Inn side could have gone further ahead when Peter Kelly intercepted as Carnmore's goalie Kenneth Walsh was advancing, but his shot was just wide of the post.

Ray Grealish and Ronan Walsh put Carnmore level before Sarsfields Aidan Donoghue with a delightful sideline cut and Walsh exchanged points midway through the opening half.

Two Michael 'Hopper' McGrath points added to by

a Joe Cooney 65 and a Donoghue free had Sarsfields four points up approaching half time. Carnmore's luck held after Peter Cooney, who outfielded Sean Newell was brought down in the penalty area. The youngest of the Cooney clan saw his shot saved by Kenneth Walsh and the half time score was Sarsfields 0 - 7 Carnmore 0 - 3.

SARSFIELD'S DOMINATE

The New Inn-Bullaun side missed several good scoring opportunities with McGrath particularly guilty, but Walsh was called on to make another good save from Michael Kenny in the 7th minute of the second period. Sarsfields first score of the second half came when Carnmore's Liam Fahy passed the ball straight to Joe Cooney, who found Peter for a point.

Ray Grealish moved to midfield for Carnmore and the Western side responded with two points from Michael Killilea. Sarsfields replied with a 50 metre point from McGrath followed by points from Peter Cooney and Kelly. Killilea replied with a free for Carnmore but when Donoghue pointed a free and Peter Cooney scored a delightful point from near the corner flag, the writing looked on the wall.

For most of this game Carnmore looked like a team that did not believe in themselves. Sarsfields dictated the game with Padraic Kelly outstanding a wing back with good support from Donal Keane.

Joe Cooney dominated at



The Catch ... Sarsfields Joe Cooney wins the sliothar in the air against Carnmores Patrick Killilea during Sundays Senior County Hurling Final clash at Athenry

made life difficult for Carnmore captain Murty Killilea. In attack Michael McGrath and Aidan Donoghue went in and out of the game, but Peter Kelly and the deadly accurate Peter Cooney proved a handful.

For Carnmore Declan Collins shone, getting good support in defence from Rory Kenny, Enda Flaherty and Jimmy Noone. Alan Kenny was more than a handful for Willie Earls and when they got going Ray and Tomas Grealish, Peter Fahy, Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy (when moved to fullforward) and substitute Alan Thompson impressed.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, S. Newell, J. Noone, E. Flaherty, D. Collins, M. Killilea (cpt), R. Kenny, P. Killilea, R. Walsh (0-1), A. kennv. L. Fahy (1-0). R.

(0-4), T. Grealish (0-2), P. Fahy (0-2), Sub, A. Thompson for P. Killilea.

Sarsfields: T. Kenny, Pakie Cooney (cpt), B. Cooney, M. Cooney, P.

Kelly, D. Keane, W. Earls, G. McGrath, J. Cooney (0-1), M. McGrath (0-3), J. McGrath, A. Donoghue (0-3), P. Kelly (0-1), M. Kenny, P. Cooney (0-6).

GOOD START FOR GALWAY

Galway senior hurlers started their National League campaign on a bright note when they defeated Dublin by 2 - 11 to 1 - 8 at Dr. Duggan Park, Ballinasloe last Saturday.

Two second half goals by Joe Rabbitte and Anthony Cunningham ensured a Galway victory as the home side led by one point at the break 0 - 7 to 1 - 3. This game saw the return to form of Peter Finnerty at corner

Paul Cooney and centre Paul Hardiman who produced a top class performance for the home county.

Galway: K. devine, P. Finnerty, P. Coney, C. Helebert, T. Helebert, P. Hardiman, D. Fahy, M. Coleman, C. Molloy, A. Cunningham, (1-2). J. Campbell, L. Burke (0-8), P. Kelly, J. Rabbitte (1-0), C. Moran (0-1). Subs, G. McNerney for Fahy, A. Staunton for Coleman.



Declan Collins (left) and Ray Grealish (right) of Carnmore

Coiste Chontae Iomána na Gaillimhe
COUNTY GALWAY
SENIOR HURLING FINAL 1992

Ag 3.00 P.M.

Ar an Domhnach,
8 Samhain 1992

Ag Páirc Uí Chionnaith
Baile Átha An Rí

Reiteoir: Patsy Lynch

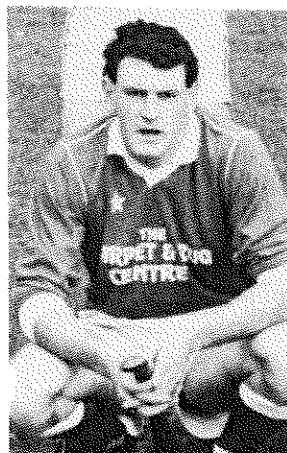


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**COUNTY MINOR B
HURLING FINAL**

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Ag 1.30 P.M. *Reiteoir: Michael Duane*

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CARRMORE SHIPPERS

◆ In August 1975 Padraig Fahy received the prestigious B + I Award as G.A.A. Personality of the Month. He became the first ever Galway recipient of the Award.

◆ The Carrmore panel sports six sets of brothers: Three Killilleas, three Connells, two Kennys, Shane and Ronan Walsh, Declan and Kenneth Walsh, Tomas and Raymond Grealish, Noel and Mickey Grealish.

◆ Malachy Hanley who captained the 1988 victorious Intermediate side is both a selector and substitute today.

◆ Joe Hanley ex Galway United F.C. Chairman, played in goal at sixteen years of age on the 1961 victorious Intermediate side and now is a selector.

◆ The Moneenageisha Community College Connection – Eight of the 1988 All Ireland side are from Carrmore, fourteen of Carrmore's fifteen are past students of Moneenageisha. Billy Grealish the Moneen hurling mentor is a former Carrmore hurler.

◆ Tom Lenihan, now Assistant Treasurer of Galway Hurling Board is a former referee, manager of the 1975 Carrmore side, the last chairman of the West Board and is President of Claregalway Football Club.

Carrmore Claregalway serving Galway G.A.A.

◆ Tomás O'Connor – County Board Registrar and Chairman.

◆ Paddy Ruane – County Board Treasurer and Kenny Park Trustee.

◆ John McDonagh – West Board Treasurer.

◆ Billy Morris – West Board Official.

◆ Mairtín Ó Cadhain, the distinguished scholar, writer and republican was teacher in Carrmore for four years in the late thirties.

◆ The prominence of certain families in Carrmore teams through different decades: Grealish, Kennys, Hanleys, Conneelys, Conroys, Leonardas, Hynes and Greaneyas.

◆ Seamus McHugh, the ex Galway Football All-Star was a member of the 1975 senior hurling side and played with the club through the Seventies.

CARRMORE PEN PICTURES

NAME	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	OCCUPATION
1. Kenneth Walsh	19	6' 0"	11-10	Male Nurse
2. Sean Newell	24	5' 9"	11-0	Barman
3. Jimmie Noone	28	5' 10"	12-0	Technician
4. Enda Flaherty	21	6' 0"	11-2	Student
5. Declan Collins	23	5' 11"	11-13	Fabricator
6. Murty Killilea	22	5' 11"	11-7	Supervisor
7. Rory kenny	22	5' 10"	11-0	Musgrave
				Employee
8. Patrick Killilea	24	5' 10"	11-12	Plasterer
9. Ronan Walsh	20	6' 0"	12-2	Operator
10. Alan Kenny	23	5' 8"	11-2	Technician
11. Liam Fahy	22	6' 0"	11-13	Company Rep.
12. Raymond Grealish	21	5' 11"	12-0	Carpenter
13. Michael Killilea	23	5' 10"	12-13	Plasterer
14. Thomas Grealish	24	6' 1"	13-7	Engineer
15. Peter Fahy	19	5' 9"	11-2	Carpenter
16. Brendan Cummins	36	5' 9"	13-2	Welder
17. Alan Thompson	21	6' 0"	11-3	Electrician
18. John Fox	35	6' 0"	11-0	Musgrave
				Supervisor
19. Danny Grealish	26	5' 9"	13-1	Carpenter
20. Noel Grealish	22	5' 11"	11-0	Polisher
21. Padraig Connell	20	5' 11"	11-3	Plumber
22. Danny Connell	25	6' 1"	12-0	Technician
23. Malachy Hanley	38	5' 10"	11-5	Farmer
24. Shane Walsh	17	5' 7"	10-12	Student
25. Declan Walsh	17	5' 6"	10-3	Student
26. Declan O'Brien	18	6' 1"	12-1	Student
27. Máirtín Conell	18	5' 7"	11-0	Clada Employee
28. Mickey Grealish	18	5' 8"	11-2	Student

YEAR	COUNTY FINALS	VENUE	REFEREE
1933	Maree 5-6 Castlegar 6-2	Tuam	I. Harney
1934	Gort 4-4 Tynagh 3-1	Renmore	S. Jordan
1935	Liam Mellows 5-0 Ballindereen 2-2	Sportsground	S. Jordan
1936	Castlegar 6-6 Gort 2-5	Sportsground	S. Jordan
1937	Castlegar 9-13 Killimor 1-1	Duggan Park	M. Loughane
1938	Castlegar 2-7 Maree 2-2	Sportsground	M.J. Flaherty
1939	Castlegar 9-1 Clarinbridge 8-2	Sportsground	P. Fahy
1940	Castlegar 9-6 Maree 2-3	Loughrea	T. O'Connor
1941	Loughrea 5-3 Army 2-1	St. Iomars Park Killimor	M.J. Flaherty
1942	<i>Declared void</i>		
1943	Liam Mellows 3-4 Ballinasloe 2-5	Loughrea	P. Fahy
1944	Castlegar 8-6 Killimor 5-6	Loughrea	P. Fahy
1945	Liam Mellows 7-2 Army 2-3	Sportsground	I. Harney
1946	Liam Mellows 6-6 Army 1-11	Sportsground	M.J. Flaherty
1947	Army 4-13 Carmmore 3-3	Sportsground	M.J. Flaherty
1948	Army 7-7 St. Colemans 6-2	Sportsground	M. Quane
1949	Ardrahan 1-9 Loughrea 2-2	Duggan Park	M.J. Flaherty

M. Greaney R.I.P.

There are always occasions that makes us reflect and remember the past especially those who are no longer with us.

County final day is one of those – the players, mentors and supporters of Carmmore will remember with sadness the late Michael Greaney R.I.P. Michael wore the red of Carmmore and maroon of Galway with pride through the 70's and 80's. He was a great clubman, fully committed to its members and objectives.

He will no doubt be there in spirit hoping that victory will come to the parish



UP THE REDS

The present Carnmore Hurling Club was first registered in 1944 with a junior Hurling team. The club minutes record a meeting on 25 July 1944 and officers were elected as follows: Cathaoirleach: P Ó Sionnacháin; Rúnaí: Michael Commins; Cisteoir: Peter Kenny; Committee Members: Larry Fox, Hubert Lardner, Michael John O'Brien, John McDonagh, John Clarke and Thomas Hanley.

After being defeated by Moycullen in the West Board Junior Final 1944 the team was strengthened considerably for 1945 with the transfer of six players from Claregalway but after an abandoned game with Oranmore both clubs were suspended for one year. However the "Reds" were back again in 1946 with a renewed spirit and went on to win the County Junior Hurling Title defeating Clarenbridge in Monivea. Family names on that first team continue to serve Carnmore: Killilea, Grealish, Commins and Hanley.

In the following year 1947 Carnmore advanced to the County Senior Final but were convincingly defeated by the Army side. The "Reds" lined out in 1947 as follows: Patrick Beatty, Mike McDonagh, Jim Commins, Matt Grealish, Patrick Fahy, Peter Grealish, Martin Grealish, Martin Bodkin, Michael Commins, Tommy Hanley, Paddy Grealish, Peter Grealish, Martin Grealish, Paddy Ruane and Thomas Hanley.

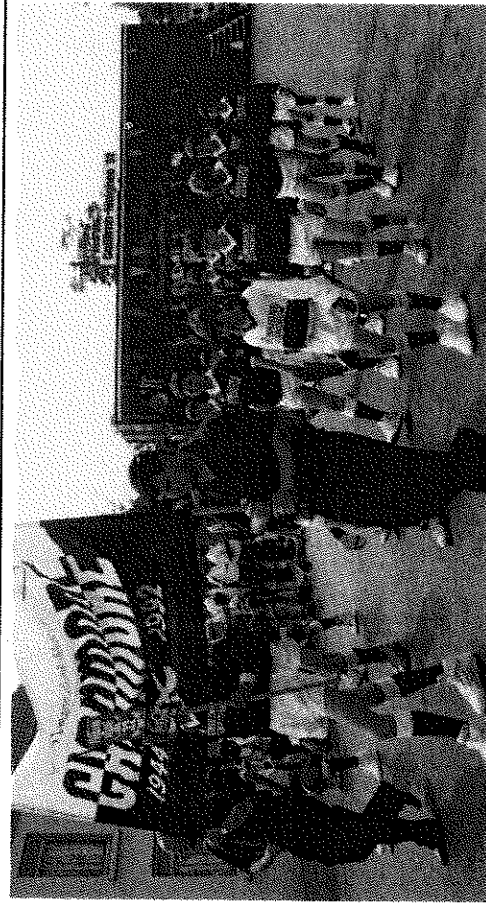
The local rivalry between Claregalway and Carnmore was intense in the early fifties. In 1952 the two sides of the parish contested a thrilling West Board Final at Clarenbridge with Claregalway taking the honours on a scoreline: Claregalway 7 - 6, Carnmore 6 - 4.

1955 was a memorable year for the "Reds" and with outstanding leadership and hurling skill from Martin Murphy the County Junior A title was won in a convincing victory over Leitrim. Other stars were Eddie Hanley and Peter Grealish. The next victory for Carnmore came in 1961 when they defeated Loughrea in the County Intermediate Final by 4 - 5 to 4 - 1 at Pearse Stadium.

The club was proudly represented on Galway teams during the sixties and seventies by Mattie Fox, Jimmy Conroy, Padraig Fahy and Sean Murphy. In 1967 a senior team was entered and after some heroic championship attempts the Reds reached the County Final of 1971 only

to go down to surprise packet Tommie Larkin's on a scoreline 5 - 2 to 1 - 12. By 1975 the Reds had regrouped again and this time faced Ardrahan in the County Final which they lost, Ardrahan 4 - 5 Carnmore 1 - 11.

In latter decades there has been a tremendous effort made in the development of underage hurling within the club. This has been crowned with successes at Féile na nGael 1981, Minor B 1984 and '90, Under 21 B in 1987 and Intermediate in 1988. The club is also indebted to the hurling coaches at Moneenageisha Community College where fourteen members of today's senior side cut their hurling teeth.



Carnmore Under 14 team parading at Féile na nGael 1992 being led by John Kerrigan and Michael Killilea.

MR. CONOR MORRIS

Chief Executive Officer of Galway County Vocational Education

Conor is a native of Carnmore, a former player and an avid follower. In a year which has been particularly successful for Vocational School Hurling, with Athenry and the County teams winning All Ireland titles. The Galway Senior Hurling Final today has twenty four past students of vocational schools in action, fourteen with Carnmore and ten with Sarsfields.





VANQUISHED ... The Carnmore team defeated by Sarsfields in Sunday's county final at Athenry. Back row, left to right; Tomas Grealish, Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Declan Collins, Kenneth Walsh, Raymond Grealish, Alan Kenny and Ronan Walsh. Front row; Alan Thompson, Rory Kenny, Sean Newell, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Peter Fahy and Enda Flaherty.

'The better team won' — Carnmore manager

By John Fallon

Carnmore manager Johnny Greaney, one of the leading figures in transforming Carnmore from an ordinary club side to genuine title contenders this year, had no complaints about the outcome of Sunday's final.

"Of course we are disappointed. We came so close to winning the County Cup. But the better team won today and we will not deny Sarsfields that.

"We have learnt a lot from the drawn and replay matches. We will go home and regroup and come back next year a better side," he said.

He went into the Sarsfields dressingroom and told them that they had the ability to follow Kiltormer's example and win the All-Ireland club championship.

"We can have no cribs today. We were beaten by the better team and I feel Sarsfields showed today that they are one of the finest teams ever to grace a pitch in Athenry. I wish you luck on behalf of Carnmore and I hope you go all the way and

retain the All-Ireland club title for Galway," said the Carnmore manager.

His counterpart, Sarsfields manager Michael Conneely, felt that his side had learnt a lot from the drawn match.

"We knew this time round that if we went ahead that we would have to keep going. We realised that we could not let them back into the game again.

"We felt we had the strength around the field to win it but we learnt from the first game that we would have to keep going for the full hour.

"The return of Noel Morrissey was a massive boost for us and he played his heart out," said the former All-Star.

Noel Morrissey, who missed the drawn game because of injury, was a contented man on Sunday evening as the realisation

began to sink in that he had just won his third county senior medal.

"It was terrible to miss the drawn match. Even earlier this week I was not sure that I would be fit but I got injections every morning and fought all week to be able to play.

"I started to come around by Friday but it was not until yesterday that I knew I would be fit to take my place. I felt sorry that Gerry McGrath had to lose out — he did very well last week — but these things happen.

"I was a bit worried when they got the goal before half-time but we had improved a lot from the drawn match. We knew ourselves that we were not going to score many goals but the points came for us at crucial stages," said Morrissey, who himself landed three superb long range points.

The Sarsfields captain

Pakie Cooney felt that his side's experience was a crucial factor in annexing the crown.

"We have been very close to winning the championship in the past few years and while we lost two semi-finals in a row we learnt a lot from those experiences.

"We knew in our hearts that we had the ability to win the title when we beat Kiltormer in the semi-final but we squandered too much in the drawn match.

"I always felt we were going to win today. We started well and I felt that Carnmore would not be able to stay with us for the full hour.

"Their goal came at a bad time for us, just before half-time, but ten minutes into the second-half I knew we were going to go all the way. It certainly makes up for losing the semi-finals for the past two years," he said.

U-21 football

With reference to a report of the U-21 Semi-Final between Oughterard and An Ceathru Rua which appeared in last week's Connacht Tribune, we have been asked to point out that Oughterard half-back Lawrence Larkin was not sent off during the game.

The error in the match report arose after Lawrence Larkin switched wings with Enda O'Connor — the player who was sent off — after our reporter had been given the team's names and numbers before the game.

Yearbook - final notice

ANY clubs with photographs of winning teams or any other interesting material for the 1992 Galway GAA Yearbook must have them with Frank Burke by Monday, November 23.

Galway u-14 side travel to Wexford

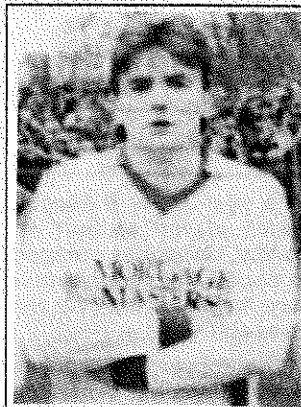
GALWAY under-14 hurling team have been invited to travel to Wexford on Saturday to play the local club Rosslare in a challenge and on Sunday the under-14 team will play Wexford prior to the Wexford v Galway League game.

It is a great boost for the All-Ireland Champions Galway to accept such a visit and will further strengthen the bonds between both counties. The team bus will leave from the following locations: Keanes, Oranmore, 8.45 a.m. The Square, Gort, 9.15 a.m. McInerneys Super Valu, Loughrea, 9.45 a.m.

CONNACHT TRIBUNE

Sports Star of the Week

NOEL MORRISSEY



This week's Tribune Sportstar Award came down to a two horse race between Sarsfields' county final heroes Noel Morrissey and Pádraig Kelly.

Both had outstanding performances but in the end the judges opted by a narrow margin for Morrissey who, it was felt, had the greater influence on the game.

Morrissey, who missed the first match

through injury, landed three superb points from play in the course of the hour and his display ensured Sarsfields held control of midfield throughout.

Others in contention were Enda Flaherty of Carnmore, Galway footballer Pat Brennan and the Galway United pair of Noel Mernagh and Gerry Mullan.

Sarsfields make no Mistakes in Replay

Sarsfields 1-14
 Carnmore 1-5

Lightning for Carnmore doesn't strike twice. They may have illuminated the County Hurling Championship with their skill and audacity but their path to County Final glory was finally hailed by Sarsfields whose mixture of power and aggression was much too much for Carnmore second time around.

The ease of Sarsfield's victory surprised many in the 8,000 crowd at Kenny Park on Sunday. Carnmore were forced to chase the game from the very outset but the extent of their second half capitulation - they scored only two points - was the most disappointing feature of a game that was only a shadow of the drawn match on the previous Sunday.

Sarsfields signalled their intentions on the stroke of half-time a minute after Carnmore pulled back a shock goal to leave only two points between the teams at half-time. Carnmore's Peter Fahy was decked after an off the ball collision resulting in a free for all with players, subs and mentors joining in at will. Carnmore's Rory Kenny was then hit with a foul blow from behind from Sarsfields captain, Peter Cooney.

It may have been incidental but the fire and verve went out of Carnmore's performance after that. They managed a point from Murt (Bomber) Killilea just after half-time but were subsequently swamped by a rampant Sarsfield team who got stronger as the game wore on.

As has been the case for much of the year the Sarsfield half-back line provided the platform for victory. Padraig Kelly was justifiably man of the match while Donal Keane and Willie Earls gave precious little away particularly in the second half.

At midfield Noel Morrissey and Joe Cooney rendered their ineffective Carnmore counterparts Ronan Walsh and Ray Grealish and the whole forward line turned in an exemplary second half performance with corner

up and Sarsfields added on another four points in as many minutes before Michael Killilea's goal on the stroke of half time pegged them back somewhat.

The Carnmore challenge evaporated in the second half and with the ebullient Michael (Hopper) McGrath and Joe McGrath in sparkling form on the half forward line they tagged on point after point to lead 0-13 to 1-4 with ten minutes remaining.

It was from an identical position that Carnmore staged a miraculous come-back the previous Sunday but Peter Kelly's goal finally ended all hope of a Carnmore victory and Michael Killilea's outstanding solo effort saved at point blank range by Sarsfield's goalkeeper Tommy Kenny was too little too late for the club who have captured the hearts of hurling followers all over the county but will, no doubt, be back again.



Michael Killilea of Carnmore kicks a point despite the attention of Michael Cooney of Sarsfields, during the County Hurling Final at Ashbourne.

Carn Mór

Red & White

- (1) KENNETH WALSH
School Road
- (2) RONAN WALSH
School Road
- (3) MURTY KILLILEA
Caherlea
- (4) ENDA FLAHERTY
Water Dale
- (5) DECLAN COLLINS
Carnmore Road
- (6) JIMMY NOONE
Kiniska
- (7) RORY KENNY
Clough Mhaoil
- (8) PARAIC KILLILEA
Caherlea
- (9) LIAM FAHY
Ballinacregg
- (10) RICHARD DONOVAN
Carnmore
- (11) TOMAS GREALISH
Carnmore Road
- (12) PETER FAHY
Ballinacregg
- (13) DECLAN WALSH
School Road
- (14) DANNY GREALISH
Carnmore Cross
- (15) MICHAEL KILLILEA
Caherlea

Fir Ionaid: (16) Brendan Commins (Caher), (17) Alan Kenny (Clough Mhaoil), (18) Alan Thompson (Waterdale), (19) Sean Newell (Muinteach), (20) Raymond Grealish (Carnmore Cross), (21) Paraic Connell (Cloonbiggin), (22) Noel Grealish (Johnruagh), (23) T. J. Hynes (Carnmore), (24) JohnFox (Caher).

Carn Mór	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adh Leath					
2 adh Leath					
Ionlán					

Coiste Chontae Iomána
na Gaillimhe

County Galway Senior Hurling Final 1993

Ná Sáirséalaigh v Carn Mór

Ag 2.30p.m. - Reiteoir : Joe Larkin
Linesmen : Gerry Sheehan & Michael Conway



County Intermediate Hurling Semi-Final

Beithe v Liathroma
Ag 1.15 p.m. - Reiteoir : Andy Murphy

Ar an Domhnach 14 Samhain 1993
Ag Páirc Uí Chionnaithe, Baile Átha An Rí

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Johnny Duggan Chairman Carnmore GAA Club

Johnny Duggan, how delighted he must be in his first year as Chairman for Carnmore to be in this Co. Final and how fitting it is after so many years service to the club. He served the club as selector and manager on various teams down through the years, most notably as manager of the 1992 Junior team, that won the Co. Title of which he is justifiably very proud of. It would be a dream come through for Johnny if Carnmore go on to win the cup.



Padraic Fahy Carnmore Selector

Padraic Fahy, one of Galway's and Carnmore's most stylish forwards ever. He starred on Galway Minor Hurling Teams in '64, '65, '66. Subsequently he gave outstanding displays in the Galway attack during the seventies. In 1975, he won a National League Medal along with another great Galway and Carnmore hurler, Sean Murphy and in that year also was the first Galway player to receive the B&I Award.

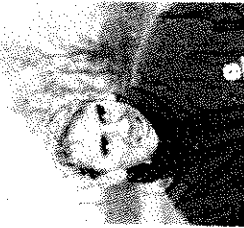


Padraic has a unique record in winning Ten Connacht Collages medals, while a student in St. Mary's Galway. Both his sons, Damien and Peter are now members of the current team and would love to win Co. Senior Medals which eluded Padraic in 1971 and 1975.

John Fox Carnmore Selector

John Fox - son of Larry Fox, a founder member of Carnmore Hurling Club in 1944 and a committee member of the 1946 Co. Junior Winning Team which is celebrating 50 years since winning the cup.

John developed his hurling skills in St. Mary's Galway and has been a long serving member of Carnmore Hurling Club. He played for Carnmore during the seventies and eighties. Winning a Co. Intermediate Medal in 1988, playing at full back. In his first year as a selector with the Senior team, he would dearly love to see Carnmore making the breakthrough and winning the Co. Senior Final for the first time.



1988 INTERMEDIATE TEAM THAT WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP Back row left to right: John Fox, Thomas Grealish, Michael Killilea, Liam Fahy, Tom Lenihan, Declan Collins, Alan Kenny, Patrick Killilea. Front row, left to right: Fergus Madden, Malachy Hanley, Tony Spellman, Jimmy Noone, Murry Killilea, Gerry Fox, Sean Newell.

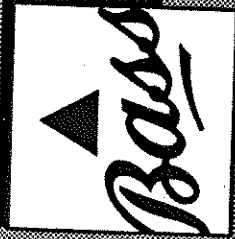
RONAN WALSH, Carnmore

Ronan lives in Gorthadubha, Claregalway, and is captain of this years Carnmore Hurling Team. He attended Bawnmore National School and received his secondary education at Moneenageisha Community College. Jack Mahon, that great Galway footballer of the 1950's, and former Galway Football Board Chairman was school principal during Ronan's term at Moneenageisha.

Ronan regards Joe Cooney of Sarsfields as his favourite and most difficult opponent. He marked against Kilkenny at Tullamore. Ronan is 24 Aiden Donoghue in the recent County years old and today his Brother Shane (21) semi-final at Kenny Park, Athenry. On the also lines out for Carnmore. Ronan plays playing field Ronan won two All Ireland Gaelic Football for Claregalway and also Hurling Championship Medals with enjoys the occasional game of soccer. He Moneenageisha in 1988 and 1990. He regards his team colleagues, Murry Killelea played Inter County Hurling with Galway & Tomás Grealish as national leaders with Vocational Schools during the same period. his native Carnmore. Today he hopes to In 1993 he captured an All Ireland Under lead Carnmore to their first ever County 21 Hurling Medal at wing back for Galway Senior Hurling Championship.



Connacht Tribune top scoring hurling charts



Top scorers from play

Pts	Name	Club	Score
48	Aidan Donohue	Sarsfields	1-45
44	Mi. Killilea	Carmore	2-38
37	Padraig Kelly	B'derreen	6-19
37	Frank Keane	Mellowes	3-28
35	Vincent Treacy	Portumna	4-23
35	Damien Curfey	Kittoomer	0-35
33	Pat Nolan	Castlegar	3-24
30	Tomas Grealish	Carmore	4-18
29	Gary Elwood	Mellowes	4-17
27	Francis Connors	Gort	5-12

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30	Tomas Grealish	Carmore	4-18
27	Francis Connors	Gort	5-12
25	Frank Keane	Mellowes	3-16
21	Padraig Kelly	B'derreen	5-6
18	Mi. Killilea	Carmore	2-12
18	Sean Holland	Oran-Maree	2-9
17	Pat Nolan	Castlegar	3-8
17	Peter Fahy	Carmore	3-10
16	Peter Cooney	Sarsfields	2-10
15	Liam Turley	Castlegar	2-9
15	Michael Kenny	Sarsfields	4-3

The Top Score Hurling Chart instigated by The Connacht Tribune and sponsored by "Bass", has turned out to be of great interest to both players and hurling enthusiasts throughout the county.

One of the more pleasing aspects of the chart is that it gives recognition to players who may never make the county team, but who play their hearts out Sunday after Sunday for their clubs.

Some regard it as a competition within a competition giving players satisfaction to see their names in print highlighting their achievements each week throughout the season in the Connacht Tribune.

Sunday will see the 1993 winner emerge with only 4 points separating Aidan Donohue of Sarsfields and Michael Killilea of Carmore. Tomas Grealish is in a very comfortable position in the top score from play.

JIMMY NOONE



Jimmy Noone's display in the replay of the County Senior Hurling Semi-Final against Liam Mellowes, in his favourite centre-half back position earned him the Connacht Tribune Sports Star of the Week Award. If never honoured outside of Carmore, his display in that game when he stood defiantly between defeat for his club and a place for the second year in succession in the County Final against Sarsfields, the gratitude of Carmore followers is assured as is a place in Carmore folklore.

Jimmy is the father figure in a young Carmore team, many of whom are in their teens and early twenties, and his leadership and commitment bring out the best of the undisputed talent of the young hurlers around him.

He first tasted success on the hurling field when Carmore Under 13's won the County and Connacht Finals of the Community Games Hurling Competition in 1977. He wore the maroon of Galway at minor level in 1982 and was on the Under 21 county panel in '84 and '85. He captained the Galway Junior team of '89 and won a Junior Inter-Firm medal with C.R. Bard, where he works as a maintenance technician, in 1985, when he had Sean Silke as a team-mate. He enjoyed following the Galway Senior hurling team of the '80's and singled out John Connolly as his favourite player.

A county senior hurling medal has so far eluded Jimmy Noone and he looks forward to the County Final today with a view to rectifying that situation. If Carmore win, and he believes they are good enough to do so, an ambition will have been fulfilled.

KENNETH WALSH

CARNMORE GOALKEEPER

Aged twenty and in his second season in the Carnmore Senior goal Kenneth Walsh has already earned the reputation of a capable and consistent 'keeper. Indeed since he made his senior debut against Mullagh in Loughrea in the '92 championship he has been inspirational in his play and has been a steady influence on his defence. His superb saves and well placed clearances have often safeguarded a Carnmore survival.

Kenneth is a former student of Moneenageisha Community College where he won an All Ireland Senior medal in 1990 playing in goal. He also won a Minor B medal with Carnmore in '90.

His favourite player is Ger Cunningham of Cork while he regards Pat O'Toole of Moneen as the biggest hurling influence on his career. A member of the Galway senior panel of '93, the student nurse with the Western Health Board is hoping that his third senior final appearance will be a successful one.

Carnmore Snippets

- A. Walsh has played in goal for Carnmore in the four County Final appearances.
- Seamus Murphy, the former Carnmore and Galway star, won his first county medal with the Junior B side in 1992.



JOHNNIE GREANEY

CARNMORE TEAM MANAGER AND CLUB CHAIRMAN

Johnnie Greaney was a member of the 1961 side which won Intermediate honours for the club. He has given sterling service to the club in promotion and development of underage hurling and he has been with this young team ever since the Féile success in '81.

Johnnie has also taken active involvement in the recent redevelopment of the pitch and its presentation for games. His brothers Willie, Martin, Paddy and the late Michael were well known hurlers also. He has been a selector since the Intermediate success in '88.

The defeat in the 1992 replay was naturally disappointing for Johnnie particularly when one considers the great character and spirit shown through the championship. This season, while the side may not have been as impressive in recent games, they have been improving all the time and really came good in the extra time period in their memorable tussle with Mellowes. Johnnie is hopeful that with a fifteen man effort similar to the extra time period that Carnmore can make it a historic first County Senior Championship success. The manner in which the Reds fought to the wire against Portumna and Liam Mellowes and won portrays the hunger and determination of this young Carnmore team.

Good Luck to Carnmore from

Egan's Bar

Cashla. Telephone: 091-94818

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The Newsletter of The Carnmore / Claregalway Area
VOLUME 4 ISSUE 9 December 14th 1992

CARNMORE HURLING NEWS

As we bring down the curtain on a glorious year for Carnmore Hurling it is great to see the red and white flags still flying in the December breeze. What a County final our senior Team had with Sarsfields. For weeks beforehand the pressure was mounting. The red and white flags were being prepared; the questions were being asked "were they good enough? would they pull it off?" Sarsfields were favourites, they were a very good team led by the Cooneys and The McGraths. So on the 8th November we headed for Athenry where There was one of the biggest crowds ever seen at a county final. Carnmore started slow, they seemed very nervous and were behind by 3 points at half time. But we didn't worry as we knew Carnmore played their best hurling in the second half, but when Sarsfields stretched their lead to 7 points with ten minutes to go things looked bad. But Carnmore never gave up, they picked off 4 points in a row and with time almost up they scored that goal that brought them level as the crowds went wild. Like a flash Sarsfields sent over a great point and we thought we were finished, but with the referee getting ready to blow the final whistle Thomas Grealish scored a great point and we lived to fight another day on a score of 1-11 to 0-14.

So to the replay; this was in Athenry on the 15th November. We started a lot better and there was some great hurling with Sarsfields pulling away to lead by 8 points to 3 points as we approached half time and then a great goal by Michael Killilea left the half-time score Sarsfields 0-8, Carnmore 1-3. In the second half we started well with the Bomber Killilea scoring a great point. Then we had a few chances of scoring the equaliser but missed and then Sarsfields started to pull away. We were still in it with 10 minutes to go when they scored a goal and it was all over.

Our hearts were full of pride as we watched our heroes try to the last to bring glory to the parish but it wasn't to be; we lost to a great team. We thank the players and management of this great team for the many hours of pleasure they brought us during 1992. We believe that it is the first time that a team from our parish drew in a county final so that's an achievement in itself.

COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONS

Where our Seniors failed in the County Final our Juniors went on to win the Co. Junior Final in great fashion at Ballindereen on Sunday 6th December. After beating Annaghdown in the Co. Semi-final we weren't given much of a chance against a strong Killimordaly team led by two ex-county players, Michael Earis and Pascal Ryan, but after a great game of hurling they came out on top on a score of 2-8 to 1-6, this was a sweet victory after being beaten in the last two County finals. It was third time lucky for Johnny Duggan and his team, this is his second year as team manager of the juniors. This team had a good blend of youth and experience, the experience of players like Seán Murphy who had a great game at No. 11, Malachy Hanly at right half back, Brendan Cummins in goal, Michael Hanly, Tom Fox and Jimmie Duggan in the full back line, Eamonn Cormican and Danny O'Connell with Malachy in the half-back line; Noel Grealish at centre field; Gerry Fox and Tom Lenihan in the full forward line; the youthful Declan O'Brien at centrefield; the Co. Minors Shane Walshe and Martin O'Connell in the half forward line and Pdraic O'Connell at corner forward proved too good for Killimordaly on a great day for Carnmore Hurling. There were great scenes of emotion as the Cup was presented by the chairman of the Galway County Hurling Board, Tom Callanan to the bearded one, Captain Michael Hanley. There were some tears of joy shed in the dressing room afterwards as the players and officials were congratulated by the supporters of this team and then on to the journey home on a tour of the parish with bonfires burning along the way.

The Team are those already mentioned and Subs were Jimmy Hughes, Micky Grealish, Richard Donovan, Kevin Moran, Declan Madden, P.J. O'Hagan, Derek Long and John O'Hagan.
Team Manager: John Duggan, Lydican.
Selectors: Thomas Noone, Cahergowan, Michael Casserly

COUNTY FINAL DAY

I hope they win on Sunday she said more than once
And if I didn't know what she meant I'd have been a dunce,
Carnmore v Sarsfields, the match to top them all,
Played by men with hurleys, all aiming to hit a ball.

She spent the week flag making, even I had to help
Sunday couldn't come quick enough to bring home the cup,
She was off bright and early, a good position to secure,
And an echo was heard in Claregalway each time she gave a cheer.

They didn't win that Sunday, the score was but a draw,
But she wasn't disappointed, they played without a flaw,
Another 'stab at it' the following Sunday, will she survive?
Hopefully they'll make it, it's good to be alive.

The result in the replay was not in their favour
But the way in which they played one could only savour,
They didn't let us down they showed their skill and cleanness,
Better to have lost, than to win a cup through meanness.

They took it fairly well, she was upset on their behalf,
They had trained so very hard, they deserved more she thought,
But they are young and dedicated, and can only go up and up,
Next year, she feels assured, they'll win the County Cup.

Believe me it wasn't over, Junior B had to come,
Five points they had to spare, when the game was won,
All went well on that day, she was delighted,
A win for Carnmore, everyone was so excited.

Now maybe you are wondering who is this well known "she"
But in Claregalway theres a trend to call "she" a "he"
Or is it "he": a "she", I'm not so sure anymore,
You figure it out, but I've no doubt, they all support Carnmore
Carmel Casserly

1996

Roll of Honour - Carnmore

Co. Intermediate	1961 and 1988 (2)
Co. Junior	1946, 1955, 1992 (B) (3)
Co. Under 21B	1987 (1)
Co. Minor B	1984 and 1990 (2)
All Ireland Féile na Gael (Div 4)	1981 (1)

Claregalway, who are now joined with Carnmore for Hurling, won Co. Junior Hurling Championships on their own in 1947 and 1952.

Carnmore have been unsuccessful in five County Senior Hurling Finals to date.

1947	An Chead Cath (Army)	4-13	Carnmore	4-3
1971	Tommy Larkins	5-2	Carnmore	1-12
1975	Ardrahan	4-5	Carnmore	1-11
1992	Sarsfields	0-14	Carnmore	1-11
1992	Sarsfields (Replay)	1-14	Carnmore	1-5
1993	Sarsfields	1-10	Carnmore	0-4

Coiste Chontae Iomána na Gaillimhe

County Galway Senior Hurling Championship Final 1996

CARNMÓR



ATHANRÍ

Ag 2.30pm Reitheoir: Seamus Ó Cuana

County Galway Minor "B" Hurling Championship Final 1996

Cill Iomair



An Mullach

Ag 12.45pm Reitheoir: Mícheál Ó Cárthaigh

Ar an Domhanach (Nollaig 1996) Ag Páirc Uí Chionnaithe, Baile Átha An Rí



Clár Oifigiúil

Lunch £1.00



THE CUP THAT CHEERS . . . Carnmore Captain, Malachy Hanley, is carried from the field after his side captured the Intermediate hurling title on Sunday.

Tribune Sports Star of the Week

Carnmore veteran corner-back, Fergus Madden, endured more than his fair share of disappointments in a career which spans three decades before last Sunday's glory when they captured their County Intermediate hurling title for the first time since 1961.

Madden, who also played for Castlegar at one time, was a member of the only two Carnmore sides which reached the County senior hurling final but defeat was their lot on both occasions when Tommie Larkins beat them in '71 and Ardahan did likewise four years later.

But on Sunday those defeats became a distant memory when Madden produced a



FERGUS MADDEN

rock solid display at right corner-back to lead his side to a comprehensive eight points victory over Padraig Peares and restore the club's senior status after a lapse of four years.

Other contenders for this week's Tribune Sportstar of the week included Madden's team-mate Michael Killilea, who scored 0-7 in his side's victory.



CHAMPIONS . . . The Carnmore team which captured the County Intermediate Hurling title on Sunday. Back row (left to right): John Fox, Tomas Grealish, Michael Killeen, Liam Fahy, Tom Lenihan, Declan Collins, Alan Kenny and Patrick Killilea. Front row (left to right): Fergus Madden, Malachy Hanley, Tony Spellman, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Ger Fox and Sean Newell.

WELL DONE, CARNMORE

This week we extend sincere congratulations to Carnmore hurling team on their victory in the Galway Intermediate Championship played at Kenny Park, Athenry, last Sunday. There was scenes of wild excitement and jubilation when Malachy Hanley (captain), the former Turloughmore player, brought home the cup to his native parish. Carnmore will be back again in senior ranks next year and judging by their performance against a talented Peares' team on Sunday they certainly will make tough opposition. This Carnmore team trained by Padraic Fahy, the former Galway great, assisted by Jack Hession, Tom Lenihan and Johnny Greaney, put up a splendid performance on Sunday and we offer our congratulations to all concerned.

The Co. Galway V.E.C. meeting in Galway on Monday passed a vote of congratulations to Carnmore on their great victory. The vote was proposed by Cllr. Jarlath McDonagh and C.E.O. Connor Morris thanked the Committee for their good wishes.

FIR IONAIÐ

- (16) Shane Hynes
- (17) Michael Killilea
- (18) John Keogh
- (19) Alan Thompson
- (20) Richard Donovan
- (21) Mickey Grealish
- (22) Martin Connell
- (23) Michael Walsh
- (24) Declan Madden
- (25) Brendan Commins
- (26) Sean Nerrell

MANAGER:

Johnny Greaney

SELECTORS:

Padraic Fahy
John Fox

TRAINER:

John McIntyre

CARNMORE

- 1
Kenneth Walsh
- 2
Paddy Connell Murty Killilea Enda Flaherty
- 3
4
- 5
Ronan Walsh Declan O'Brien Ronnie Walsh
- 6
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(Capt)

MANAGER:

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TRAINER:

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8 T.J. Hynes

9 Shane Walsh

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Patrick Killilea Liam Fahy Peter Fahy

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- (21) Dermot Monaghan
- (22) Cathal Moran
- (23) Aidan Poniard
- (24) Gerry Dempsey
- (25) Daragh Burke
- (26) Aiden Cahill
- (28) Billy Caulfield
- (28) Diarmuid Burns
- (29) Liam Hoyne

MANAGER:

P.J. Molloy

SELECTORS:

Jackie O'Shea
Tom Howley
Paddy Conway
Martin T. Kelly

TRAINER:

Pat Nally

ATHENRY

- 1
Michael Crimmins
- 2
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Joe Rabbitte Pat Higgins Brian Hanley

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UP THE REDS

The present Carnmore Hurling Club was first registered in 1944 with a junior Hurling team. The club minutes record a meeting on 25 July 1944 and officers were elected as follows: Cathaoirleach: P. Ó Sionnacháin; Rúnaí: Michael Commins; Cisteóir: Peter Kenny; Committee Members: Larry Fox, Hubert Lardner, Michael John O'Brien, John McDonagh, John Clarke and Thomas Hanley.

After being defeated by Moycullen in the West Board Junior Final 1944 the team was strengthened considerably for 1945 with the transfer of six players from Claregalway but after an abandoned game with Oranmore both clubs were suspended for one year. However the "Reds" were back again in 1946 with a renewed spirit and went on to win the County Junior Hurling Title defeating Clarenbridge in Monivea. Family names on that first team continue to serve Carnmore: Killilea, Grealish, Commins and Hanley.

In the following year 1947 Carnmore advanced to the County Senior Final but were convincingly defeated by the Army side. The "Reds" lined out in 1947 as follows: Patrick Beatty, Mick McDonagh, Jim Commins, Matt Grealish, Patrick Fahy, Peter Grealish, Martin Grealish, Martin Bodkin, Michael Commins, Tommy Hanley, Paddy Grealish, Peter Grealish, Martin Grealish, Paddy Ruane and Thomas Hanley.

The local rivalry between Claregalway and Carnmore was intense in the early fifties. In 1952 the two sides of the parish contested a thrilling West Board Final at Clarenbridge with Claregalway taking the honours on a scoreline: Claregalway 7 - 6, Carnmore 6 - 4.

1955 was a memorable year for the "Reds" and with outstanding leadership and hurling skill from Martin Murphy the County Junior A title was won in a convincing victory over Leitrim. Other stars were Eddie Hanley and Peter Grealish. The next victory for Carnmore came in 1961 when they defeated Loughrea in the County Intermediate Final by 4 - 5 to 4 - 1 at Pearse Stadium.

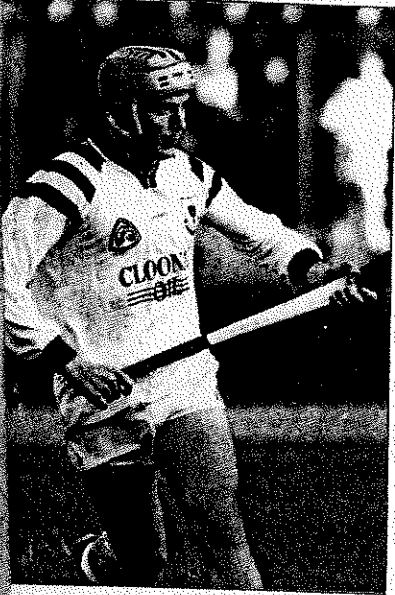
The club was proudly represented on Galway teams during the sixties and seventies by Mattie Fox, Jimmy Conroy, Padraig Fahy and Sean

Murphy. In 1967 a senior team was entered and after some heroic championship attempts the Reds reached the County Final of 1971 only to go down to surprise packet Tommie Larkin's on a scoreline 5 - 2 to 1 - 12. By 1975 the Reds had regrouped again and this time faced Ardrahan in the County Final which they lost, Ardrahan 4 - 5 Carnmore 1 - 11.

In latter decades there has been a tremendous effort made in the development of underage hurling within the club. This has been crowned with successes at Féile na nGael 1981, Minor B 1984 and '90, Under 21 B in 1987 and Intermediate in 1988. The club is also indebted to the hurling coaches at Moneenageisha Community College where fourteen members of today's senior side cut their hurling teeth.

In 1992 Carnmore senior hurlers performed heroically when holding Sarsfields to a draw in the County Final. Though somewhat disappointed with the replay defeat the club went on to capture the County Junior B title at the end of the year.

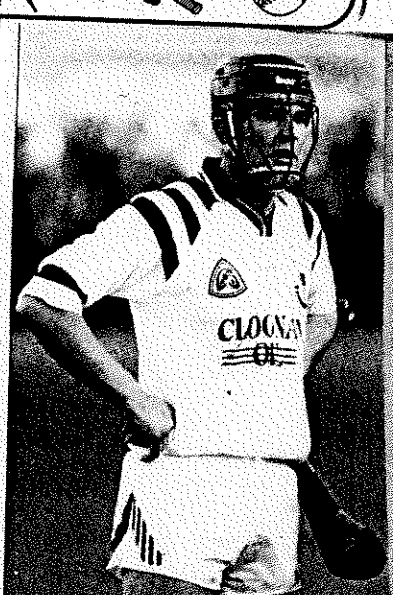
The resurgence of Carnmore hurling has been truly acknowledged in 1993 with Ronan Walsh giving star performances at left half back for the All Ireland Under 21 side. The Galway senior panel included three Carnmoremen, Liam Fahy, Murty Killilea and Kenneth Walsh, while Declan and Shane Walsh represented the club on the county minor side. The experience gained and improved confidence is bound to steady their challenge to dethrone Sarsfields and make it first for the Reds.



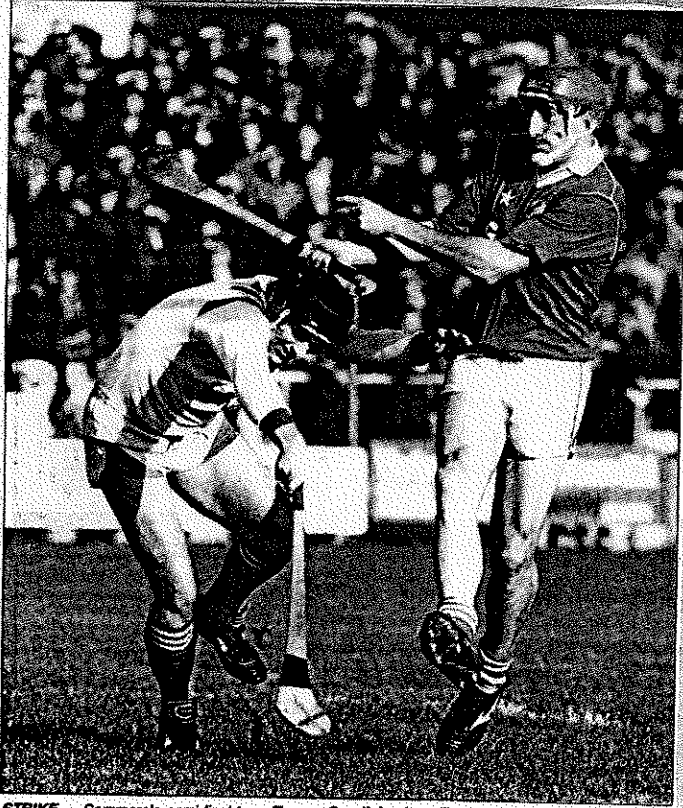
Athenry corner back Eamon Keogh



The Cammore backroom team of John Fox, Manager Johnny Greaney and Padraic Fahy.



Athenry captain Brian Feeney



STRIKE ... Cammore's semi-final hero Tomas Greally who will pose a big threat to the Athenry defence in Sunday's senior hurling final.

Carmmore camp anxious to lay the ghosts of past County final setbacks!

by Frank Farragher

ASK ANY GAA player what his most precious held ambition would be and you might expect the answer to be to line out in Croke Park on All-Ireland final day. That assumption however underestimates such things as club loyalty

and parish pride — out Carmmore way there is only one dream, to win the County Cup.

Former Galway star Padraic Fahy and current Carmmore hurler Liam Fahy are in no doubt that a first county senior title for their parish would be all they would ever ask for, in terms of their sporting ambitions being realised.

"For me the dream of playing in a county final winning side is obviously gone. Twice I came close in 1971 and 1975 when we were beaten by Tommie Larkins and Andrahan but it was not to be," recalls Padraic Fahy.

He can remember training for the 1975 All-Ireland final against Kilkenny — the year of Galway's historic National Hurling League breakthrough — and remarking to a teammate that a county final success would still mean everything.

Carmmore lost the '71 final on a bizarre scoreline to Tommie Larkins and Fahy remembers being consoled by the words that 'they'd be back'. And back they were in 1975 but sadly for Carmmore the story was the same with Andrahan edging them out by three points.

Again the words echoed in the dressing room that their day would come but for Fahy and his colleagues it never did — only now and then do the happy endings come true in sport.

"To be honest I don't really know what it would mean for us to win a first ever senior title. Early on in my career the dream was to play in a county final, then win one . . . as the years go by I want to be alive to see us winning a county title. It runs very deep," said Fahy.

Now as a mentor with Carmmore he sees his club perched at the very edge of the summit with one last effort required to ease if not bury the memories of '71 and '75 and the more recent ones of '92 and '93.

"I suppose our victory over Sarsfields showed that we are good enough but county finals are not about the past or the future. This has been a funny season for us — we only scraped through our group but now we are in with a real chance of going the whole way," he added.

Liam Fahy, at 26 years of age, knows that Sunday's final will be a turning point for him and for the club. "I know that we were beaten in 1992 and '93 but that was by the best team in the country. A lot of new lads have come through on to the team since and we all share

one dream — to win a county title. And that goes for all of us including those involved with county teams," he said.

He recalls that this year started from very humble beginnings. Thoughts of another county title nurtured at the AGM and early in the season were fairly blown out of the water when Kilconliern delivered a first round defeat in Athenry.

It was also tough going in Carmmore's second game when after falling behind to Liam Mellowes they eventually came through to take the points. Without that

unspectacular and little noticed victory, Carmmore's wouldn't be in next Sunday's county final.

"I suppose that looking back on it, the victory over Mellowes was a turning point of the year for us. We went on to beat Killormer and the draw against Clarenbridge put the two of us through. As the year went on that draw against Clarenbridge was put into perspective for both sides," said Fahy.

Since Carmmore won the intermediate title in 1987, Fahy has been a regular with the seniors — since featuring at county senior level in 1992 and 1993 but this week there is only one goal on his mind.

"At the start of the year everyone was talking about the big two in Galway club hurling — Sarsfields and Athenry. We know that Athenry are going to be very difficult but it would be a great way to win a county title — to beat the two big guns."

Manager Johnny Greaney — who guided Carmmore to their two county final appearances in '92 and '93 — is refreshingly candid as to why he took the job again this year.

"To be honest there was no jumping to take the job. Someone had to do it and I decided to give it another go. As it turned out it was the one year we were very lucky to qualify for the knock-out stages — usually we flew through to the quarter-finals," he said.

He remembers the mood in the club and parish being 'very low' after the 1993

two in a row of final defeats but they kept plugging away in the hope of another day coming.

The 'other day' has now arrived for Johnny Greaney and Carmmore but this is a final which he and the team feel a bit more relaxed about.

"Winning a first title is a bit like beating Castlegar years back — you'd have to be five or six points a better team to win. We all know that the mountain has to be climbed but the mood is good and everyone in the club and the parish is looking forward to this match," he said.

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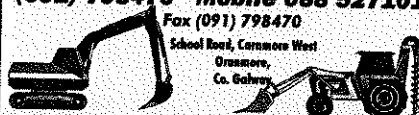
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Cloonan faces tall order!

ONLY Eugene Cloonan can catch the long time leader Michael Haverly in the Bass/Connacht Tribune Top Scorers Hurling Charts, but even the Athenry sharpshooter has an unenviable task ahead of him.

Cloonan, the rising star of Galway hurling, trails Haverly (6-30) by eight points in the overall charts and is the only

player capable of overhauling his Loughrea counterpart. Last year's winner, Portumna's Frank Canning, has third place secured with a tally of 1-32.

In the top scorers from player category, Cammore's Tomas Grealish is hot on the heels of Gort's Ollie Fahy (3-17). Grealish trails by four points and has an outside chance of taking top spot.

Barring scoring bonanzas from Cloonan (3-8) or Donal Moran (1-11) in Sunday's county, the top scorers from play category is between Fahy and Grealish. The awards are sponsored by Tennents Ireland Ltd and the top three each in each category (hurling and football) will be honoured at a presentation dinner in the New Year.



Connacht Tribune top scorers hurling charts

From play

Name	Club	Score	Pts
Ollie Fahy	Gort	3-17	26
Tomas Grealish	Cammore	5-7	22
Alan Kerins	Clarinbridge	4-9	21
Peter Kelly	Sarsfields	4-8	20
Michael Haverly	Loughrea	5-5	20
James Fahy	Ardrahan	4-8	20
Michael McGrath	Sarsfields	2-13	19
Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	3-8	17
Bernard Forde	Ardrahan	2-10	16
Donal Moran	Athenry	1-11	14

Overall

Name	Club	Score	Pts
Michael Haverly	Loughrea	6-30	48
Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	4-28	40
Frank Canning	Portumna	1-32	35
Tom O'Brien	Pearses	0-34	34
Ray Duane	Kiltormer	2-26	32
Pat Lally	Gort	0-32	32
Francis Forde	Turloughmore	1-27	30
Dara Coen	Clarinbridge	2-23	29
Francis Connors	Gort	1-25	28
Ivan Linnane	Ardrahan	0-28	28
Mattie Kenny	Abbey-Duniry	1-25	28



The sponsors of the Cammore Hurling team with club officials, from left: Sean Dunleavy, Club Secretary, Helen Cormican, Grealishes Bar, John Duggan, Club Chairman, Martina Casserly, Club Treasurer, Jackie Kenny, J and C Kenny, Spirit Distributors and Willie Greaney, Greaney Glass.

Athenry vs. Carnmore is too close to call

THE County Cup hurling final goes ahead next Sunday — at Kenny Park, Athenry — despite the “three Sundays in a row” strain that the fixture puts on the Athenry team.

Carnmore have had the last two Sundays off, since dethroning title holders Sarsfields, so it is to Athenry's immense credit that they've not sought a postponement of the final.

The venue wasn't confirmed until Monday evening: Carnmore were always willing and happy to play in Kenny Park but the St. Mary's, Athenry club don't use the county pitch for their matches, though they've no objection and are glad to see that the business which a major fixture generates is going to their own town. The pitch will be well prepared, as always, and a huge crowd is confidently expected, possibly up to 10,000.

Everybody is in agreement that the premier championship has

County Cup Hurling Final — Preview by Jim Carney

dragged on far too long but I've never seen the point of blaming the Hurling Board — it's surely up to the clubs to lay down clear markers at both Convention and the monthly delegates' meetings, especially as drawn games are always on the cards in such a highly competitive, hard fought championship.

It may not matter a great deal, anyway — the Galway senior hurling final is always a marvellous occasion, one that the true fans wouldn't miss ... even if the Board scheduled it for Christmas Day!

Carnmore are certainly worthy finalists after timing their run to perfection, and they'll be at peak

fitness and fresh for the contest, while for Athenry there are two ways of looking at it: either the sudden burst of action over the last two Sundays will clear away all the cobwebs and fine-tune their

approach, or they will not have enough time to ease sore limbs and re-charge their batteries.

Athenry manager P. J. Molloy simply believes it's time to get the championship finished, and all in

the Carnmore camp are also concentrating on the job to be done on the day.

The general feeling around the county is that Carnmore's name is

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Hurling is still a way of life for Carnmore's Padraic Fahy

PADRAIC FAHY of Carnmore was as fit, fast, skilful and sweet-striking a forward as ever played the game of hurling.

Goal-scoring on the run was his trademark and many's the game for club and county he pulled out of the fire with deadly late strikes on the burst. He was unlucky to miss out on Galway's All-Ireland breakthrough in 1980, having retired a few years earlier, and sadly he doesn't have a county senior championship medal either, but he won most other high honours in the game; loved it with an enduring passion, and it's still a way of life for him.

Next Sunday is a very special day for the popular secretary/manager of Galway Golf Club — Padraic will be on the sideline at Kenny Park, his heart throbbing with excitement ... as a dedicated clubman, as a selector and as a proud parent with two sons in the thick of the action, plus a nephew for good measure. “I'm looking forward to it immensely,” he told me this week. “Hurling has been good to me all my life, especially with Galway when we became a major force in the mid-'70s, but for me the club was always, and is, Number 1. This will be another great day for Carnmore, our fifth county final, and a great chance to finally win one and enter the record books. We have won everything in B and C grades down through the years, at all levels, but championships in the A grade, whether at senior or minor or under-21, seemed to elude us and there's a fierce determination in the parish to put that right.”

But he's a worried man, too: “There's a lot of talk about our name being on the cup this year and, honestly, I hate to hear it. I played in the 1971 county final against Tommy Larkin's and the '75 final against Ardahan and we had good teams but lost by two points and three points. Finals are hard won and Athenry have been successfully down this road — it's crazy to talk about anyone's name being on the cup; it's only on it when you've it won.”

Padraic Fahy was born in the heart of Carnmore, son of a local woman and an Annaghdown man from football country. He loved hurling from childhood and became a brilliant colleges player with St. Mary's, Galway where his mentors included Fr. Tom Tarpey and Fr. Seán O'Flaherty. Ironically, a lot of his hurling team-mates in Mary's were from football counties such as Mayo and Kerry — the gifted Mayo footballer John Gibbons for instance — while Cathal Moore's father, Pat, was also a contemporary. For Carnmore, Padraic quickly made the senior team, hurling in the company of his close friend Paddy Walsh who'll also be in Athenry as a proud parent next Sunday; Seán Murphy, a colleague in the great Galway team of 1975, Fergus Madden, Jack Hession (“a wonderful character — every team should have a man like him,” says Padraic) and the late, much missed Michael Greaney. Michael, a fine player, was

a first cousin of Padraic's and he died tragically ten years ago. Said Padraic: “The anniversary of his death is around this time and I'll be thinking of him this weekend.”

Galway vs. Clare at Ennis marked Padraic Fahy's county senior debut in 1968 and he remembers it was the last appearance in the Maroon and White by the peerless Liam Mellows man Jimmy Duggan, that most delightful of men. Interesting to note, too, that one of Galway's subs that day was a young Castlegar man called John Connolly.

Padraic Fahy had a good innings with the county team: '68 to '76, and '75 was the most memorable year for him. He was in dazzling form at top of the left as Galway won the National League by beating Cork in the quarter-final at Limerick, Kilkenny in the semi-final at Thurles and Tipperary in the final, again at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, before a huge crowd on a warm day. The semi-final in Sempie Stadium was one of the best displays I ever saw by a Galway team and it was the best Kilkenny team I saw over the last twenty-one years. Of course they avenged that defeat with a decisive victory over Galway in the '75 All-Ireland final but that didn't take away from the hiding Galway dished out to Cork in the championship semi-final at Croke Park. On that occasion the normally tight-marking, economical Cork corner back Tony Maher simply couldn't live with the blistering pace and darting turns of Padraic Fahy whose dynamic display earned an honour of high prestige, the B & I Personality of the Month award, which is featured in our picture below.

The Fahy brothers Padraic and Peter were team-mates for their club in their playing days — now the Carnmore team features Padraic's sons Peter and Damien and his brother's son Liam. However, as a selector, Padraic's concern next Sunday will be expressed in equal measure for every Carnmore man wearing the beloved Red and White. He admires the way they've gone about preparing for the big day and the dedication of his fellow mentors Johnny Greaney (manager), John McIntyre (coach) and John Fox, adding: “John McIntyre has given our team something extra, something special, and I think you saw that in our quarter-final and semi-final victories. Also, I believe that in the past we often peaked in the Group games — too early for the winning of a County Cup. This time it's different, it's building nicely to the final; the team is probably better balanced and I like the way they're tuned in their task. But we know it will be hard to win it.”

So, hurling continues to play an important role in Padraic Fahy's life and barring an Athenry win or a draw, he's just one hour away from another glory day in a distinguished career. If it comes his way next Sunday, 1, for one, will be delighted for him.

— Jim Carney

Hurling Final is too close to call

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on the cup, and certainly Tomás Grealish's goal blitz on champions Sarsfields shortened his team's odds considerably. But it's hard to imagine star-studded Athenry as underdogs in a final, even with injury problems.

Both sides are very well served in defence and at midfield, so scoring could be tight. There's no shortage of ball-playing ability in either attack, but goal chances won't come thick and often and in the end freetaking may be the main difference between victory and defeat, especially if the weather isn't kind.

Who'll win? Well, every day I thought about it this week, I changed my mind and while a rock-solid case can be made for Carnmore, especially, I feel it's just too close to call and might even go to a replay. But let's hope it's a cracker and another County Cup final to remember.

— J.C.

SENTINEL SPORT



Athenry hold on for County Cup success

Athenry 2-6 : Carnmore 1-6

BY JOHN FALLON

Athenry, the most successful under-age club in the county in the past ten years, are poised to dominate Galway senior hurling for the rest of the decade after winning their second County Cup title in three years at Kenny Park on Sunday.

Athenry, playing their third championship game in 15 days, had to recover from a poor start but half-time led by four points after playing with the strong wind at their backs in front of a crowd of about 9,000.

For Carnmore it was yet another bitterly disappointing county final as they lost their sixth decider in history and their third since 1992.

They went into this final with great expectations having disposed of reigning champions Sarsfields with some style in the semi-finals. But once more, their battle-hardened supporters had to swallow the bitter pill of defeat.

It started superbly for Carnmore when Peter Fahy blasted home a goal after just four minutes but their lightweight attack made little headway in the heavy conditions against an excellent Athenry defence where Brian Higgins and Brian Feeney were outstanding throughout.

But yet the Carnmore defence seemed to do enough in that opening half when facing the wind to lay the foundation for victory. All six backs hurled with vigour with the result that they did not draw level until the 19th minute when Pascal Healy scored their first point from play to add to two pointed frees from minor Eugene Cloonan.

But Athenry finished the half impressively. Six minutes from the break Cloonan, despite an instruction from the sideline to take a point, hammered home a 21 yards free to the net and two minutes later fired over a point from play to leave Athenry 1-4 to 1-0 ahead at the interval. That lead did not seem

sufficient but Athenry extended their advantage three minutes after the restart when Cloonan pointed another free after a foul on Joe Rabbittie.

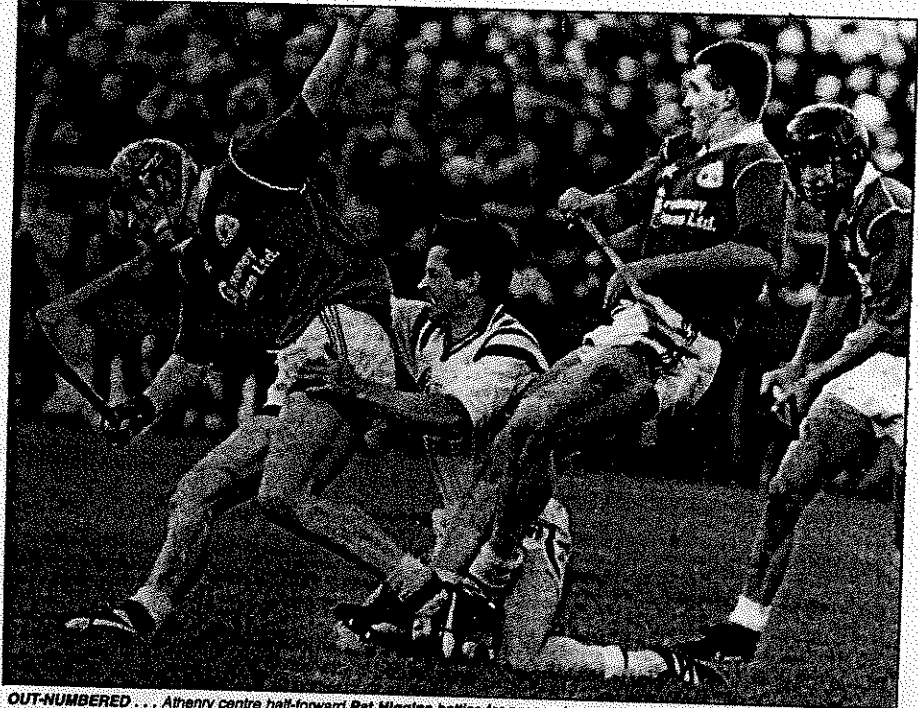
Carnmore pulled back points from frees by Damien Fahy and captain Ronan Walsh but Athenry were starting to get the upperhand with Rabbittie winning some superb possession on the right-wing — six or seven times he fielded possession from puckouts to set up attacks.

Athenry set themselves up for victory in a two minute spell midway through the second-half when Donal Moran set up Healy for a killer goal and then Rabbittie broke through for a point to leave them 2-6 to 1-2 ahead with fourteen minutes left.

Carnmore introduced Michael Killilea to their attack and he showed great composure from placed balls.

But Carnmore were guilty of some terrible shooting from play — they did not score a point from play over the hour — and while Michael Killilea pointed two frees and a '65' it still left them trailing by four points with as many minutes left.

Killilea added another pointed free deep into injury-time but they never looked like getting the vital equalising goal and Athenry held on for a fully deserved victory and their third County Cup success in nine years.

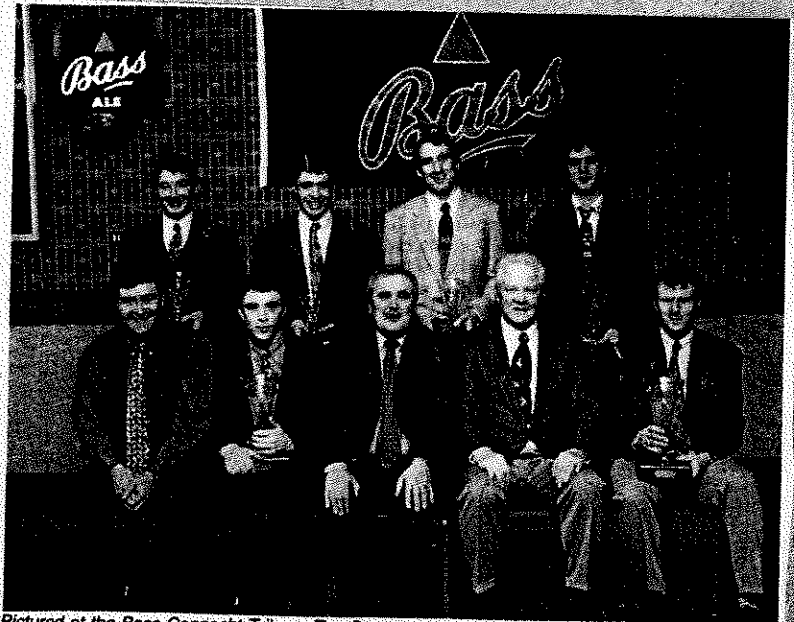


OUT-NUMBERED . . . Athenry centre half-forward Pat Higgins battles for possession against Carnmore's Declan O'Brien, Liam Fahy and T. J. Hynes during Sunday's County Cup final at Kenny Park, Athenry. Photo: Stan Shields.

Athenry: M. Crimmins; F. Keogh, G. Keane, J. Feeney, B. Higgins, B. Feeney, D. Hardman; C. Byrne, B. Keogh; J. Rabbittie (0-1), P. Higgins, B. Hanley; D. Moran, P. Healy (1-1), E. Cloonan (1-4, 1-3 frees). Subs: C. Moran for D. Moran, 51 mins; J. Conway for B. Keogh, 57 mins.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, Murt Killilea, E. Flaherty; Ronan Walsh (0-1, free), D. O'Brien, Ronnie Walsh; T. J. Hynes, S. Walsh; P. Killilea, L. Fahy, P. Fahy (1-0); D. Fahy (0-1, free), T. Grealish, D. Walsh. Subs: M. Killilea (0-4, three frees, one '65' for P. Killilea, 34 mins; M. Connell for Hynes, 51 mins; J. Keogh for S. Walsh, inj. 60 mins.

Referee: J. Cooney (Sarsfields).



Pictured at the Bass Connacht Tribune Top Scorers awards reception at the Corrib Great Southern Hotel were seated from left: John McIntyre, Sports Editor, Connacht Tribune, Eugene Cloonan, Enda O'Rourke, Regional Manager Bass, Mattie MacDonagh, Guest of Honour, and Michael Haverly. Standing from left: Francis Canning, Alan Kearns, Tomás Grealish and Ollie Fahy.

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TRIBUNE SPORT

**Connacht Tribune/Bass
Top scorers presentation**

—by John Fallon—

THE race for the 1996 senior hurling championship, which opened on a low key note a fortnight ago with two matches, begins in earnest this weekend when there are eight games down for decision on Saturday and Sunday.

Kenny Park in Athenry will host double-headers on both Saturday and Sunday evening with Gilligan Park in Craughwell staging two games on Sunday. The other two senior games are linked with intermediate matches at Loughrea and Ballinderreen on Sunday.

County champions Sarsfields open the defence of their crown with a difficult outing against Ardrahan while last year's defeated finalists Portumna take on the champions of the previous year, Athenry.

SATURDAY

Kilconieron v Cammore (Athenry, 6 p.m.)

Liam Burke's return to full fitness and his influence in Galway's league win is a timely boost for a Kilconieron club that still depend far too much on him. Kilconieron badly need to claim the scalp of one of the big guns and they will justifiably fancy their chances on Saturday.

Cammore have gone back quite a bit since their back to back

county final defeats but their remains a strong vein of that talent that club even if they often struggle to produce the goods important matches. Their county U-21 final loss to Clarenbridge few weeks ago — and especially the manner of it — will not have helped but this is a new campaign and Cammore's absolute need to win this one should see them off to a winning start.

Castlegar v Turloughmore (Athenry, 7.15 p.m.)

The super-powers of former years are much more humble these days after unfamiliar barren periods and there is a huge hunger for success. The losers of this clash are going to face a tough battle and that should ensure a rip-roaring contest.

Turlough' have brought in some youth without any great success so far but Cathal Moore — after making an impact with his county before his club — is a key figure and with Francis For also up front Turlough' must be respected. Cashel progressed well last year and have put a balanced side together. This is a huge test for Cashel but they would seem to have more work done as they get the nod.

SUNDAY

Athenry v Portumna (Loughrea, 2 p.m.)

Two sides with a lot to prove this year. Was Portumna's march to the county final last year a flash in the pan or are they a genuine championship contenders? The Cannings, Treacys & co. will be anxious to prove the latter although every team in the county has them marked this time round.

Athenry, with their wealth of talent, have been pencilled at the start of every campaign for the last decade as prime title favourites and this year is no different. Joe Rabbitte is playing some of his best hurling of his career at the moment and Athenry would seem to have too much talent spread throughout the field not to start with a win on Sunday.

Gort v Loughrea (Ballinderreen, 2 p.m.)

Two clubs with very similar sides and both heading in the right direction. Youth has been injected into both squads in recent years and that started to show for Gort last year when they reached county semi-finals after some stirring displays in the group.

Loughrea are probably a year or two behind Gort in development but both play a refreshing brand of hurling. Gort after their run last year, have probably learnt a bit more the hard way. Loughrea side who will be expecting huge things this year from likes of Nigel Shaughnessy and Gregory Kennedy. Gort get a hesitant vote in what could be a high scoring game.

Galway G.A.A. scoreboard

Senior Hurling Open Draw 1995 semi-final
Mullagh 0-10 :: Clarinbridge 0-8

Senior Hurling Open Draw 1996
Gort 2-10 :: Killimordaly 1-11
Kinvara 1-9 :: Turloughmore 1-8
Castlegar 0-9 :: Liam Mellows 0-5
Abbey/Duniry 3-12 :: Pdraig Pearces 1-8

Intermediate Hurling Championship
Ballinasloe 1-12 :: Kilbeacanty 2-8
Oranmore/Maree 1-14 :: Ragoon/Newcastle 1-9
Tommy Larkins 3-10 :: Tynagh 1-5
Meelick/Eyrecourt 2-11 :: Cappataggle 2-11

Intermediate Football League
Spiddal 5-17 :: Clifden 0-3
Monivea/Abbeyknockmoy 3-4 :: Headford 1-7
Cortoon Shamrocks 1-8 :: Tuam Stars 0-11
Kilkerrin/Clonberne 1-12 :: St. Brendans 1-7

Intermediate Hurling Open Draw 1996
Beagh 1-6 :: Craughwell 0-9
St. Thomas 3-16 :: Killimor 0-15

Junior Football League
Kilconly 1-15 :: Williamstown 0-7
Na Piarsaigh 1-11 :: Micheal Breathnach 1-5
Carna/Cashel 1-8 :: Renvyle 0-9

Junior Hurling Open Draw 1996
Fohenagh 1-10 :: Sylane 1-7
Skehana 3-12 :: Annaghdown 5-5
Cois Fharrailge 1-13 :: Tuam 2-5

Junior (1) Football League
Mountbellew/Moylough 2-13 :: Kilkerrin/Clonberne 1-12
Corofin 2-10 :: Milltown 1-9

Junior (2) Football League
Eire Óg 2-8 :: Barna 1-9
St. Brendans 3-10 :: Cortoon Shamrocks 2-6
Monivea/Abbeyknockmoy 3-10 :: Headford 2-5
Caherlistrane 1-10 :: Dunmore MacHales 3-4
St. Grellans 0-12 :: Caltra 1-6
Killiererin 3-8 :: Glynsk 0-11
Clonbur 1-11 :: Oilean Aralinn 2-5

Kilconieron's second half fireworks leaves below par Carnmore reeling!

Kilconieron....1-14 :: Carnmore....0-12

—by Declan Tierney—

AT ONE stage it looked as if Carnmore had the points in the bag. Playing solidly against the wind at Athenry on Saturday evening they held a two point half time lead only to see their advantage wiped away before their eyes by Kilconieron in a rip-roaring second half display.

It was a dramatic change about in fortunes as Kilconieron looked a side without direction or leadership, but all that changed immediately after the break as they took control of virtually every department on the field.

Carnmore must still be reeling as they had done as much as anybody could have asked of them against a stiff breeze in the first half, finishing with eight points on the board and preventing Kilconieron from finding the net.

But on the resumption Kilconieron looked as if they had just received an injection of energy and inspiration — and were a completely different side. The deficit was wiped clean by the fourth minute of the second half and they went on to play flawless hurling.

They started strongly with John Murray getting two early frees and James Burke contributing one from play, but then the rot set in as they began missing relatively easy chances and notched up seven wides for the half into the bargain.

Carnmore made full use of their opposition's deficiencies as Ronan Walsh, Michael Killilea, Damian Fahy and Richard Donovan knocked over points as Kilconieron were held scoreless for 12 minutes during the half.

Nothing seemed to be going right for Kilconieron as Kenneth Keane's goal effort after a defensive mix up went across the goalmouth and Shane Corban had another effort well stopped by Carnmore keeper Kenneth Walsh.

Defensively Carnmore fought doggedly with T. J. Hynes marshalling Kilconieron's county man, Liam Burke, very well in the early stages while Ronan Walsh got in some telling clearances. Declan Walsh scored two good points from play which were added to by Richard Donovan and Patrick Killilea.

But as the game entered the final ten minutes of the half, Liam Burke's influence was beginning to finally tell for Kilconieron

as he scored two excellent points from play while David Keane was also beginning to threaten up front.

However, the odds were still stacked in Carnmore's favour as they led by 0-8 to 0-6 at half time and were looking forward to the prospect of having the wind firmly at their backs for the second half.

It was not to be as Kilconieron came out a rejuvenated side and Liam Burke cut the deficit to just a point after 20 seconds before David Keane struck the upright and was on hand to collect the rebound which he planted to the net.

That set the tone for the remainder of the game as Carnmore lost their way and simply could not contend with the Kilconieron pressure which yielded further good scores from Keane (2), Murray (2), Burke (2) and James Burke.

Two pointed frees from Michael Killilea earlier in the half was not sufficient to motivate Carnmore who were also guilty of many missed chances in the latter stages as Patrick Killilea and Ronan Walsh completed their scoring.

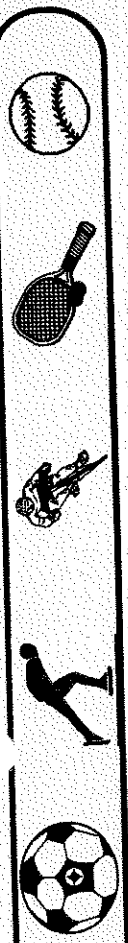
It was a superb midfield performance from Declan Martin, particularly in the second half, which formed the basis of this Kilconieron victory while Colm Connaughton was solid all through. Alan Curley, Enda Duane and Erida Connaughton were the stars in defence while Liam Burke, Shane Corban and David Keane did the damage up front.

The second half was heart breaking for Carnmore but they simply couldn't content with the Kilconieron onslaught. They had solid performances from Murty Killilea, Ronan Walsh, T. J. Hynes, Patrick Killilea, Declan Walsh and Damian Fahy but most of these were confined to the first half.

Kilconieron: B. McGlynn; P. J. Taylor, A. Curley, R. Keane; E. Duane, E. Connaughton, M. Murray; D. Martin, C. Connaughton; J. Murray (0-4, 0-3 frees), L. Burke (0-5, 0-2 frees), S. Corban; D. Keane (1-2), J. Burke (0-2), K. Keane (0-1); Sub. V. Burke for R. Keane.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, D. O'Brien, Murty Killilea; Ronan Walsh (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 '65), T. J. Hynes, Ronnie Walsh; A. Thompson, S. Walsh; R. Donovan (0-2), P. Killilea (0-2), D. Walsh (0-2); T. Grealish, M. Killilea (0-3 frees), D. Fahy (0-1).

Referee: Michael Bodkin.



TRIBUNE SPORT

Wasteful Mellowes pay hefty penalty!

**Carrmore.....2-9
Liam Mellowes.....1-8**

by *Ciaran Tierney*

THE Limerick hurlers were not the only ones to enjoy a Houdini-like escape on Sunday — as Carrmore were mightily relieved to emerge with two championship points from this Group D tie after registering an unbelievably slack performance for much of the game.

Carrmore looked like relegation material for three quarters of this evening tussle at Athenry, before they hauled back an eight point deficit and punished the wastefulness of a Mellowes side which should have wrapped up the issue long before the end.

If the result was a bitter blow to the city side, then

they only had themselves to blame for failing to bury such a lifeless Carrmore side over the opening 45 minutes. And a statistic of 16 wides bares witness to the chronic wastefulness of their forwards.

Their second half demise, and their second defeat in two games, should be of great concern to a Mellowes side which would seem to have extremely limited championship ambitions this year.

Particularly as they were well on top in the first half, when Conor O'Donovan and John O'Connor controlled virtually everything around their half-back line and Jeffrey Lynskey set up some nice attacks from midfield. They went ahead thanks to good points from Enda Muirrooney and Padraig Ryan,

after a very poor start from both sides, but Damien Fahy was unlucky to see a powerful shot deflected over the bar at the other end — thanks to an excellent intervention from Mellowes 'keeper Brian Donovan.

There was little but the weather to enthuse about for the small crowd until Gary Elwood (two) and Frank Keane sent over a succession of fine points from play late in the half, with Jimmy Heverin adding another in reply to a score from Tomas Grealish to leave Mellowes 0-6 to 0-2 in front at half-time.

Mellowes should have been a lot further in front at that stage, but for some atrocious shooting, and yet they appeared to be firm in the driving seat when Ryan blasted the ball to the top left

hand corner of the net to make it 1-7 to 0-2 three minutes into the second half.

Unfortunately for the city boys, though, their game just fell apart at that stage and they failed to lift a flag again until Ryan, the best of their forwards, put the ball over the bar in injury time.

Carrmore finally got going as the game entered its final quarter, with full-forward Michael 'Bomber' Killilea converting five crucial points — four of them from frees — as the men in red began to take over.

The introductions of substitutes John Keogh and Liam Fahy added some potency to their attack after the break, and an excellent goal from Tomas Grealish changed the course of the game eight minutes from the end.

Suddenly, they were a totally different team, with Liam and Peter Fahy scoring two points in as many minutes to put Carrmore in front for the first time in the game.

'Bomber' scored a fine point from play to put them two up before a powerful shot from Declan Walsh was brilliantly saved by Donovan, only for the rebound to be slotted home expertly by Keogh. At that stage it was clear that it was definitely Carrmore's day.

Best for the winners were Ronan Walsh, Damien Fahy, 'Murry' Killilea, Keogh, and Liam Fahy, but Mellowes should have won this game had the forwards been able to convert the chances which were created for them by Lynskey, O'Donovan, O'Connor, and Ryan.

Few teams could play as poorly as Carrmore, and still emerge victorious from such a senior hurling championship game.

Carrmore: K. Walsh, P. Connell, T.J. Hynes, A. Thompson; Ronan Walsh, Murty Killilea, Ronnie Walsh; S. Walsh, P. Killilea; D. Walsh, R. Donovan, D. Fahy (0-1); T. Grealish (1-1), M. Killilea (0-5, four frees), P. Fahy (0-1). Subs: L. Fahy (0-1) for Donovan, J. Keogh (1-0) for Connell.

Liam Mellowes: B. Donovan; P. Muirrooney, J. Elwood, E. Keville; C. O'Donovan, D. Conway, J. O'Connor, J. O'Brien, J. Lynskey (0-1, a free); F. Keane (0-1), P. Ryan (1-2), E. Muirrooney (0-1); L. Scully, J. Heverin (0-1), G. Elwood (0-2). Sub.: A. O'Gorman for Keane. Referee: A. Murphy.

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r All-Ireland club champions.

It's crunch time for several clubs in Co. hurling title race

by John Fallon

SIX OF the ten remaining games in the group stages of the County Cup are down for decision on Sunday when several more clubs should join Castlegar, Sarsfields and Athenry in the quarter-finals.

They are the only teams assured of a place in the last eight after 30 matches being played in the four groups. Indeed, fifteen clubs still have a mathematical chance of reaching the quarter-finals with only Mullagh and Kilconieron definitely out of contention.

All six matches down for decision on Sunday will have a strong bearing not just on who reaches the quarter-finals but they could also make the relegation situation clearer. In this respect the likes of Kinvara, Liam Mellows, Turloughmore and Killimordaly will be fighting to preserve their senior status although the latter two still have a good chance of reaching the last eight.

Loughrea v Kinvara (Ardahan, 2.15 p.m.)

Loughrea have not built on their victory over Gort on opening day and while their loss to Athenry was predictable, their subsequent one point defeat by Portumna has left them with a lot to do. Defeat in this one will see Loughrea end up in the relegation dogfight — something that seemed light years away when they ousted Gort.

But if Loughrea are disappointed with the way things have turned out then Kinvara must be devastated by their form. They lost first time out to Portumna and were then well beaten by Gort. It's hard to see them picking up the pieces and occasions like county semi-final day two years ago are gone to be replaced with the sort of relegation worries they suffered four years ago. Loughrea to win, with **Michael Haverty** leading the way up front.

Gort v Portumna (Loughrea, 2.15 p.m.)

Portumna, despite the loss of the suspended **Sean Treacy**, have recovered with admirable spirit after their first round loss to Athenry. Wins over Kinvara and Loughrea have got last year's finalists back on course and they can book a quarter-final spot on Sunday.

It's hard to know what to make of Gort. A year ago they looked one of the most promising sides in the county but here they are with just one win from three matches and struggling to reach the last eight — and relegation is still a possibility. By Sunday evening staying out of the relegation dogfight might be their primary concern.

Carmmore v Clarenbridge (Athenry, 6.30 p.m.)

Mark Twain must have been a Carmmore man! Here we were all

writing their obituary after Kilconieron beat them decisively on opening day. Kilconieron are now gone from the race and the runners-up of '92 and '93 are back in the driving seat with **Michael 'Bomber' Killitea** piloting them up front and wins recorded against Mellows and Kiltormer.

Clarenbridge, with one of the youngest teams in the county, left themselves with a lot to do when going down by a goal to Kiltormer first day out but have hit back and their victories over Liam Mellows and, crucially, against Kilconieron have left them with a great chance of qualifying. Winners go through on Sunday and with so much at stake this should be a good one. Carmmore get the nod in what should be a tight game.

Castlegar v Abbey-Duniry (Athenry, 7.45 p.m.)

Three wins from three matches must evoke memories of great times past for Cashel followers. They destroyed old rivals Turloughmore, had a goal to spare over Killimordaly and scraped past Abbeyknockmoy. It's hard to judge from that sort of form just how good this Cashel outfit is.

Cashel are already through — they were the first in the county to qualify — but Abbey-Duniry have to win this one. Their draw against Turlough' has left them better placed but victory is vital this time out and **Kevin Broderick** and his colleagues have the ability to achieve it.

Kiltormer v Liam Mellows (Craughwell, 6.30 p.m.)

Kiltormer not reaching the quarter-finals? Seems unreal. But that's the scenario if they lose here. They were poor by all accounts against Carmmore and having dropped a point to Kilconieron they cannot afford another slip-up. Their passage out of this group should have been straightforward but they have made life difficult for themselves.

Mellows, after losing to Clarenbridge and Carmmore, finally got a win on Saturday when they beat Kilconieron. But while they hurled well they lack bite up front and depend too much on **Frank Keane**. Kiltormer will minimise his influence on Sunday and that should see them get the points.

Killimordaly v Turloughmore (Craughwell, 7.45 p.m.)

A decade ago these two were meeting in county finals. Now its relegation worries and outside chances of getting to the quarter-finals that's bothering them when they meet. But while the occasion is not as grand as in former days and neither team is as strong, this could be a thriller between two sides with no love for each other.

Killimordaly beat Abbeyknockmoy well but fell well short of Abbey-Duniry and Cashel. They have strong mix of experience and youth but the two have not yet blended. Turloughmore are still trying to get their pride back after the mauling by Cashel. They are the only team in the championship yet to score a goal. **Francis Forde** and company should rectify that on Sunday and they might well get the points.



Kiltormer have no answer as mobile Carnmore cut loose in the second half

Carnmore..... 1-20 :: Kiltormer..... 1-14

by Frank Farragher

CARNMORE'S star may have waned somewhat over the past season or so but on their day they still retain an energetic core and at Kenny Park on Sunday they had far too much punch and scoring power for a Kiltormer side unable to match the sheer pace of their rivals during a vital sector of the second half.

It was a quite impressive second half display from a very mobile Carnmore side whose pace in a number of key positions often left them yards clear of their markers — they matched that zip with some clinical accuracy which in the end left them very comfortable winners.

Kiltormer were fairly blitzed in that second half conceding a whopping 1-14 during those 30 minutes after edging into a 1-8 to 0-6 interval lead. The losers did however have the strong wind advantage in that first half

but with a five point cushion a close finish, at least, looked on the cards.

Mid-way through the second half Carnmore took off like hares on a sprint which left Kiltormer miles behind. With Michael 'Bomber' Killilea in deadly accurate form from frees the Carnmore onslaught on the losers goal yielded a hole maze of unanswered points.

Tomas Grealish, Peter Fahy, Damien Fahy and Liam Fahy also hit the target with pinpoint accuracy — indeed were it not for some sharp

goalkeeping by **Sean McKeigue** the winners second half total could have been far greater.

Until Carnmore's second half burst the match looked like being something of a straight shoot-out between Michael Killilea and **Ray Duane** who between them contributed a total of 1-22. Duane shot 1-10, all from frees with the exception of one first half point, while Killilea put the sliotar over the black spot on 12 occasions, ten of them from frees.

Duane's goal came in the 24th minute — when he rifled a penalty to the net after a foul on **Justin Campbell** — and just on full time his 20 metre free flew over the bar (some spectators thought he had scored a second goal) but by then it was all very academic.

Carnmore's goal was a masterpiece in simple direct hurling in the 12th minute of the second half, a score which was to ignite them into action. A mammoth delivery out of defence from **Pat Killilea** was sped on to by **Damien Fahy** and he shot to the net from close range.

From there on Carnmore were leading and Kiltormer were chasing — it was a gap which never looked like being bridged. Kiltormer tried a number of changes with **Mairtin Staunton** being introduced to attack but by then Carnmore were rampant and in unstoppable mode.

From goalie **Kenneth Walsh**, who delivered some massive second half clearances with the wind to come forward **Declan Walsh**, Carnmore were by far the sharper side. In between **Murty Killilea, T.J. Hynes, Pat Killilea, Liam Fahy, Damien Fahy, Tomas Grealish** and **Michael Killilea** also made

telling contributions.

Sean McKeigue, Ger Kelly, Aidan Staunton, Ray Duane, Justin Campbell and **Damien Curley** tried hardest for a Kiltormer side who will have to take stock given the scale of their second half demise.

A morale boosting victory for Carnmore and one which will give them a real confidence injection. If they can sustain their streaky periods of brilliance over more consistent distances then they will be no easy touch for anyone.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Conneff, M. Killilea, A. Thompson; R. Walsh, T.J. Hynes, R. Walsh; P. Killilea, J. Keogh; P. Fahy 0-1, L. Fahy 0-2, D. Fahy 1-2;

T. Grealish 0-2, M. Killilea 0-12 (10 frees), D. Walsh 0-1.

Kiltormer: S. McKeigue; N. Kelly, G. Kelly, B. McManus; J. Donnelly, P. Dervan, F. Curley; T. Larkin, A. Staunton 0-1; R. Duane 1-10 (1-9 frees); T. Hanrahan, G. Glynn; R. Farrell 0-1, J. Campbell 0-1, D. Curley.

Subs.: M. Staunton 0-1 for N. Kelly.

Referee: Michael Bodkin

(Pearses).

Joy all-round as Carnmore and Clarenbridge secure passage to quarter-finals

**Carnmore..... 1-10
Clarenbridge... 0-13**

by Frank Farragher

THIS was almost a prescription result with the point apiece transporting both sides into the championship quarter-finals but that scenario didn't emerge until minutes after the final whistle had ended a lively and fiercely contested group D clash at Kenny Park, Athenry, on Sunday evening.

A late fight back which yielded two points in the closing minutes gave Clarenbridge the draw which their overall display deserved against a Carnmore side unable to maintain the second half fireworks which they had shown against Kiltormer the previous Sunday.

Minutes after referee Joe Larkin had sounded the final whistle a resounding cheer went out from the Clarenbridge dressingroom — word had come through that Mellows had beaten Kiltormer; the perfect result for the teams in Athenry.

It was a match characterised by some crisp striking of the sliotar with almost all players very much at ease with the ball — the only real blemish on the match was some bad misses from both sets for forwards in the second half when the tie was asking to be won.

Carnmore led for long stretches of the game thanks mainly to a more direct forward approach than their opponents with Michael Killilea, Tomas

Grealish and especially Peter Fahy in opportunist form.

Too many first half Clarenbridge attacks broke down with one short pass too many being punished by a Carnmore defence in which goalie Kenneth Walsh, Paddy Connell, Murty Killilea, Ronan Walsh and Ronnie Walsh all played with great vigour.

Carnmore led at the break by 0-8 to 0-6 thanks to points from Michael Killilea, Tomas Grealish, Peter Fahy and Ronan Walsh while Paul Kennedy, Michael Carr, Alan Kerins and Kevin Donoghue hit the target for the 'Bridge.

Within seven minutes of the re-start Clarenbridge had stormed into a 0-9 to 0-8 lead with three unanswered points from Kevin Donoghue, Dara Coen and Micheal Donoghue giving them the initiative.

Carnmore looked in trouble at that stage but their response was fast and dramatic. Peter Fahy was left unmarked on the edge of the Clarenbridge square and the Carnmore wing forward fairly hammered the sliotar to the net past the in-form Liam Donoghue.

A neatly taken Paul Kennedy point left Clarenbridge just one behind — 1-8 to 0-10 — a score which heralded a period of missed chances for both sides. Carnmore missed at least four simple point chances while Clarenbridge midfielder Michael Donoghue had a bad wide before his close range goal bound effort was brilliantly saved by Kenneth Walsh.

Ten minutes from time Peter Fahy — who looked very sharp all through — scored a splendid point before a Dara Coen free again brought Clarenbridge back to just one

point behind.

When Liam Fahy landed a 60 metre point five minutes from time, Carnmore looked to have secured victory but the 'Bridge refused to die and two late points from Kevin Donoghue and Micheal Donoghue — the latter's score coming in injury time — gave them a deserved draw.

Liam Donoghue, Michael Spelman, Liam Madden, Brian Carr, Michael Donoghue in spasms, Dara Coen, Alan Kerins — who did a lot of damage in the first half — and the accurate Kevin Donoghue put in spirited displays which in the end gave their side more of a reward for their efforts than they could have anticipated.

Apart from their defensive heroes, Patrick Killilea, Peter Fahy, Liam Fahy in the second half, Tomas Grealish and Michael Killilea were to the fore for a Carnmore side whose unease at being caught at the post was quelled by the surprise news from Craughwell. It won't be any consolation to them but Liam Mellows were a very popular team at Kenny Park on Sunday evening!

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, M. Killilea, A. Thompson; Ronan Walsh 0-1 (65), T.J. Hynes, Ronnie Walsh; P. Killilea, J. Keogh; P. Fahy 1-3, L. Fahy 0-1, D. Fahy; T. Grealish 0-1, M. Killilea 0-4 (all frees), D. Walsh. **Subs.:** S. Walsh for J. Keogh.

Clarenbridge: L. Donoghue; V. Kennedy, M. Spelman, R. Mullins; A. Quinn, G. Spelman, L. Madden; M. Donoghue 0-2, B. Carr; M. Carr 0-1, D. Coen 0-3 (all frees), P. Kennedy 0-2; A. Kearins 0-1, K. Donoghue 0-4, D. Fallon. **Subs.:** M. Kennedy for D. Fallon.

Referee: Joe Larkin.

GROUP A

Castlegar	3	3	0	0	6
Abbey-Duniry	3	1	1	1	3
Turloughmore	3	1	1	1	3
Abbeyknockmoy	3	1	0	1	2
Killimordaly	4	1	0	1	2

Results: Castlegar 2-15 Turloughmore 0-4; Castlegar 2-11 Abbeyknockmoy 2-10; Abbeyknockmoy 2-8 Abbey-Duniry 0-8; Abbey-Duniry 2-15 Killimordaly 1-13; Castlegar 0-11 Killimordaly 1-5; Killimordaly 2-16 Abbeyknockmoy 2-7; Abbey-Duniry 1-8 Turloughmore 0-11; Turloughmore 2-13 Killimordaly 2-7.

Remaining fixtures: Castlegar v Abbey-Duniry, Abbeyknockmoy v Turloughmore.

GROUP WINNERS: Castlegar.

RUNNERS-UP: Yet to be decided. Abbey-Duniry and Turloughmore are the two best placed but Abbeyknockmoy could still qualify if they beat Turlough and Castlegar beat Abbey-Duniry.

RELEGATION: Killimordaly, at best, face a play-off, against Abbeyknockmoy to see who ends up in relegation battle — if Abbeyknockmoy win or draw their final match, then Killimordaly join the three bottom clubs from the other groups to establish which two sides are relegated.

GROUP B

Athenry	3	3	0	0	6
Loughrea	4	2	0	2	4
Portumna	4	2	0	2	4
Gort	4	2	0	2	4
Kinvara	3	0	0	3	0

Results: Athenry 2-9 Portumna 1-8; Loughrea 1-10 Gort 1-8; Portumna 0-13 Kinvara 1-8; Athenry 1-22 Gort 1-12; Athenry 2-12 Loughrea 1-10; Portumna 2-9 Loughrea 0-14; Loughrea 7-14 Kinvara 0-9; Gort 3-17 Portumna 0-14; Gort 1-17 Kinvara 1-8.

Remaining fixture: Athenry v Kinvara.

GROUP WINNERS: Athenry.

RUNNERS-UP: To be decided by three-way play-off involving Gort, Loughrea and Portumna.

RELEGATION: Kinvara will now have to fight for survival in relegation play-offs.

GROUP C

Sarsfields	4	4	0	0	8
Ardrahan	3	1	1	1	3
Padraig Pearses	3	1	1	1	3
Ballinderreen	3	1	0	2	2
Mullagh	3	0	0	3	0

Results: Sarsfields 4-11 Ardrahan 3-7; Sarsfields 2-14 Padraig Pearses 1-10; Ardrahan 3-11 Mullagh 2-6; Ballinderreen 1-16 Mullagh 1-9; Padraig Pearses 0-14 Ballinderreen 1-9; Sarsfields 3-9 Ballinderreen 1-10; Sarsfields 2-11 Mullagh 0-4; Ardrahan 1-11 Padraig Pearses 0-14.

Remaining fixtures: Ardrahan v Ballinderreen; Padraig Pearses v Mullagh.

GROUP WINNERS: Sarsfields.

RUNNERS-UP: Yet to be decided. Ardrahan and Padraig Pearses in strong contention. Ballinderreen not yet out of the race despite two defeats.

RELEGATION: Mullagh go into relegation battle.

GROUP D

Clarenbridge	4	2	1	1	5
Carmmore	4	2	1	1	5
Liam Mellows	4	2	0	2	4
Kilconieron	4	1	1	2	3
Kiltormer	4	1	1	2	3

Results: Kilconieron 1-14 Carmmore 0-12; Kilconieron 1-12 Kiltormer 1-12; Kiltormer 2-8 Clarenbridge 1-8; Clarenbridge 0-12 Liam Mellows 0-8; Clarenbridge 1-13 Kilconieron 0-7; Liam Mellows 1-11 Kilconieron 0-12; Carmmore 1-20 Kiltormer 2-13; Liam Mellows 3-7 Kiltormer 1-10; Clarenbridge 0-13 Carmmore 1-10; Carmmore 2-9 Liam Mellows 1-8.

GROUP WINNERS: Carmmore and Clarenbridge finish joint winners and both qualify for quarter-finals.

RELEGATION: Kilconieron and Kiltormer must play-off to see who goes into relegation dogfight.

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Ardrahan, Pearses and Ballinderreen battle to stay in senior title race

—by John Fallon—

TWO OF the five matches left to play in the group stages of the County senior hurling championship — not including play-offs — are down for decision on Sunday when the remaining matches in Group C are played.

Three teams are in contention for the runners-up place behind Sarsfields, with Ardrahan and Padraig Pearses in the driving seat while Ballinderreen are still in contention. Ardrahan will meet neighbours Ballinderreen at Athenry, while Pearses entertain a Mullagh side already facing the relegation dogfight having lost all three matches.

And given the drama which happened in Group D on Sunday evening when Liam Mellows knocked out Kiltormer only to find it counted for nothing with Clarenbridge and Carmmore drawing in Athenry, little can be taken for granted by any team on Sunday.

Ardrahan v Ballinderreen (Athenry, 7.45 p.m.)

Ballinderreen, for long periods, suggested against Sarsfields that they might be on the way back as a serious force. But defeat in that game, coupled with their first round loss to Pearses, has left them with a huge task to qualify and their fate is no longer solely in their own hands.

Ardrahan's group campaign went along a predictable line until they were held to a draw by Pearses. That has now left them needing to win this one and while they have their almost now customary injury problems, they should take the points.

Padraig Pearses v Mullagh (Ballinasloe, 7.45 p.m.)

Pearses were expected to be cannon-fodder for everyone this year after winning the intermediate title last season but they have certainly shocked a few with their displays. They almost beat Sarsfields, had a couple of points to spare over Ballinderreen and should have beaten Ardrahan. Not bad for no-hopers!

Mullagh have been dreadful this year and a spell in intermediate hurling looks on the cards unless they can pull something out of the fire. Mullagh will find it difficult to motivate themselves on Sunday and that could be reflected in the scoreline.

Galway G.A.A. scoreboard

Senior Hurling Championship

Turloughmore 2-13 :: Killimordaly 2-7
 Loughrea 7-14 :: Kinvara 0-9
 Gort 3-17 :: Portumna 0-14
 Carnmore 1-10 :: Clarinbridge 0-13
 Liam Mellows 3-7 :: Kiltormer 1-10

Sacre Coeur Hotel Football League

Milltown 1-10 :: Caherlistrane 1-10
 Killierin 0-11 :: Salthill 0-9
 Moycullen 2-11 :: Clonbur 0-12
 Mountbellew/Moylough 1-9 :: Corofin 0-7
 Kiltinan 3-7 :: Carraroe 2-9
 Oranmore-Mares 2-10 :: Lettermore 0-11

Intermediate Hurling Championship

Athenry 1-19 :: Tommie Larkins 0-10
 Kilnadeema-Leitrim 2-16 :: Tynagh 2-6

Intermediate Football League

Annaghdown 0-15 :: Clifden 0-5
 Spiddal 1-11 :: Barna 1-9
 Mervue-Renmore 2-10 :: St. Michaels 0-9
 Caltra 2-15 :: Headford 0-5

Junior Football Championship

Glynsk 1-10 :: St. Grellans 0-10
 Kilconly 1-15 :: Williamstown 1-3

Junior Football League

St. Brendans 1-16 :: Caltra 2-7
 Micheal Breathnach 4-25 :: Fr. Griffins 0-5
 Annaghdown 1-9 :: Monivea-Abbeyknockmoy 1-4

Junior (1) Football League

Moycullen 2-9 :: Spiddal 2-8
 Lettermore 2-13 :: Carraroe 2-4

Junior (2) Football League

Mervue-Renmore 2-10 :: Barna 1-8
 Micheal Breathnach 2-13 :: St. Colmans 1-9
 Carna-Casheal 2-9 :: Aran Islands 2-6

Junior (1) Football Championship

Mountbellew-Moylough 1-10 :: Menlough 0-8
 Caherlistrane 0-8 :: Kilkerrin-Clonberne 0-7
 Corofin 0-8 :: Dunmore MacHales 0-8

Under-11 City Football Championship Finals

(A) Salthill West 3-3 :: St. Michael North 1-2
 (B) Mervue 1-4 :: Moycullen 0-3



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Top scorers hurling

Name	Club	Score	Pts
Mi. Haverly	Loughrea	6-27	(45)
Ray Duane	Kiltormer	2-26	(32)
Pat Lally	Gort	0-32	(32)
Tom O'Brien	Pearses	0-26	(26)
Kerril Creaven	Killimordaly	0-24	(24)
Mi. Killilea	Carnmore	0-24	(24)
Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	2-18	(24)
Peter Kelly	Sarsfields	4-6	(18)
Mi. Coleman	A-Knockmoy	3-9	(18)
Mi. McGrath	Sarsfields	2-11	(17)
Frank Canning	Portumna	0-17	(17)
Johnny Murray	Kilconieron	0-17	(17)
Liam Burke	Kilconieron	1-14	(17)

Top scorers from play

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Mi. Haverly	Loughrea	5-5	(20)
Peter Kelly	Sarsfields	4-6	(18)
Mi. McGrath	Sarsfields	2-11	(17)
James Fahy	Ardrahan	3-6	(15)
Ronan Farrell	Kiltormer	3-3	(12)
Ronan Cullinane	Castlegar	3-3	(12)
Padraig Ryan	L.Mellows	3-2	(11)
Michael Kenny	Sarsfields	3-1	(10)
Noel Cooney	Killimordaly	3-1	(10)
Liam Burke	Kilconieron	0-10	(10)
Sean Corcoran	Ballindereen	2-4	(10)



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Kerril Creaven	Killmordaly	0-24	(24)
Mi. Killilea	Cammore	0-24	(24)
Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	2-18	(24)
Peter Kelly	Sarsfields	4-6	(18)
Ivan Linnane	Ardrahan	0-18	(18)
James Fahy	Ardrahan	4-6	(18)
Mi. Coleman	A-Knockmoy	3-9	(18)

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Bernard Forde	Ardrahan	2-7	(13)
Sean Corcoran	Ballinderreen	3-4	(13)
Ronan Cullinane	Castlegar	3-3	(12)
Ronan Farrell	Kiltormer	3-3	(12)
Padraig Ryan	L.Mellowes	3-2	(11)

Co. hurling title race resumes after a prolonged hibernation

by John McIntyre

A DECEMBER county hurling final—a frightening prospect—looks on the cards despite the staging of a group play-off tie between Ardrahan and Pearses at Kenny Park, Athenry on Saturday afternoon (3p.m.)

Over three months have elapsed since the last action in this year's championship and even allowing for the All-Ireland wins of the Galway juniors and under 21s and the prospect of a third title with the minors, it's a situation which needs urgent addressing.

Indeed, so much time has elapsed since the title race was suspended in early July, that it is difficult to remember which clubs have already advanced to the quarter-finals and which have made their exits from the championship.

Clubs who have been without competitive hurling for three months may now face the prospect of lining out on three consecutive Sundays in a desperate attempt to make up for lost time.

While one acknowledges that the Hurling Board have the best interests of its county teams at heart, they need to tackle the problem of the Galway's top domestic fixture being fought out in the depths of winter.

Saturday evening's tussle between Ardrahan and Pearse promised to be a lively affair. Their group confrontation ended in a draw with the South Galway men fortunate to escape with a division of the spoils.

Joe Callanan's protracted groin strain makes the teak-tough defender a definite absentee for Ardrahan, while Pearses—arguably the

surprise packets of the championship so far—have a fitness doubt about Seamus Lawless (hamstring).

Ardrahan, perhaps the slicker outfit, will be looking to Ivan Linnane, the bustling James Fahy, Fergal Fahy, the long-serving Bernard Forde and a back in form Dermot Fahy to carry the day.

Like their opponents, it is hard to judge how the long break will have affected Pearses but big displays from the O'Briens, Noel and Michael Carr, Dermot Hillary and John O'Grady will rattle Ardrahan's pre-match favourites tag.

Meanwhile, two of the teams who haven't made it to the knock-out stages are Kiltormer and Kilconieron who meet in a group relegation play-off at Loughrea on Sunday (3p.m.)

Hurling championship finally hots up with a number of top games

—by John McIntyre—

THE Galway senior hurling championship gathers pace on Sunday with two quarter-finals and two group play-off games down for decision, but Board officials will be keeping their fingers crossed that none of the fixtures end in stalemate.

Small crowds have been the order of the day since the championship belatedly resumed last Sunday week and interest in the title race will be hard to rekindle following the protracted summer break and the advent of deteriorating weather conditions.

The clubs have only themselves to blame for the county's showpiece GAA event being fought out in the depths of winter as they stood idly by during the summer months and allowed the championship to be virtually thrown aside in the pursuit of inter-county All-Ireland glory.

Of the four matches taking place on Sunday, the quarter-final meeting of Athenry and Castlegar has 'match of the day' appeal, while Ardahan and Carnmore will also be battling to secure a coveted place in the semi-finals.

Castlegar v Athenry (Ardahan, 2p.m.)

This has the makings of a sizzler. Athenry were in devastating form before the break and swept all before them. Young players such as **John Feeney**, **Brian Higgins**, **Eugene Cloonan** and **Eddie Brady** have quickly established themselves and they will be hard stopped on Sunday.

Castlegar too blazed quite a trail early on but that counted for nothing against Abbey/Duniry in their group game last Sunday. That defeat, however, could be a blessing in disguise and **Conor Molloy** and his colleagues will not be in the least intimidated by Athenry whom they defeated in a group tie last summer 12 months. However, the 1994 champions look too strong on this occasion.

Ardahan v Carnmore (Athenry, 4.30p.m.)

Putting it mildly Carnmore's group form was up and down, but they are still a capable team when the mood hits them. The long break leaves, however, the 1990 and '91 beaten finalists vulnerable and reliable defender **Enda Fiaherly** is out with a bout of pleurisy — but the **Fahy** brothers, **Damien** and **Peter**, **Declan O'Brien** and **Liam Fahy** are on the recovery trail.

Ardahan, who produced a workmanlike display in overcoming Pearses last Sunday week, also have injury worries. **Joe Callanan** remains a long term casualty while the invaluable **James Fahy** is sidelined with a hand injury. Furthermore, **John Joe Brennan** (cracked rib) and **Michael Lynskey** (thumb) are on the doubtful list. A hard game to call, but Ardahan's tradition and greater composure under pressure may see them through.

Abbey/Duniry v Turloughmore (Croughwell, 2p.m.)

This Group A play-off brings together two clubs who both coped well with a summer of competitive inactivity by winning crucial matches last Sunday. Abbey/Duniry's success over Castlegar was obviously the more notable achievement and they will hardly fear a Turlough team which drew with them in the group.

While there was nothing particularly impressive about Turlough's win over neighbours Abbeyknockmoy at the weekend, they will gain heart from that result and the placing of **Francis Forde** at midfield is a worthwhile experiment. Turlough are always doughty battlers and that characteristic may just see off an Abbey/Duniry team who have already partially proved that they are no one season wonders.

Portumna v Gort (Loughrea, 3.15p.m.)

Gort were wide margin winners when these two teams clashed in the group, but as manager **Josie Harte** pointed out this week 'it's never easy to beat the same team twice' in the championship. Reliable free-taker **Pat Lally** is ruled out with an ankle injury while the Gort camp also had to cope with the tragic recent death of young **Raymond Linnane**.

Portumna looked nothing exceptional against Loughrea last Sunday and they now have to deal with the absence of the luckless **Ollie Canning**, who broke a finger late in that game. That match should bring them on, however, and motivation will come easier for them than their opponents. Another close tussle in the pipeline but Gort's better team balance may sweep them to the quarter-finals.

Committed Carnmore make short work of a lack lustre Ardrahan in one-sided tie

Carnmore 1-14
Ardrahan 1-3

—by John McIntyre—

CARNMORE, the forgotten team of Galway club hurling, put themselves firmly back in the spotlight when recording a surprisingly emphatic victory over injury hit Ardrahan at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday.

Out of the limelight since suffering consecutive county final defeats in 1992 and '93, Carnmore cruised into a semi-final showdown against either Sarsfields or Turloughmore after stepping up considerably on their erratic group form.

But the jury will have to remain out on Carnmore's true worth as opponents Ardrahan barely raised a gallop in a most disappointing performance which completely undermined the steady if slow progress of the past two years.

While the absence of Joe Callanan and James Fahy were admittedly blows Ardrahan could have done without, it comes no where near explaining a really dismal effort from the South Galway men who struggled from the start.

Key players such as Fergal Fahy, Coim Doherty and Ivan Linnane were only pale shadows of their true selves and with Ardrahan in trouble all over the field, it meant the team was crying out for leadership and inspiration.

Only goalkeeper Ciaran Callanan and the admirable John Joe Brennan rose above mediocrity on a day when nothing went right for them — although Dermot Fahy, midfielder Pat Murphy

and John Howley couldn't be faulted for effort.

Carnmore wasted no time in signalling their intentions. Eager and committed, they quickly took control and captain Ronan Walsh gave a hint of what was to follow when mightily pointing a long range free into the strong wind in the opening minute.

While Ivan Linnane equalised from a free almost immediately — their only score of the half — it soon became apparent that Carnmore were moving at a far livelier pace than Ardrahan and they made a vital breakthrough in the fifth minute when Liam Fahy expertly finished to the net after the initial spadework was done by Damien Fahy.

With Declan O'Brien dominant at centre back, Carnmore continued to pile forward and three well taken points from Peter Fahy helped them to lead by 1-7 to 0-1 at the interval but, by this stage, they had already lost the in-form Liam Fahy with a bad facial gash after a late if accidental blow from marker Fergal Fahy.

Carnmore were also to be deprived of the services of Michael Killilea in the 35th minute — but in entirely different circumstances. The full forward deservedly received his marching orders for a dangerous pull on Dermot Fahy after a melee developed on the stand side of the field.

Even then Ardrahan didn't threaten a comeback of substance and while Rory Burke hit a fine goal on the turn in the 41st minute, there was never any real prospect of Carnmore losing their stranglehold on the exchanges especially after

Declan Walsh and Damien Fahy landed quality points midway through the half.

Although the winners were impressive, much stiffer tests lie ahead. Kenneth Walsh again underlined his claims as the best goalkeeper in Galway behind a disciplined defence where O'Brien, Murt Killilea, Ronan Walsh and the fiery Ronnie Walsh were very much to the fore.

Patrick Killilea was again typically honest in both midfield and attack while Peter Fahy (first half), Declan Walsh, Damien Fahy and Tomas Grealish proved a right handful for the Ardrahan rearguard. Liam Fahy was also flying prior to his enforced departure.

Cutting a sorry sight by the finish, Ardrahan didn't even come close to doing themselves justice. They were beaten in most positions and there may have been a degree of complacency in their ranks. An eleven point defeat by a team generally considered not title material sums up Ardrahan's inadequacy on the day.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, Murt Killilea, T. J. Hynes; Ronan Walsh (0-2, 0-1 free, 0-1 65), D. O'Brien, Ronnie Walsh; P. Killilea (0-1), S. Walsh; P. Fahy (0-4), L. Fahy (1-0), D. Walsh (0-2, 0-1 free); T. Grealish (0-2), Michael Killilea (0-1, free), D. Fahy (0-2). Sub, J. Keogh for L. Fahy (Inj.)

Ardrahan: C. Callanan; D. Shaughnessy, D. Fahy, B. Murphy; N. Connors, F. Fahy, J. J. Brennan; P. Murphy, C. Doherty (0-1); R. Burke (1-0), S. Connolly, M. Lynskey; B. Forde (0-1), I. Linnane, J. Howley. Referee E. Whelan.

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Galway G.A.A. Scoreboard

Senior Hurling Championship Quarter-Final

Athenry 0-11 :: Castlegar 0-8
Carnmore 1-14 :: Ardrahan 1-3

Senior Hurling Championship Play-offs

Turloughmore 0-21 :: Abbey-Duniry 2-9
Portumna 2-9 :: Gort 0-15

Intermediate Hurling Championship

Craughwell 0-7 :: Athenry 1-4
Killimor 2-7 :: Kilbeacanty 0-7
Beagh 4-9 :: Oranmore/Maree 1-5
Kilnadeema/Leitrim 3-8 :: Ballinasloe 0-4

Nenagh Co-op Hurling Tournament

Galway 1-13 :: Clare 0-4

Intermediate Football League

St. Brendans' 7-8 :: Monivea/Abbeyknockmoy 2-8
Cortoon Shamrocks 1-11 :: Tuam Stars 0-11

Junior (A) Hurling Championship

Ahascragh 2-9 :: Sylane 0-4
Kilconieron 2-8 :: Liam Mellows 1-3

Junior Football Championship Replay

Renvyle 2-16 :: Micheal Breathnach 2-11

Junior (B) Hurling Championship

Mountbellew/Moylough 1-15 :: Kinvara 1-7
St. Thomas 0-9 :: Skehana 0-6

Junior (2) Football League Semi-Final

Tuam Stars 4-9 :: Glenamaddy 2-1

Junior (C) Hurling Championship

Craughwell 3-2 :: Beagh 1-6

Under-21 (B) Football Championship

Carna/Cashel 0-7 :: Clonbur 1-3

Under-21 (B) Hurling Championship

Killimordaly 0-13 :: Bailindereen 2-5

Minor (A) Football Championship Final

Corofin 1-12 :: Annaghdown 1-6

Minor (B) Hurling Championship Quarter-Finals

Mullagh 0-14 :: Padraig Pearses 1-5
Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry 4-8 :: Sarsfields 1-8

Fr. Joe Walsh Cup Play-offs

Craughwell 6-6 :: St. Thomas 2-3
Craughwell 2-7 :: Tommie Larkins 1-5

Fr. Jack Solan Cup Semi-Final

Kiltormer 0-6 :: Portumna 0-3

S.M.A. Cup Semi-Final

Castlegar 1-3 :: Liam Mellows 1-2

Under-21 (C) Hurling Championship

Ballygar 4-15 :: Annaghdown 0-3

Under-15 City Football League

Barna 2-6 :: Salthill 2-6
Micheal Breathnach 2-6 :: Killanin 1-6
Claregalway 2-3 :: Mervue 1-6

Under-13 City Football League Division 1

Claregalway 3-8 :: Eire Og 1-1

St. Michaels 2-9 :: Salthill 2-7

Oranmore/Maree 4-7 :: Micheal Breathnachs 3-8

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Altogether More Satisfying

Top scorers hurling

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Tom O'Brien	Pearses	0-34	(34)
Pat Lally	Gort	0-32	(32)
Ray Duane	Kitormer	2-26	(32)
Ivan Linnane	Ardrahan	0-28	(28)
Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	2-22	(28)
Mattie Kenny	Abbey-Duniry	1-25	(28)
Frank Canning	Portumna	1-24	(27)
Mi. Killilea	Carnmore	0-25	(25)
Mi. Coleman	Abbeyknockmoy	4-13	(25)

Top scorers from play

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James Fahy	Ardrahan	4-8	(20)
Mi. Haverly	Loughrea	5-5	(20)
Peter Kelly	Sarsfields	4-6	(18)
Mi. McGrath		2-11	(17)
Bernard Forde	Ardrahan	2-10	(16)
Sean Corcoran	Bailinderreen	3-4	(13)
Peter Fahy	Carnmore	1-9	(12)
Ronan Cullinane	Castlegar	3-3	(12)
Ronan Farrell	Kitormer	3-3	(12)
Kevin Broderick	Abbey-Duniry	2-5	(11)
Donal Moran	Athenry	1-8	(11)
Ollie Fahy	Gort	2-5	(11)
Padraig Ryan	L. Mellows	3-2	(11)
Frank Canning	Portumna	1-8	(11)

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ATHENRY vs. SARS' IN HURLING FINAL AGAIN?

THE County Cup hurling championship edged closer last Sunday to another Athenry-Sarsfields showdown, with Athenry knocking out one of the most fancied challengers, Castlegar, in the quarter-finals.

Carnmore, who'd also love another go at title holders Sarsfields, came good with a surprisingly easy win over Ardrahan in the other quarter-final played last Sunday, and their opponents in the semi-finals will be Sarsfields or Turloughmore who meet next Sunday at Kenny Park, throw-in 2 p.m. Turlough' eliminated Abbey-Duniry in the Group play-offs and served warning of their intentions with a fine tally of 21 points (most from play), though a one-time 12-point lead was cut to three in a second-half scare before Francis Forde and Gerry Burke sent over two late points to guarantee victory.

In the second semi-final, Athenry will meet the winners of the quarter-final between Clarinbridge and Gort or Portumna who drew in a tough, uncompromising encounter at Loughrea last Sunday.

Carmmore are timing their C' ship run nicely

Carmmore 1-14 Ardrahan 1-3

AN easier than expected win over a very disappointing Ardrahan side puts Carmmore into the championship semi-finals and the manner of this victory at Kenny Park last Sunday suggests they are hitting top form at just the right time.

Carmmore lost no time in establishing superiority. Despite playing against a very strong wind they were a point up within seconds of the throw-in; they were 1-2 to 0-1 after four minutes following a superb Laim Fahy goal and seven points clear as the second quarter commenced.

That great start provided a platform for victory and even though their scoring rate understandably dropped after that, they always had too much fire-power for their South Galway opponents who scored just a solitary point in the first half; failed to add to it for a further twelve minutes of the second period and eventually finished with only four scores.

All that against a team that lost Liam Fahy who was in brilliant form until his injury 22 minutes into the game, and they were down to fourteen men shortly after half-time when "Bomber" Killilea was ordered to the line by referee Eamon Whelan after a pull on Dermot Fahy. But Carmmore can be well satisfied with their performance. They grabbed the initiative from the word go through a massive Ronan Walsh pointed free and although they immediately conceded an equaliser when Ardrahan's Ivan Linnane, who was playing at full-forward in place of injured absentee James Fahy, converted one from 55 metres, they went on a scoring spree that left us wondering who was playing against the wind. They regained the lead in the third minute when Peter Fahy availed of a powerful surge upfield by Declan O'Brien by taking his pass and hitting an excellent score from the right wing and were through again immediately when Damien Fahy fed Liam Fahy, who sped through before shooting an invaluable goal that gave his team a tremendous boost. Peter Fahy and Tomás Grealish added two points to

give them an impressive 1-4 to 0-1 lead just eight minutes into the game.

Much of the Ardrahan's trouble at this stage stemmed from the powerful play of Carmmore's half-backs, Ronan Walsh, Declan O'Brien and Ronnie Walsh, who combined to provide an impregnable barrier with the powerfully-built O'Brien in majestic form and his wing men fast and strong in their tackling. To offset this, Ivan Linnane was moved to midfield, Colm O'Doherty went to centre-forward and Sean Connolly switched to full-forward.

The Ardrahan changes were successful to a degree but not enough to change the trend of the game which continued to go very much in Carmmore's favour with Peter Fahy ending a passing movement by sending over midway through the half. Ardrahan had a scoring opportunity when a huge Dermot Fahy free was caught by Carmmore goalie Kenneth Walsh who was, however, penalised for taking too many steps but it was Kenneth who brilliantly stopped Ivan Linnane's low free.

Carmmore then lost Liam Fahy when a badly timed tackle by Fergal Fahy left him with blood pouring from a split lip that required several stitches. John Keogh came on to take his place and they finished the half in positive fashion with the 'Bomber' pointing a 65 and Peter Fahy hitting a point from play when he pulled on a dropping ball and with Dermot Fahy being off-target with an Ardrahan 65, it finished 1-7 to 0-1 for Carmmore at the break.

Ardrahan now had to face the elements in their unenviable task as they sought to claw back that big lead. Their troubles increased when Patrick Killilea sent over the first score of the second half and even the sending-off of Micheál Killilea shortly afterwards failed to dampen the spirits of a rampant Carmmore side who went further ahead when Ronan Walsh drove over a 65.

Ardrahan fans finally got something to cheer about when Pat Murphy's delivery was won by Rory Burke who promptly whipped home a fine goal. Their joy was short-lived, however, when deputy freetaker Damien Fahy showed his prowess after Tomás Grealish was fouled, and Declan Walsh quickly scored one from play with a huge

strike from 70 metres.

Dermot Fahy, now the spare man since Bomber's dismissal, started to come forward more with some effect and he had two low frees saved, the second by Paddy Connell at the expense of a 65 which he took himself but again it was cleared and it was Carmmore who scored next when Tomás Grealish had a fine point. Bernard Forde had one at the other end as time ran out but Declan Walsh replied with one from a 55-metre free and there was still enough time for Colm O'Doherty and Damien Fahy to swap scores in a hectic finish that saw Carmmore comfortably hold on for a well merited win.

Among their best players were goalie Kenneth Walsh (surely worth a trial at county level), the entire back-line; Peter Fahy, Liam Fahy until his injury, Declan Walsh and Damien Fahy.

Ardrahan were a big let-down after a good win against Padraic Pearse's and only Kieran Callanan, Dermot Fahy, John Joe Brennan, Pat Murphy, Rory Burke and Ivan Linnane impressed.

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Referee: Eamon Whelan.

Man of the Match: Declan O'Brien (Carmmore).

-- NOEL CARNEY

Hurling double header likely on Sunday week

—by John McIntyre—

AN attractive county hurling championship double header is on the cards at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday week — subject to no worsening of weather conditions.

The quarter-final replay of Gort and Clarenbridge will probably form the opening part of the double bill which will be completed by the meeting of Carnmore and champions Sarsfields in the first of the semi-finals.

The Hurling Board Fixtures Committee took a sympathetic view of Gort's request for a postponement of their replay against Clarenbridge as had that

game gone ahead next Sunday, the Josie Harte managed side would have been facing their fourth outing in 22 days.

The extra week will give Gort valuable breathing space to recharge their batteries in a year in which their draws against Portumna and now Clarenbridge have further delayed a championship already behind schedule.

The Hurling Board hope to stage the second semi-final on Sunday fortnight and assuming there are no replays, the county final will either go ahead on the following Sunday or a week later, December 1.

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Sarsfields on Course

One of the most attractive fixtures on the hurling calendar this year is the first of the county's semi-finals when champions Sarsfields meet Carnmore in Athenry.

Sarsfields will lay their title on the line in a repeat of the county finals of 1992 and 1993 over Carnmore at 1pm. The replayed quarter-final match between Gort and Clarenbridge also takes place at the venue.

The champions looked impressive in the first half of their quarter-final against Turloughmore, but were almost caught by a late rally from the young Turlough side.

Carnmore also looked impressive in their victory over Ardrahan.

The "Reds" were bitterly disappointed not to make the final stages in the last two years after two final appearances. This year few fancied their chances after a

sluggish group performance. They have learned much in the past few years, and they have the ability to create an upset.

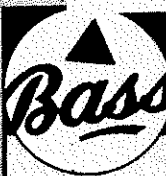
Carnmore have a solid defence with Murty Killilea, T J Hynes, Ronan Walsh, and the impressive Declan O'Brien. In the quarter-final they lost Liam Fahy to injury early in the game, but they showed they have talent in abundance. Peter, Damian, and Liam Fahy, along with Declan Walsh, Tomas Grealish, and the powerful Michael "Bomber" Killilea, could well put Sarsfields to the test.

However the champions have shown over the years that experience does count. When they were in trouble against Turloughmore, they were able to find each other with precision at vital times to set up crucial scores. Their much talked about full back line again produced the goods, and

although Sunday's opponents are likely to provide a stiffer test, the Cooney trio are likely to hold out once again. With Joe Cooney still lording it at midfield and moving deep into defence, Carnmore can expect little change in that area.

The long serving Michael McGrath, Aidan Donoghue, and Peter Kelly are three forwards well capable of putting an end to the Carnmore dream. The champions will have learned from the Turloughmore game, and they should have enough strength in depth to reach their fifth successive final.

Meanwhile the break of one week should favour Gort in their quarter-final replay with Clarenbridge. Clarenbridge almost stole the game with the late surge, but Gort have the experience to reach another semi-final against Athenry.



Connacht Tribune Top scorers hurling charts

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Francis Forde	Turloughmore	1-27	(30)	Bernard Forde	Ardrahan	2-10	(16)
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Eugene Cloonan	Athenry	2-22	(28)	Frank Canning	Portumna	1- 9	(12)
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				John Connors	Gort	1- 9	(12)
				Ronan Cullinane	Castlegar	3- 3	(12)
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Four-goal Greallish seals Carnmore win

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Carmmore 4-8
Sarsfields 0-12

CARNMORE brought off the shock of the Galway senior hurling championship when they defeated reigning champions Sarsfields in the semi-final at Athenry yesterday.

A blistering performance by full forward Tomas Greallish, who scored all four goals, earned them a place in their county final.

His first came in the second minute when he took a pass from TJ Hynes and shot the net from 20 yards. Within 10 minutes he grabbed another with an overhead flick from a Patrick Killilea free.

Aidan Donoghue helped keep Sarsfields in touch with five points, four of them from frees and they were still in the running at half time, when Carnmore led by 2-5 to 0-8.

Sarsfields, twice All-Ireland club champions, had a good start to the second half, though they made little impression on the scoreboard.

Midway through the half, Greallish grabbed another two goals within

three minutes of each other, one a close range shot and the other after a Killilea free had broken in the square, to effectively seal the issue.

The game ended on an unsavoury note as a melee broke out involving up to 12 players in front of the goal and continued for almost three minutes. Medical attention was required for two Carnmore players.

When order was restored referee Michael Bodkin threw in the ball and immediately blew for time.

Apart from the contribution of man of the match Tomas Greallish, the players who did most to fashion a memorable Carnmore victory were in their hugely effective defence.

Declan O'Brien and Murt Killilea and goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh, and centre forward Liam Fahy deserve a mention.

Joe Cooney was excellent at midfield for Sarsfields.

Padraig Kelly also played well in defence but only Aidan Donoghue made any real impression upfront.

Scorers: Carnmore Q.T. Greallish 4-1, P. Killilea 0-4, Ronan Walsh, L. Fahy and D. Fahy 0-1 each. Sarsfields Q.A. Donoghue 0-8, J. Cooney and Peter Kelly 0-2 each.

CARNMORE: K. Walsh; P. Connell, M. Killilea, E. Flaherty; Ronan Walsh, D. Walsh, D. Walsh; Ronnie Walsh; TJ Hynes, S. Walsh; P. Killilea, L. Fahy, D. Walsh; P. Fahy, T. Greallish, D. Fahy. SARSFIELDS: T. Kenny; P. Connors, B. Cooney, M. Cooney; Padraig Kelly, D. Keane, W. Early, N. Morrissey, J. Cooney, M. McGrath, J. McGrath, A. Donoghue; Peter Kelly, M. Kenny, P. Cooney. Sub: G. McGrath for M. Kenny.

Clarenbridge 3-9
Gort 0-10

A three-goal blitz by Alan Kerins before the break in this replayed quarter-final clash earned Clarenbridge a semi-final tilt with Athenry.

The corner forward was outstanding as he grabbed his hat-trick within five minutes to leave his side ahead by 3-4 to 0-2 a half time, by which time the outcome of the match was already decided.

Scorers: Clarenbridge Q.A. Kerins 3-1, M. Spelman 0-5, M. Kerins 0-2, M. Donoghue 0-1. Gort: O.F. Connors 0-4, T. Helebert 0-3, N. Linnane 0-2, O. Fahy 0-1.

Sports Line

Carmore End Sarsfields' Glorious Run Four Goal Grealish Inflicts Punishment

Carmore 4 - 8.....Sarsfields 0 - 12

Three times Galway and Connacht champions, and twice All Ireland Club winners: that was the four year record which Sarsfields, - one of Galway's greatest ever club teams - brought to Athlenny's Kenny Park last Sunday. But, their bid for a fifth successive Galway final crumbled at the hands of Carmore, who gained sweet revenge for their two successive defeats in 1992 and 1993.

Carmore, having lost their opening game of the championship, were very much the underdogs at the start of the season. Yet last Sunday they punished the men from the tiny parish of New Inn and Ballaun at every opportunity. Sarsfields made many mistakes, some of which were almost identical to errors in their previous game against Turloughmore. However this time Carmore, and in particular opportunist Tomas Grealish, made maximum use of Sarsfields' mistakes.

For Sarsfields, last Sunday was a nightmare, particularly for the defence, which despite much criticism, has weathered many storms, and for long-serving keeper Tommie Kenny, who has given outstanding service to his club. One of the smallest clubs in the country, Sarsfields entered this year's championship campaign with most of the same players who started their glorious run in 1992.

Their day had to end, but it was a great pity it ended with an unsavoury scuffle as the game neared full time. Two Sarsfields salvaged Sarsfields' bid, and it was from a Cooney charge at the Carmore defence that led to a free-for-all that lasted almost five minutes and into injury time. Cooney himself refused to be dragged into the conflict, and referee Michael Bodkin called the game to an abrupt end. A sad end to Sarsfields' marvellous record. Scores: Carmore, T. Grealish (4-1), P. Killilea (0-4), L. Fahy (0-1), D. Fahy (0-1), R. Walsh (0-1). Sarsfields, A. Donoghue (0-1), Kelly (0-2), J. Cooney (0-2), P. Cooney (0-1).

Carmore went quickly into action when Tomas Grealish pounced for goal No 1 in the second minute. A brace of points from Patrick Killilea and Liam Fahy put Carmore 1 - 2 in front inside five minutes. Sarsfields replied with four unanswered points from Aidan Donoghue (2), Joe Cooney, and Peter Kelly to reduce the deficit to the minimum. Twelve minutes into the game and a 50 metre Killilea free was finished off by Grealish for goal No 2.

Great play by Joe Cooney and Padraig Kelly settled Sarsfields, and three Killilea points were cancelled by Donoghue. Peter Cooney added another for Sarsfields as half time approached with Carmore leading by 2 - 5 to 0 - 8.

After Damien Fahy had opened the second half scoring with another point, Sarsfields began to approach with Carmore leading by 2 - 5 to 0 - 8. After Damien Fahy had opened the second half scoring with another point, Sarsfields began to approach with Carmore leading by 2 - 5 to 0 - 8.



The price of victory: Carmore's Liam Fahy leaves the pitch after Sunday's brawl at the Galway Senior Hurling Championship semi-final against Sarsfields at Athlenny.

Photograph: Mike Shaughnessy

End of an era as Carnmore K.O. Sarsfields

Carnmore 4-8 Sarsfields 0-12

IT was surely the end of a glorious era in club hurling when Galway county title holders Sarsfields were decisively beaten by up-and-coming Carnmore at Kenny Park, Athenry last Sunday.

And it could well be the beginning of an exciting new era, for Carnmore stormed their way into the county final with a power-packed display of classy hurling, total commitment, utter determination and sheer will-to-win. It may only have been a semi-final, but it must still rank as one of the greatest days in Carnmore's history and clearly they'll take a lot of stopping now, as Athenry and Clarinbridge — who meet in the other semi-final next Sunday — must surely know.

Twice before in this decade Carnmore reached the last hurdle, only to be felled by their victims last Sunday, with Sarsfields then going on to become All-Ireland champions. It must have been galling in the extreme to have one of the best teams in the country and still not win a county title, and while they'll definitely fancy their chances now, the sweetness of this victory over their great rivals will not last if they don't win the decider.

Another big performance will be required — the final is all that matters now and that is the one on which they will be judged at the end of the year.

But salute the losers, too. They have left their mark on Galway hurling, not just by their county, provincial and All-Ireland wins which gave us all so many wonderful, unforgettable moments to savour, but by their marvellous club spirit which took them from humble beginnings in two small, thinly populated parishes to the dizzy heights of being the best in the land. Their astonishing feats should be an example to all teams in sport; they reached the summit, not once but twice, in successive years, and ultimately they were probably drained, physically and mentally, as the years of hard training and hard playing took their toll.

It was ironic that the Sarsfields golden era started under the guidance of new Offaly manager John McIntyre who was Carnmore's coach last Sunday, and spare a thought for the men who masterminded the historic two-in-a-row, the famous "three Mikes," Big Mike Conneely and his two selectors Michael Murray and Michael Mukerrins. Their only regret, one suspects, is that a couple of their most loyal, dedicated players seemed to lose their heads in the dying minutes last Sunday as they got involved in nasty incidents that left two Carnmore players requiring attention.

For John McIntyre, manager Johnny Greaney, selectors Pdraic Fahy and John Fox and the Carnmore team, these are now exciting times — they have won nothing yet, but they stand on the threshold of glory. It is a thrilling prospect and as this fine club has never won a county senior title, they will enjoy plenty of neutral support in the final.

While this was essentially a

team victory, fashioned by great spirit, unselfish play by all fifteen and in particular, lion-hearted defence, the dynamic display of full forward Tomás Grealish will go down in local folklore. He had one of those days when everything went right and nothing went wrong.

The man with the Midas touch struck as early as the second minute when he grabbed a long delivery by midfielder T. J. Hynes and whipped home the first of four goals; he struck again ten minutes later when he deflected a Patrick Killilea free past keeper Tommy Kenny for Goal No. 2, and those 'majors' played a big part in establishing a double scores lead, 2-4 to 0-5, and obviously laid the foundations for victory. And with centre half-forward Liam Fahy in dazzling form during that period, shooting a delightful 60-metre point from the left wing, and Patrick Killilea reveling in his new roles as right half-forward and freetaker, the scores began to flow.

Cooney and Kelly led fightback

Killilea drove over a 60-metre free immediately after Grealish's early goals and then added two fine points from play. But there was no danger of Sarsfields surrendering their crown without a rally and Joe Cooney and Pdraic Kelly hurled superbly, with Aidan Donohue again on song with frees. One super Sarsfields point came at the end of a great move started by Pdraic Kelly, continued by Joe McGrath and finished by Peter Kelly. Then a spectacular catch and burst upfield from his own defence by Joe Cooney yielded a difficult right-wing free but Donohue was equal to the task and he also sent over a 50-metre free from the same wing midway through the first half and another superb one from further out made it 2-4 to 0-6 with eighteen minutes gone. When the same player cut it back to three points, the huge crowd were really relishing every second of a thrilling contest and the first wide of the game didn't come until Shane Walsh was off target for Carnmore in the 21st minute. Both teams were finding scores hard to come by as defences tightened and they only added a point apiece, through Patrick Killilea from a 60-metre free and one from play by Peter Cooney after a low sideline cut by Pdraic Kelly travelled a huge distance to reach him.

County Cup Hurling C'ship

Report by Noel Carney

The 2-5 to 0-8 interval lead left Carnmore in positive mood as they trooped off to the cheers of their large array of supporters but they knew that the big test was still to come, in the second half.

On the re-start, a quick point from play by Damien Fahy was just the tonic Carnmore needed but Peter Kelly soon replied when he pulled on the sliotar as a long free from his brother Pdraic landed in the goalmouth. When Michael Kenny narrowly failed to add another it was, amazingly, the first Sarsfields wide of the match, a tribute to the economy of their forwards.

Carnmore full back Murty Killilea was booked for a late tackle on Aidan Donohue as the wing-forward sped goalwards but despite referee Michael Bodkin clearly blowing his whistle immediately after the tackle, play continued and the attack ended with Peter Cooney driving to the net. Sarsfields rightly did not argue about the "goal" being disallowed and as the incident did yield a free, Joe Cooney drove it over the bar.

No stopping Tomás Grealish

In the 13th minute of the second half, Carnmore struck a crucial blow that owed more to opportunism than to superstition. Liam Fahy worked his way through and shot for a goal — it was well saved by Tommy Kenny but to his horror he was dispossessed by the rushing Tomás Grealish who somehow managed to squeeze his shot into the net from a difficult angle. Suddenly, Sarsfields' crown began to wobble and their chances were dealt a further blow when Aidan Donohue, possibly feeling the effects of the Murty Killilea "rattle," failed to lift a free, though he soon made amends by converting another one. It was

then 2-4 to 0-11, with a quarter of the match still to be played and the issue still wide open, but that man Grealish struck again when he caught a Patrick Killilea free in front of goal and confidently belted the sliotar to the net for his own, and Carnmore's, fourth goal.

Sarsfields fought back furiously, like wounded champions do when in trouble, and a tremendous surge by Joe Cooney took him past several defenders but his goal attempt was brilliantly stopped on the line by Paddy Connell, although the "score" would not have stood anyway as the umpire deemed that Cooney had carried the ball over the endline as he burst in from the right corner.

Despite a wholehearted rally in the last ten minutes, Sarsfields could add no more than one point to their tally, off a Donohue free. The deficit was simply too great and that lone point was sandwiched between a Ronan Walsh 65 for Carnmore and, fittingly, a Tomás Grealish point from play, a really delightful sailing drive from the left wing.

It was sad, however, that the tension of the occasion, and the extreme physical effort involved, led to an unpleasant confrontation near the end that, thankfully, did not descend into anything worse, although two Carnmore players,

Murt Killilea and Liam Fahy, were being treated for injuries when the game finished. Full credit to the management people involved, especially Sarsfields boss Mike Conneely, for restraining certain players from further hotheadedness that would have marred a fine, keenly contested game. Luckily, common sense prevailed and ref. Michael Bodkin sensibly threw in the ball and immediately blew full-time, albeit slightly early. Carnmore had deservedly qualified for their third final of the decade ... but for Sarsfields it is time for contemplation.

When choosing who played best for the winners, not a single defender from the supremely confident Kenneth Walsh in goal to tenacious left half-back Ronnie Walsh could be left out as they played heroically from start to finish, with the powerfully-built 22-year-old Declan O'Brien once again looking like a man who should be given a chance to wear a darker shade of red as Galway build for the future. T. J. Hynes and Shane Walsh more than held their own at midfield and Patrick Killilea, Liam Fahy and man of the match Tomás Grealish were best up front, although the other

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End of an era as Carnmore K.O. Sarsfields

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Fahys, Peter and Damien, and Declan Walsh also tolled non-stop.

For Sarsfields, sadly, it was a day when few players shone. Had the ever majestic Joe Cooney and brilliant wing-back Pdraic Kelly not been at their best, this would have been a one-sided game. Only Aidan Donohue, Donal Keane (in the second half), Noel Morrissey, at times, and Peter Kelly looked threatening in what was, by their own very high standards, a deeply disappointing performance. They gave it their best shot but on the day it was not enough and nobody will begrudge Carnmore their chance to make it third time lucky at County Final level.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, Murty Killilea, E. Flaherty; Ronan Walsh (0-1), D. O'Brien, Ronnie Walsh; T. J. Hynes, S. Walsh; P. Killilea (0-4, two frees), L. Fahy (0-1), D. Walsh; P. Fahy, T. Grealish (4-1), D. Fahy (0-1).

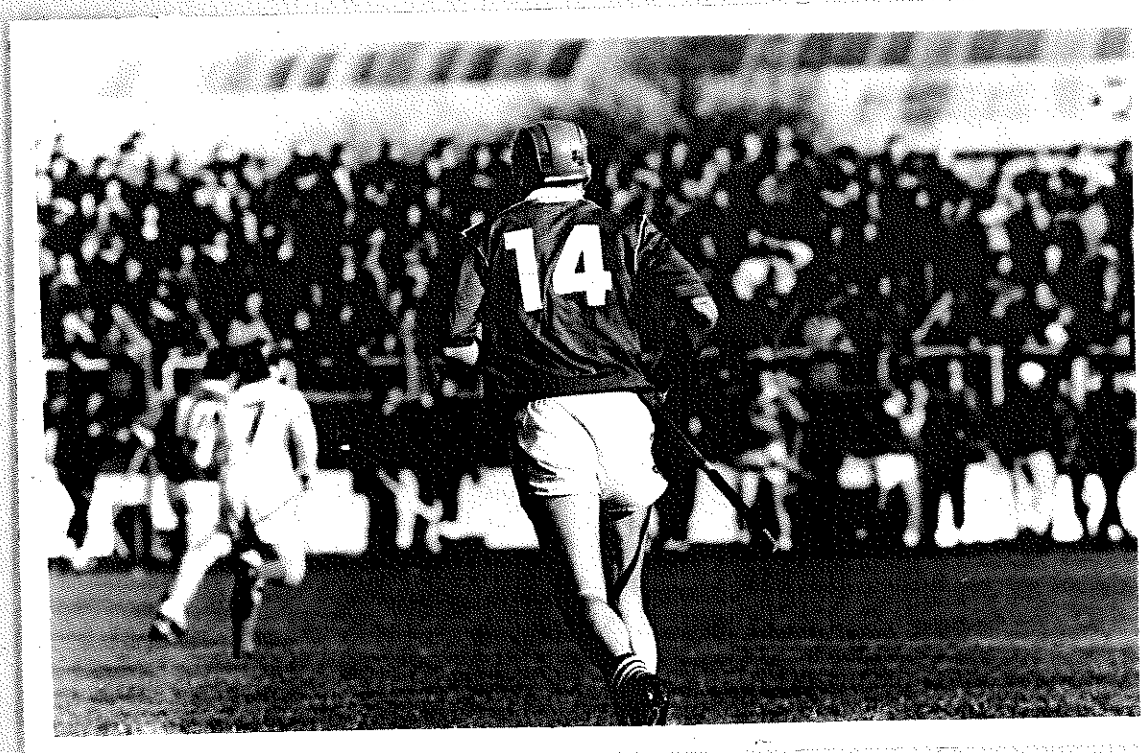
Sarsfields: T. Kenny; Pakie Cooney, B. Cooney, M. Cooney; Pdraic Kelly, D. Keane, W. Earis; N. Morrissey, J. Cooney (0-2, both frees); M. McGrath, J. McGrath, A. Donohue (0-8, seven frees); Peter Kelly (0-1), M. Kenny, Peter Cooney (0-1). Sub. G. McGrath, for M. Kenny.

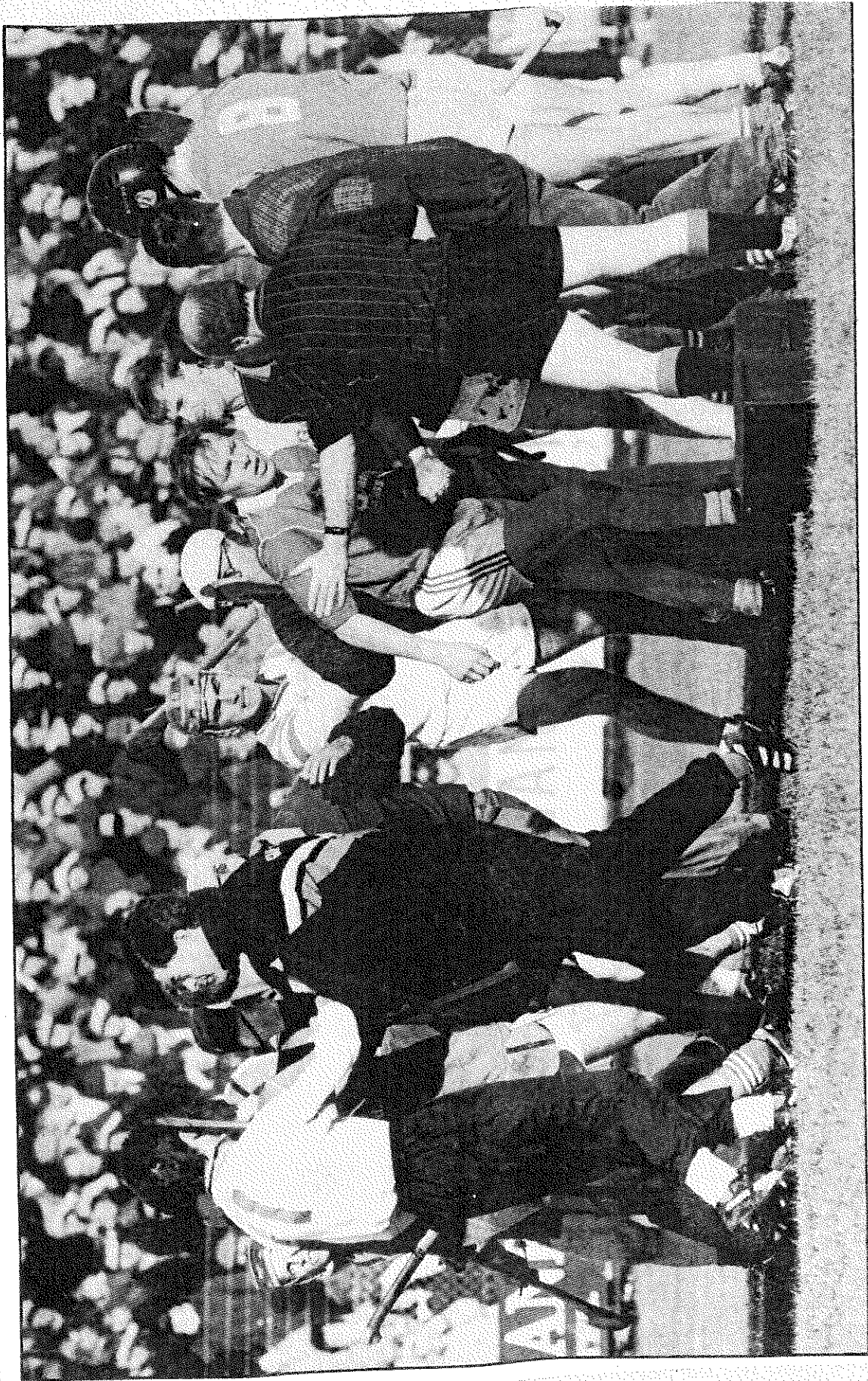
Referee: Michael Bodkin (Pdraic Pearse's).

Man of the Match: Tomás Grealish (Carnmore).

Well done to all concerned at Kenny Park for having the playing surface in perfect condition, and also to the Hurling Board for producing a programme (for only 30p) and the teams for being faithful to each published line-out.







TRYING TO MAKE IT CALM AFTER THE STORM: Carmore coach John McIntyre and referee Michael Bodkin were among those who helped sort out the fracas that developed in the last minute of the county hurling semi-final at Kenny Park, Athlery last Sunday.

Sports Line

Sport Editor: Linley Mac Kenzie

Galway Senior Hurling Championship Final: Carnmore to Take Their First Senior Title

Carnmore are poised for their greatest moment in history when they face Athlery in the Galway Senior Hurling Championship final in Kenny Park at 2.15pm on Sunday.

Appearances in two county titles. Now an experienced finds already this decade are lit. Athlery sides stands in the consolation for a team which Carnmore's way. The former has never won a county senior champions of 1994 have also had

the benefit of extra match practice following their draw with Clarentoridge.

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In addition to Greally, Patrick Killilea, Liam Dunne and Peter Fahy, and livewire Declan Walsh will test the Athlery rearguard. The battle between Liam Fahy and Brian Feeney promises to be an interesting duel. However, one of the biggest concerns for Carnmore is the few points they scored from play in the semi-final. They had the courage to leave one of their most dedicated servants of many years, Michael Bomber Killilea on the bench that day. He still has a lot to offer, and he is invaluable, even as a sub, to the Carnmore side. In the past he has turned games and he could be a menace to the Athlery defence again on Sunday.

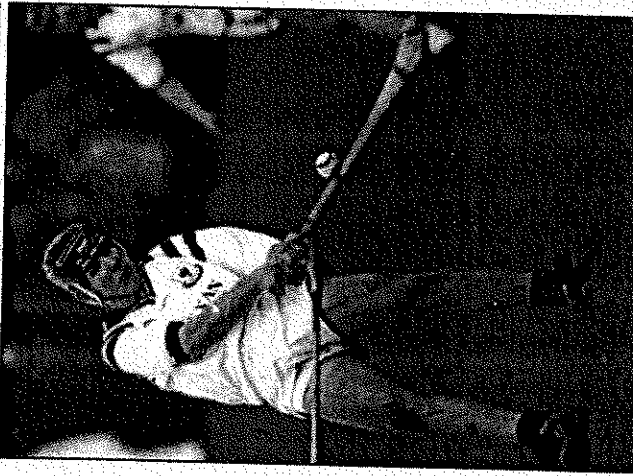
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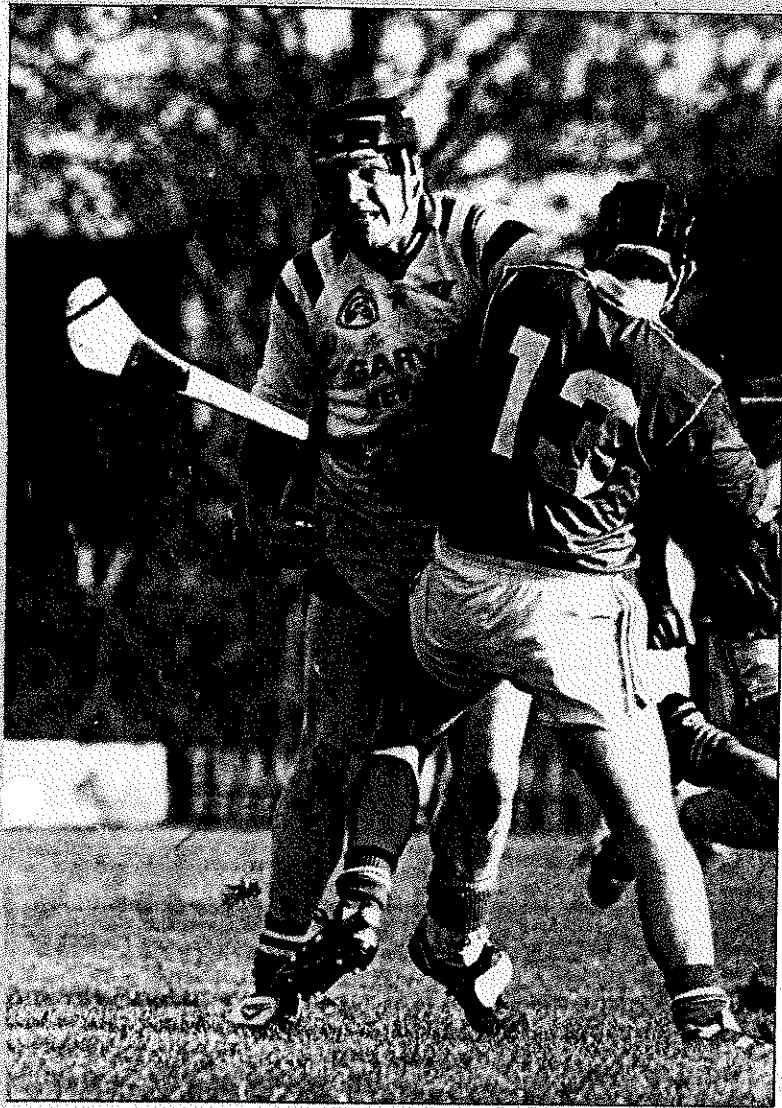
Experienced campaigner: Joe Rabbitt provides a wealth of experience for Athlery's clash with Carnmore on Sunday.

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Key man: Athlery's Donal Moran who forms part of a strong forward line in Sunday's hurling final.



TACKLE ... Sarsfields star Joe Cooney attempts to break past the challenge of Carnmore's Peter Fahy in this incident from Sunday's senior hurling semi-final at Athenry.

CONNACHT TRIBUNE

Sports Star of the Week



Eric Elwood

IT took something special to deny Carnmore's four goal hero Tomas Greally the Tribunes Sports Star of The Week award, but rugby star Eric Elwood produced two displays of the highest order for Ireland A and Connacht within 24 hours of each other in mid-week.

Elwood, shabbily treated by the Irish selectors, has surely boosted his chances of an international recall by starring in Ireland A's victory over South Africa A at Donnybrook on

Tuesday and Connacht's gallant effort against Australia at the Sportsground on Wednesday.

Elwood's astute tactical awareness, accurate line-kicking and a superb strike rate from penalties in both games saw him edge out Carnmore's Greally who reached new heights with a devastating four goal barrage against the county champions.

Other contenders for this week's award were Sarsfields players Joe Cooney and Pdraig Kelly, who were both outstanding in that same game, Alan Kerins of Clarenbridge, Galway footballer John Donnellan, Galway United's Fergal Coleman and Audie Clarke of Craughwell intermediate hurlers.

Battle hardened Molloy expects hurling decider to go down to the wire!

by Frank Farragher

THERE could hardly be a more competitive man at the helm in Athenry than former All-Star P.J. Molloy. As a player he has done it all and seen it all from club level right through to the glory of Croke Park on the first Sunday in September.

But training in Athenry on cold and wet November nights is a far cry from the highs of coming back across the Shannon with the McCarthy Cup or bringing the County Cup back to your native parish or town.

P.J. Molloy has been long enough in the game to know that the glory moments are the occasional peaks of being involved seriously in amateur sports. Away from the backslapping of final winning days there is the week-in, week-out grind of training and

matches — and this has been a long year.

It is Molloy's first year as senior manager and preparation for the championship began as far back as last February when the first training sessions were organised. Open draw matches and early group games followed as Athenry made their by now almost inevitable progression to the knock-out stages.

"It has been a very long year for us and at this stage we're just looking forward to finishing off the season. We're happy to play the game on Sunday and we are under no illusions about the scale of the task facing us — this final will go to the wire and will be won by the team who wants it most," said Molloy.

Although he feels that Athenry were playing more flowing hurling during the summer — the lighter going being more suitable to their forwards — Molloy admits to being very happy at the character shown by his side against Clarenbridge.

"Maybe some people would say that we are a bit fortunate to be in the final after surviving against Clarenbridge but those semi-final games were all about effort and sheer hard work. We hung in there when things were going against us — these are the kind of qualities we are looking again for on Sunday."

Injury worries and the loss of the suspended Paul Hardiman will be a handicap to be overcome for Athenry according to Molloy who knows that his side will face a mighty challenge against a club and parish craving to write their way into the record books.

"I don't think that for one moment, anyone in Athenry, will be taking Cammore for granted. They have the experience of being through two county finals, they have some good young players coming through and they beat Sarsfields convincingly in the semi-final."

Athenry captain Brian Feeney is also in his first year in the job but like a lot of other club player of his ilk he is no stranger to success. Now 26 and a qualified accountant employed by Kitt, Noone and Co. in Galway city, the prospect of winning the County Cup in his native town would be a dream come true.

Like P.J. Molloy he has no

championship and that the time for waiting is over.

"I suppose you could say that more time would suit us in terms of injury worries and the loss of Paul Hardiman but it's been a long year and we've been waiting a long time to get this chance."

"I think overall we'd prefer the summer going — all our big scores were put up during the summer — we've found scoring a lot harder since the break but maybe that has something to do with the games getting more competitive in the knockout stages," said Feeney.

There is no doubt in his mind that neutral hurling observers around the county will have Cammore installed as favourites on the basis of their break since the semi-final and their defeat of the county champions.

"I think that this game will go right down to the wire. In a Galway hurling final there is an awful lot at stake and there tends to be a lot tension out there. It is hard to expect it to be a free flowing game — marking will be tight and scores will be hard to get," said Feeney.

If Athenry do pull it off on Sunday it will represent the biggest moment of Brian Feeney's hurling career. To win a County Cup in your own home town would be the stuff of dreams for Brian Feeney — like 14 other Athenry hurlers on Sunday in Kenny Park he is prepared to battle to the very end to achieve that goal.



Cammore captain Ronan Walsh

PATHS TO THE FINAL

CARMORE

Group Matches:

Cammore 0-12 Kilconieron 1-14
Cammore 1-20 Kiltormer 2-13
Cammore 2-9 Liam Mellowes 1-8
Cammore 1-10 Clarenbridge 0-13

Quarter-final:

Cammore 1-14 Ardrahan 1-3

Semi-final:

Cammore 4-8 Sarsfields 0-12

ATHENRY

Group Matches:

Athenry 2-9 Portumna 1-6
Athenry 1-22 Gort 1-12
Athenry 2-12 Loughrea 1-10
* Athenry did not play Kinvara as outcome would be superfluous to group placings

Quarter-final:

Athenry 0-11 Castlegar 0-8

Semi-final:

Athenry 0-9 Clarenbridge 1-6 (draw)
Athenry 2-14 Clarenbridge 3-8 (replay, after extra-time)



The West's Awake — v tribute to Galway hur

—by John McIntyre—

THERE will be a fair few metaphorical slottars flying round the Corrib Great Southern Hotel on Tuesday night when former county star Frank Burke's video tribute to the exploits of Galway hurling is launched.

The West's Awake — the Rise of Galway Hurling — is a comprehensive three hour and 45 minute long tape which traces the greatest days of the wearers of the maroon as well as some of the county's big day disappointments.

Burke, who has been working on the project for almost three years, has produced a video which contains TV footage of all the county's All-Ireland senior final appearances since 1953 as well as a rare clip from the 1969 Railway Cup final which Connacht lost in a replay at Pearse Stadium.

Apart from the big match action, The West's Awake contains a host of interviews with some of the legends of Galway

hurling including Jim Paddy Gantley, Jimm John Connolly, Pete Noel Lane Sean Silk Cooney.

An unique persp Galway hurling from th is given through Inter Offaly's Damian Limerick's Eamon Tipperary's Babs Ke Tony Doran of Wexford Burke, winner of an senior medal in 1980 ar medal in 1975, has as top class production must buy for all fans hurling. The video is r Micheal O Muirchearta

A host of former a Galway players w attendance at the lau West's Awake on Tue the formal part of th running from 8.30p.m.1

The video will be la one of Burke's form mates, Joe McDon President Elect of the evening is jointly by Guinness and Helne



Greaney left, Greaney Glass, main sponsor of the Cammore Hurling Team with from left: na Casserly, Club Treasurer, John Duggan, Club Chairman and Sean Dunleavy, Club tary.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

1997

CARNMORE

(1) ATHENRY

FOR A team which barely struggled past a young if promising Clarenbridge outfit in the county semi-final last November, Athenry's current status as All-Ireland Club champions reflects a drastic improvement in their fortunes in the interim. They simply thrived once freed from the familiarity of the local scene and through the final scoreline didn't suggest it. Brian Fenney and company were ten points a better team than Wolfe Tones. On that tip of form Athenry won't be beaten in Galway this year.

But club hunting is never that simple and while the champions have a handy group draw all teams will rise above themselves to lower Athenry's colours. Motivation won't come as easily either although one imagines that the likes of Gerry Keane, Brendan Keogh, Paul Hardiman, Joe Rabitte and Pascal Healy will not surrender easily what has taken many years of setbacks and self-doubt to achieve. They will again be under the now proven management of PJ Mollay.

FORECAST: Together with the quality of rising stars Eugene Cloonan and Brian Higgins, Athenry's near embarrassment of riches makes them a solid bet to repel all challengers to their title.

(2) CLARENBRIDGE

ALTHOUGH their cover has been well and truly blown after last year's exploits — only a late Donal Moran point denied them a semi-final replay win over Athenry — Clarenbridge must be on the short list to take advantage of any slip-ups by the reigning champions. Their current status is reflected by the presence of four club players namely: Michael Donoghue, Daragh Coen, Alan Kerrins and Michael Speltman, on the Galway panel.

Again under the management of Monty Kerins, Clarenbridge face the logistical difficulty of flying home Kevin Donoghue (based in Germany) for matches, while centre back Gerry Speltman is currently working in England and hurrying with London — although the club is optimistic that he will be returning to native soil sooner than later. Even if it looks a routine assignment to emerge from their group, the 'Bridge must be on their guard against such physically endowed teams as Kinvara and Peaces.

FORECAST: Sometimes emerging clubs find it difficult to follow through on a promising campaign the previous year, but Clarenbridge are well capable of putting Athenry through the mill again.

(3) CARMORE

THEIR dressing room after last year's county final defeat was a scene of utter devastation. Having roasted Sarsfields in the semi-final, Athenry's troubles against Clarenbridge hopes had never been higher of an historic senior championship breakthrough. However, a heavy pitch helped to strangle the game and Carmore's normal fluency with the result the club faces a major task in lifting themselves for another major crack at that elusive title.

Johnny Greaney, Padraig Fahy and John Fox remain at the sideline helm while Corkman Johnny Carroll is putting the squad through their paces on the training ground. A bad knee injury sustained in a car accident could rule out Peter Fahy for the entire campaign and Carmore can't even take a quarter-final for granted when they have been drawn in the 'group of death'. Should the club reach their fourth decider in sixth years, they might be best advised to avoid Kenny Park — the scene of their previous big day failures this decade.

FORECAST: If they can rediscover the flair and style which typified the team's progress to last year's final, Carmore won't be far away again.

(4) SARSFIELDS

THE expected departure of Michael Conneely as team manager has not been followed by any notable player retirements, but it is certain that the former double All-Ireland Club champions will be fielding a slightly altered formation over the coming months with the likes of Michael Ward, Padraig Forde and Michael Stratford finally breaking into the side. Young Cathal Murray and Vincent Corcoran may also be pressing for inclusion.

Sarsfields have been done no favours by the inexplicable failure not to at least seed last year's semi-finalists, but joint team managers Michael Murray and Michael Mulkerrians will be encouraged by the early season keenness of their remarkable players. Michael Kerney, who survived a near-fatal gas explosion at New Inn vocational School late last year, completes the management team as his burns are likely to restrict him to a sideline role in 1997.

FORECAST: Although soundly beaten by Carmore last October, Sarsfields will strip a fresher outfit in 1997 and are probably the team Athenry fear most.

(5) TURLOUGHMORE

ONLY for a most lethargic opening half show, Turloughmore might well have claimed the scalp of Sarsfields in last year's quarter-finals — however, that effort and the success of the club's minors indicate that a renaissance is underway. Michael John Hurney and Tony Caserri join forces with manager Michael Holland who will be seeking greater consistency from county players Cathal Moore and Francis Forde.

While the team management are treating less than seriously goalkeeper Michael Shaughnessy's claims that he is retiring, Turloughmore still possess a hardcore of experience in the likes of Gerry Burke, Michael Corcoran, Pat Forde, Jimmy Burke and Boaco Hurney, if recovering from injury. At the other end of the age spectrum Diarmuid Moore, Alan Hurney, Darren Shaughnessy and Gary Hurney supply the vital young blood.

FORECAST: While Turloughmore, typically, have been slow to get things moving on the training ground, the potential is there to make a big impact in the title race.

(6) PORTUMNA

THAT great club servant Tommy McClellan has taken over the management reins in Portumna and the significance of that appointment is reflected by the return of Damien Coleman (from St. Rynagh's) along with Alan Gorman and Jimmy Heverly (both Liam Mellows) to the club. Jackie Gill and Michael Ryan assume the often dubious privilege of acting as selectors with goalkeeper Pat Scully leading the side into championship battle.

Although the versatile Ollie Canning is currently nursing a knee injury, Portumna must have a reasonable chance of completing their group campaign unbeaten. As usual they will be heavily reliant on the Treacy and Canning brothers, but the form of Tom Flanagan and Michael Gill will also have a telling bearing on the border club's fortunes over the coming months — not forgetting now former exile, Cokeman.

FORECAST: Portumna will be bitterly disappointed if failing to reach the knock-out stages, but further progress in the title race may prove just beyond them.

(7) LOUGHREA

HAVING lost out in a final for the quarter-finals last year, Loughrea are struggling to match promise with achievement, but the group draw has handed them a sound chance of reaching the knock-out stages. Michael Kelly continues as team manager with Jamsie Maher and Jimmy Curley stepping in as sideline assistants. Although Gregory Kennedy has resumed training, his ankle injury looks set to keep the Galway under-age star out of the championship's early rounds.

Much will depend on the form of Nigel Shaughnessy and veteran Michael Havery, still one of the most reliable scorers in the county, while Loughrea will also be looking for big contributions from the likes of Nigel Murray, Mike Kearns, Vinny Maher, the Kennedys and Griffins, one of whom, Andy, has had a change of heart about transferring to Leitrim. Gavin Keary and Stephen Moran are reported to be the best of the younger talent coming through.

FORECAST: Even allowing for their brightness under pressure, Loughrea can edge out Gort in the group's crunch fixture and book a place in the last eight.

(8) ABBEY/DUNIRY

DESPITE the fact that they have limited numbers and no sign of emerging talent coming through their ranks in the short term, Kevin Broderick, the indefatigable Mattie Kenny and Liam Hodgins are classy performers while the likes of Keith Finnerty, James Shiel, Declan Power and Thomas Kavanagh provide solid assistance — the club, however, has already been dealt a number of early season blows.

Work commitments have taken Noel Finnerty to the US; Paul Hodgins and Edwin Shell are nursing broken fingers while full back Ollie Glynn suffered a fractured leg in a recent car accident. Gerry Larkin, Frank Conroy and Eugene Madden constitute Abbey/Duniry's selection line-up with former Galway team manager, Matt Murphy, acting as the side's trainer.

FORECAST: The second qualifying place from their group looks up for grabs, but Abbey/Duniry can squeeze through to the knock-out stages.

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Carnmore to mount another big challenge

Carnmore 1-13 Castlegar 0-7

THIS clash of neighbouring clubs at Turloughmore last Sunday evening drew a very large attendance, undoubtedly boosted by its Match of the Day status, but it was surprisingly one-sided as Carnmore completely outclassed and outplayed the one-time championship specialists.

There was, however, enough good hurling to make it an enjoyable game and while Cashel' couldn't get the scores to keep them in meaningful contention, it was always competitive and played at a cracking pace for first time out. And Cashel' being who they are, no doubt they'll soon be claiming a scalp or two to get their challenge back on the tracks.

What chiefly emerged for the big crowd to talk about on the way home was the likelihood of Carnmore being a major force again this year. Certainly they've bounced back most admirably from the bitter disappointment of losing last year's county final to Athenry, when the signs had pointed to a reversal of their fortunes on big days, and they deserve immense credit for their strength of will and purpose in that regard.

This is a Carnmore team that already looks geared mentally, physically and in the skills and craft of the game for another major tilt at the title that has eluded them so tantalisingly over the years.

Castlegar were very disappointing, especially in attack, but it should be emphasised that Carnmore simply didn't allow them to take a grip on the game. There was method, substance and a lot of style about Carnmore's hurling; they knew the value of teamwork and support play, and they had men in every department good enough for the job. Clearly, they are very close

to the likes of Athenry and Sarsfields, who I regard as the top two contenders again, but only time will tell if Carnmore can score enough to jump from No. 3 to No. 1 in the order of merit. Micheal ("Bomber") Killilea shot 1-6 for them last Sunday and there was nothing unusual in that, but equally the fact that five other Carnmore men got their names on the scoresheet must have been very encouraging to the team mentors.

Cashel' had a superb goalkeeper in Cathal Jordan, a trainee Garda in Templemore, and two grand young defenders in Anton Walsh and Michael Healy, but otherwise Carnmore had the lion's share of individual excellence. Full-back Murt Killilea, right half-back Ronan Walsh, left half-forward Liam Fahy and full-forward Micheal Killilea were the four best players on the pitch. Murt Killilea was particularly inspired and inspirational in the second half and as he's only in his mid-20s, his county career is surely not over? Ronan Walsh is another defender who never plays a bad or indifferent game;

Report by JIM CARNEY

he was outstanding all through last Sunday evening, as was wing forward Liam Fahy, a classy, delightfully skilful hurler who seems ideally suited to playing a deep role. As for Micheal Killilea, he showed his customary expertise as a freetaker, hit the best point of the day from play with a deadly quick, wristy stroke, and helped himself to a brilliant goal with an overhead pull seven minutes into the second half. Carnmore, who led 0-8 to 0-3 at the interval, were then 1-10 to 0-3 to the good, and though Cashel' raised their game to notch four more points, it was well over as a contest.

One very interesting experiment by Carnmore was the placing of Shane Walsh at centre half-forward. This powerfully built young player wasn't seen at his best at midfield last year but he played a fine game last Sunday and being posted to this new position could be the making of him.

Damian Fahy, Declan Walsh and Tomas Grealish also did their stuff in the Carnmore attack, with Grealish sending in the long ball that led to the goal, while T. J. Hynes and Patrick Killilea both worked hard at midfield. As stated, Murt Killilea and Ronan Walsh were best in defence, with Paddy Connell, Enda Flaherty, Declan O'Brien and Ronnie Walsh also in splendid form and Kenneth

Walsh as reliable as ever between the posts. This is a top class defence, with Killilea and O'Brien a particularly formidable duo in the central positions.

One defeat isn't the end of the season for Cashel' but they have a lot to think about and a lot to do on the training ground.

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell, Murt Killilea, E. Flaherty; Ronan Walsh (0-2, one 65, one free), D. O'Brien, Ronnie Walsh; T. J. Hynes (0-1), P. Killilea; D. Fahy (0-1), S. Walsh (0-2), L. Fahy; D. Walsh, Micheal Killilea (1-6, five points off frees), T. Grealish (0-1). Subs., J. Keogh, for P. Killilea; M. Connell for D. Fahy, inj.

Castlegar: C. Jordan; A. Walsh, G. Coyne, J. Walsh; R. Flaherty, P. Coyne, M. Healy; M. Connolly, C. Molloy (0-2, one 65) B. Flynn (0-2), B. Duffy (0-1 free), M. Cullinane; R. Cullinane, P. Walsh, P. Ryan (0 1, free). Subs., M. Conroy (0-1) for P. Walsh; E. Corbett, for Ryan.

Referee: Jimmy Cooney.

Man of the Match: Murt Killilea (Carnmore).

The Turloughmore pitch, a Lackagh, just off the Galway-to Tuam road, is truly a magnificent venue; it is ideally located beautifully laid out and of classic dimensions for hurling to be played and seen at its majestic best. Such a superb facility is a credit to all concerned.

Connacht GAA Coaching Corner

By Damien Coleman

Coaching Tip for the Week: Always play sportingly and for the good of the team. Respect referees' decisions. Like you, they sometimes make mistakes. However, they are in charge. Learn the rules of the game by studying the rules handbook.

NB: A good night's sleep before a game helps your performance.

Different team positions require specific skills and these should be practised constantly.

General skills - freetaking: All players should practice taking frees. However certain players should be singled out for specialist duties, eg. the goalie and halfbacks for longer frees and 65s, and the forwards should take close-in frees.

Skills Development Test 9:

1) Long puck strong side - pass standard two out of three. Strike the ball from the hand strong side a minimum distance of 40 metres, ie. from the 13m line over the 45m line.

2) Long puck weak side - pass standard two out of three. Strike the ball from the hand weak side a minimum distance of 20 metres, ie. from the endline over the 20m line.

Note for teachers/coaches: When coaching underage teams, do not stereotype players as backs and forwards too early. Have flexible team positions especially when training.



ACTION from Turloughmore last Sunday evening, with "Rossi" Flaherty of Castlegar taking on Carmmore's Patrick Killilea (left) and (above): Castlegar defender John Walsh against Carmmore top of the left Tomas Grealish.

Photos: Ray Ryan

Galway G.A.A. Scoreboard

Senior Hurling Championship

Ballinderreen 1-12 :: St. Thomas 1-9
Sarsfields 2-15 :: Ardrahan 1-11
Liam Mellows 4-7 :: Padraig Pearces 1-13
Clarinbridge 1-12 :: Kinvara 0-8
Carmmore 1-13 :: Castlegar 0-7
Athenry 0-12 :: Mullagh 0-9

Senior Football League

Killiererin 2-10 :: Killanin 2-6

Intermediate Hurling Championship

Tommy Larkins 1-8 :: Meelick/Eyrecourt 0-9
Oranmore/Maree 5-9 :: Beagh 0-13
Craughwell 1-10 :: Rahoon/Newcastle 2-6
Cappataggle 2-9 :: Killmor 1-8
Ballinasloe 1-10 :: Tynagh 0-12

Intermediate Football League

Carna/Cashel 0-16 :: Annaghdown 1-10
Cortoon Shamrocks 1-11 :: St. Brendans 1-6
Caltra 2-14 :: Headford 0-6
St. Michaels 2-9 :: Clifden 0-6

Junior Football League

Renyle 2-11 :: Fr. Griffins 1-6

Junior (1) Football League

Kilkerrin/Clonberne 1-12 :: Tuam Stars 1-9
Dunmore MacHales 0-13 :: Milltown 0-8

Junior (2) Football League

Aran Islands 3-12 :: Oughterard 1-12

Under-21 (C) Hurling Championship

Skehana 2-10 :: Mountbellew/Moylough 0-5

Spirited Carmore are back on track!

Carmore.....2-11
Ardrahan.....1-10

—by Frank Farragher—

THE dreaded prospect of a second defeat for both sides gave this match the genuine gait of a championship tie and Carmore will take a considerable measure of satisfaction from a gritty and committed display at Kenny Park on Sunday which keeps their qualification prospects still very much alive.

While Carmore are still a long way from reaching the heights of last season they scrapped tenaciously to secure the points against an Ardrahan side still missing a few players in key positions to put them into the strata of championship contenders. This was a real battle to

the wall operation for both teams — each having sampled varying degrees of Sarsfields hurling power in recent weeks — but a greater nimbleness in attack and steel in defence saw Carmore through a stiff test. There were times when the intensity of the exchanges threatened to spill over into indiscretion with a squaring up scenario in each half, but thankfully it rarely passed the huffing and puffing stage before referee Tomás Hollan restored order.

The match opened up at lightning pace with lively Ardrahan corner forward Michael Lynskey pointing after 20 seconds — however Carmore full forward Liam Fahy cut in from the left wing to hammer the slitor to the

net. The Carmore No. 14 gave a lot of early difficulty to Dermot Fahy, also picking off a point from play and spraying out some good ball to the rest of the attack, but Ardrahan doggedly remained in touch during the half.

John Joe Brennan, Michael Lynskey and Ivan Linnane all hit the target for an Ardrahan side which picked up a real pre-interval bonus when Niall Doherty neatly side footed to the net in the 28th minute after a James Fahy cross wasn't dealt with decisively by the Carmore full back line. That levelled the match at 1-6 apiece but Carmore, in a score which typified their resilience, hit back just before the half-time whistle with a point from Tomás

net. After Ivan Linnane levelled for Ardrahan with a free, Carmore delivered the vital score of the match in the 35th minute. The score had its origins in a Ronan Walsh free which broke in the Ardrahan goalmouth where Shane Walsh made a sweet contact with a first time pull to rattle the net.

Another Linnane free left the losers trailing by 2-7 to 1-8 with the game very evenly balanced and waiting to be won. A surging Ardrahan Linnane hitting a fierce 20 metre drive which looked set to bound until Carmore goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh pulled off a magnificent reflex save.

Then it was Carmore's turn to put the game away

when a goal chance fell the way of Patrick Killilea but a combination of the stick of Ardrahan goalkeeper Ciaran Callanan and the woodwork kept out the effort of the wing forward.

Ardrahan tried a number of re-shuffles with Noel Mahoney coming in for Sean Connolly and Kiaran Fahy introduced for Ronan Stankard but the most effective change came from Carmore with the introduction of Damien Fahy for Patrick Killilea.

Fahy turned in an enterprising closing 13 minutes picking off two vital points as Carmore edged towards the finishing line with Ardrahan pushing them all the way, it was a solid all round performance from

Carmore — workmanlike and committed but still quite a bit removed from inclusion in the County Cup contenders hot list.

T. J. Hynes was the most effective midfielder on view while Ends Fahy repeatedly caught the eye with a series of effective clearances. Kenneth Walsh, Murry Killilea, Declan O'Brien, Declan Walsh, Shane Walsh and Liam Fahy also epitomised the spirit of the side.

Ardrahan did a lot of good things in this match but they failed to deliver the killer blows at the crucial stages and their 1-3 total from play is a fairly damning statistic — a fairly damning statistic — Mahoney for Connolly (36), C. John Joe Brennan, Ivan Linnane and Michael Lynskey

provided the most stern resistance. Carmore: K. Walsh; P. Connell; M. Killilea; E. Faherty; Ronan Walsh; D. Hynes 0-1; M. Connell; P. Walsh 1-2; D. Walsh 0-1, L. Fahy 1-1; M. Killilea 0-2 (both frees). Subs.: D. Fahy 0-2 for P. Killilea (46).

Ardrahan: C. Callanan; J. Callanan; D. Fahy 0-1 (free); D. Shaughnessy; R. J. Brennan 0-1 (free); C. O'Doherty; R. Stankard; I. Linnane 0-5 (all frees); S. Connolly; P. Murphy; N. Doherty 1-0; J. Fahy; M. Lynskey 0-2. Subs.: N. C. Mahoney for Connolly (36), C. John Joe Brennan, Ivan Linnane and Michael Lynskey (Stahana).

TRIBUNE SPORT



Second half blitz secures Carnmore knock-out place

Carnmore....1-22 :: Killimordaly....0-13

—By Noel Carney—

CARNMORE were written off as championship contenders by most pundits, following their abject surrender to former kingspins Sarsfields and while this win at Loughrea on Sunday evening doesn't put them into pole position for a tilt at the County Cup title, it does at least prove that they still have something to offer.

More immediately it secures a place in the quarter-finals and their scoring exhibition in the second half in particular suggests that there is a major effort to come from a club that has suffered so much heartbreak in recent years, but still comes back doggedly each time determined to reap the reward their great commitment deserves.

They were a point behind at the half-way stage after playing against a keen and enthusiastic Killimordaly outfit which had the advantage of playing with a quite formidable breeze at their backs, but last year's county finalists outplayed their opponents to the tune of 1-12 to 0-3 in the second half.

Scores had been level three times in an evenly contested and absorbing first period and twice more after the interval but seven points in eight minutes in a spell of Carnmore dominance saw them pull away and a Michael Killilea goal

immediately afterwards put the issue beyond doubt.

Yet the losers will be far from disheartened. Fielding seven under-21 players plus a number of others just over that limit they have retained their senior status for another season and more importantly have bought time for their promising youngsters to prosper from the company of seasoned campaigners in the side.

They matched Carnmore for three-quarters of the game at which stage they were 0-14 to 0-12 behind but then folded as the winners clicked into top gear putting a further 1-8 on the scoreboard in a devastating final fifteen minute spell while a solitary point from a Clement Earls free was all Killimordaly could muster in reply.

Carnmore had scored three times via Damien Fahy and Tomas Grealish (2) before the great-hearted Tom Broderick opened Killimordaly's account and after Fahy and Dermot Cooney had driven over at each end it was 0-4 to 0-2. Paul Cooney, still an outstanding defender, took a Darren Duane pass and sent one over from 65 metres but Damien Fahy replied after Paul Kilkenny did well to foil Liam Fahy close to goal.

Clement Earls cut the arrears with a free and when Killimordaly were awarded a 65 which looked suspiciously like a wide Paul Cooney made the most of the opportunity by driving over a fine equaliser. A foul on Declan Walsh produced a free which Michael Killilea converted after twenty minutes for his first score of the

match, but Killimordaly were denied a levelling score where Tom Broderick's drive was batted down and skilfully swept away from goal by goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh.

Tomas Grealish, who was looking razor sharp, sent over his third point but this was countered by a magnificent 75 metre effort from Tom Monaghan. A long range free by Michael Killilea made it 0-8 to 0-6 for Carnmore but Clement Earls who had switched to left corner forward sent over three frees and one from play in a late flurry of scores with Shane Walsh shooting in in response.

That left Killimordaly marginally ahead 0-10 to 0-9 at the break but the stiff breeze was always going to be a significant factor in the second half. Two early white flags were raised by Michael Killilea, one from a free after Liam Fahy was fouled and one from play, to turn it around for his team but Tom Broderick brought Killimordaly level. Both wing-backs Ronan and Ronnie Walsh got in on the scoring act for the eventual winners but again Broderick was on target to cut the deficit to the minimum, 0-13 to 0-12.

Another Killilea free doubled the advantage midway through the half and this was immediately followed by a burst of scoring with Liam Fahy, Killilea again from a free, Declan Walsh and Tomas Grealish all pointing and when a mammoth clearance from Kenneth Walsh landed in the Killimordaly goalmouth, Killilea pounced for a goal that put Carnmore 1-19 to 0-

12 ahead.

A Clement Earls free gave the losers their third and last point of the half but Liam Fahy got onto the end of a huge Walsh puck-out to land his own third score, and Damien Fahy and Tomas Grealish wrapped up an impressive win that ensures a place in the last eight with their Group B colleagues Sarsfields.

Kenneth Walsh was as dependable as ever between the posts for them while Enda Flaherty and Ronan Walsh were the stars of a strong defensive sextet. All six forwards scored with the inside trio of Tomas Grealish, Liam Fahy and Michael Killilea accounting for 1-15 of their total. Paul Kilkenny, Tony Keady, Paul Cooney, midfielders Tom Broderick and Tom Monaghan, Clement Earls and substitute Justin Whyte all impressed for Killimordaly.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, P. Connell, Murty Killilea, E. Flaherty, Ronan Walsh (0-1), T. J. Hyres, Ronnie Walsh (0-1), M. Connell, P. Killilea, D. Fahy (0-3), D. Walsh (0-1), S. Walsh (0-1), T. Grealish (0-5), L. Fahy (0-3), Michael Killilea (1-7, 0-6 frees).

Killimordaly: P. Kilkenny, P. Monaghan, T. Keady, G. Waldron, D. Duane, P. Cooney (0-2, 0-1 a '65), J. P. Halloran, T. Broderick (0-3), T. Monaghan (0-1), C. Earls (0-6, 0-5 frees), N. Cooney, N. Earls, D. Cooney (0-1), A. Lawless, E. Fergus. Subs: J. Whyte for Halloran, M. Corcoran and Fergus.

Referee: Eamon Whelan.



Lobsided look to senior hurling quarter-final championship draw

—by John Fallon—

THE case for seeding to be introduced in the County Cup was again highlighted this week when the draw for the quarter-finals of the competition threw together the only four clubs to have featured in finals over the past five years.

Three group winners have been drawn on one side of the knockout stages with All-Ireland champions Athenry taking on Carnmore in a repeat of last year's final in the quarter-finals.

The winners of that eagerly awaited showdown will meet the victors of the equalling appealing clash of Sarsfields, champions the previous year, and Portumna. These four sides are the only ones to have reached a county final since 1991.

The absence of seeding for the draw for the group stages this year resulted in a 'Group of Death' being formulated which included Sarsfields, Carnmore, Castlegar, Killmordaly and Ardrahan.

Now the likes of Portumna will claim that winning their group has not given them any benefit — yet this is the system which Hurling Board delegates have chosen so complaining at this time of year is rather a pointless exercise.

The draw for the quarter-finals has now opened the way for a new side to be seen in the county final for the first time in over half a decade.

Loughrea meet Clarenbridge in one of the quarter-finals with the winners meeting the victors of the clash between Abbey-Duniry and the side which emerges from the three way play-off from Group C involving Turloughmore, Liam Mellows and Kinvara.

This three way play-off is unlikely to take place until at least August depending on how Galway fare out in the All-Ireland series. In the quarter-finals will not take place until then either.

Galway open their championship campaign on Saturday week in the Connacht final against Roscommon at Athleague in a game with a 7.30 p.m. throw-in.

Just over two weeks later — presuming they win — Galway will take on either the Munster or Leinster runners-up in the quarter-finals of the All-Ireland championship.

Meanwhile, the relegation procedure begins this weekend to establish which of the four bottom clubs in the groups — St Thomas, Ardrahan, Mullagh and Pearsees — drops to the

intermediate grade. It has been a miserable season for these sides as they all lost each of their four group games.

The relegation system has changed this year and the round robin procedure has been dropped in a favour of a knockout one. Mullagh take on Pearsees at Ballinasloe on Saturday evening (5 p.m.) and Ardrahan meet St Thomas at Athenry on Sunday (3 p.m.). The winners of these two games will be safe; the losers will then play-off to decide which side makes the drop.

GROUP A:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Portumna	4	3	1	0	7
Abbey-Duniry	4	2	2	0	6
Kilconieron	4	2	1	1	5
Ballinderraen	4	1	0	3	2
St Thomas	4	0	0	4	0

GROUP B:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Sarsfields	3	3	0	0	6
Carnmore	4	3	0	1	6
Castlegar	4	2	0	2	4
Killmordaly	3	1	0	2	2
Ardrahan	4	0	0	4	0

* The Sarsfields v Killmordaly game was not played as it would not have any bearing on group outcome.

GROUP C:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Clarenbridge	4	4	0	0	8
Liam Mellows	4	2	0	2	4
Kinvara	4	2	0	2	4
Turloughmore	4	2	0	2	4
Padraig Pearsees	4	0	0	4	0

GROUP D:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Athenry	4	4	0	0	8
Loughrea	4	3	0	1	6
Gort	4	2	0	2	4
Abbey-Moynony	4	1	0	3	2
Mullagh	4	0	0	4	0

Kiltormer stay on course for quick return to senior

—by John McIntyre—

PLANS to make the draw for the intermediate hurling quarter-finals were shelved on Monday night, but the championship is still at an advanced stage as the battle to succeed St. Thomas' as county champions intensifies.

There are three groups with the top two teams in each section qualifying for the knock-out stages — the remaining two quarter-final places will be decided by a three way play-off between the third place finishers in each group.

Athenry and Moycullen have emerged from Group B with Ballinasloe occupying third place while Kiltormer, favourites to make a rapid return to senior ranks, and Meelick/Eyrecourt are also through to the knock-out stages from Group C where Oranmore/Maree have booked their place in the play-offs.

The situation in Group A — where Killimor have been a big disappointment — is not quite so clear although Craughwell, Cappataggle and Kinadeema/Leitrim are the three clubs in contention for places in the last eight.

Two critical matches will be fought out in Group A this weekend. Kinadeema/Leitrim will be expected to account for Rahoon/Newcastle but if Craughwell overcome Cappataggle all three clubs would finish level on eight points.

That scenario would necessitate a three team play-off for the quarter-finals with the bottom club then having to contest another three way play-off with Ballinasloe and Oranmore/Maree to decide the remaining two quarter-final places.

In these circumstances, the Hurling Board could be forgiven for hoping that Cappataggle

edge out Craughwell which would result in the Gerry McInerney trained side ending up in just one play-off along with Ballinasloe and Oranmore/Maree.

Though Kiltormer — parading several new faces — suffered a surprise setback against Meelick/Eyrecourt, the Denis Campbell managed outfit quickly bounced back with a 14 point demolition of Tommie Larkins and still look the team to beat.

Despite the presence of Michael Connolly and Fergal Healy in their attack Craughwell have yet to reproduce last year's form which saw them reach the county final. They surrendered a six point interval lead to Kinadeema/Leitrim last weekend despite the fact that their opponents had centre back John Skelly sent off.

Inspired by 'man of the match' David Tierney, Kinadeema/Leitrim stormed back for a five point win and, on this form, the Andy Fenton coached side are capable of proving a match for the leading title fancies, Kiltormer and Athenry, who with their sprinkling of senior players, not surprisingly topped Group B.

In the junior A championship, Castlegar and Kiltormer are though from Group A with Turloughmore and Ahascragh set to claim the other two quarter-final places. In Group B, Carnmore, Fohenagh, Athenry and Kilconieron are in pole position for the knock-out stages.

INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Cappataggle	4	4	0	0	8
Kinadeema/Leitrim	4	3	0	1	6
Craughwell	4	3	0	1	6
Sarsfields	4	1	0	3	2
Killimor	4	1	0	3	2
Rahoon/Newcastle	4	0	0	4	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Athenry	4	4	0	0	8
Moycullen	4	3	1	0	6
Ballinasloe	4	1	1	2	3
Tynagh	4	1	0	3	2
Kilbeacanty	4	0	1	3	1

GROUP C

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Meelick/Eyrecourt	4	3	0	1	6
Kiltormer	4	3	0	1	6
Oranmore/Maree	4	2	0	2	4
Beagh	4	1	0	3	2
Tommie Larkins	4	1	0	3	2

JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Kiltormer	5	4	0	1	8
Castlegar	5	4	0	1	8
Turloughmore	4	3	0	1	6
Ahascragh	5	3	0	2	6
Ballygar	5	2	0	3	4
Loughrea	3	0	0	3	0
Liam Mellows	4	0	0	4	0

GROUP B

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Athenry	5	5	0	0	10
Fohenagh	5	4	1	0	9
Carnmore	6	4	1	1	9
Kilconieron	6	2	1	2	5
Spidal	4	1	0	3	2
Sylane	3	1	0	2	2

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP
1998

CARNMORE

Galway G.A.A. scoreboard

Senior Hurling Championship
 Athenry 1-16 :: Mullagh 1-7
 Killimordaly 3-10 :: Kilconieron 0-14
 Liam Mellows 2-10 :: Sarsfields 1-12
 Carnmore 3-13 :: Ballinderreen 3-11
 Padraig Pearces 1-15 :: Abbeyknockmoy 1-9
 Ardraham 2-11 :: Abbey-Duniry 0-16

Senior Football League
 Milltown 1-11 :: Clonbur 0-6
 Oranmore-Maree 2-9 :: Annaghdown 1-9

City Senior Hurling League
 Oranmore-Maree 2-7 :: Abbeyknockmoy 2-7

Intermediate Hurling Championship
 Athenry 3-12 :: Killeacanty 1-11
 Kilnadeema-Leitrim 2-12 :: Craughwell 1-14
 Tynagh 1-10 :: Tommie Larkins 1-10
 Sarsfields 1-14 :: Rahoon-Newcastle 1-11
 Oranmore-Maree 2-15 :: Cappataggle 1-13
 St. Thomas' 1-12 :: Beagh 1-12

Intermediate Football League
 Corofin 1-6 :: St. Brendans 0-7
 Spiddal 2-17 :: Clifden 0-6
 St. Grelans 1-9 :: Caheristrane 1-9

Junior Football League
 Dunmore MacHales 2-7 :: Corofin 1-4
 Glynsk 2-4 :: Mountbellew-Moylough 0-4
 Monivea-Abbeyknockmoy 1-16 :: Loughrea 1-6

Junior (A) Football League
 Na Piarasigh 5-18 :: Clonbur 1-8

Junior (B) Football League
 Spiddal 1-9 :: Claregalway 1-6
 Killfererin 0-11 :: Tuam Stars 0-5
 St. Brendans 1-19 :: Williamstown 2-7
 Cortoon Shamrocks 3-19 :: St. Grelans 1-9
 Lettermore 2-8 :: St. Coimans 1-4

Junior (C) Football League
 Bama 1-16 :: Na Piarasigh 1-9
 Renvyle 2-8 :: Eire Og 1-6
 St. Michaels 2-11 :: Kinvara 3-6

Under-21 (A) Hurling Championship semi-final 1997
 Kiltormer 2-9 :: Portumna 0-10

Under-21 (A) Hurling Championship quarter-final 1997
 Turloughmore 1-9 :: Castlegar 0-11

Minor Football League
 Oranmore-Maree 2-10 :: Micheal Breathnach 2-8

Carnmore survive Corcoran led Ballinderreen onslaught in high scoring encounter

Carnmore.....3-15 :: Ballinderreen.....3-12

—By Noel Carney—

THE first game of the season is often filled with trepidation for Carnmore fans and after losing three finals in six years, they were in cautious mood when their senior hurlers took on Ballinderreen in a tricky opening to their Group B campaign on Sunday evening at Kenny Park, Athenry.

When Ballinderreen, who have themselves been shaping up a bit better recently, went in at the interval with a 3-4 to 1-6 lead—each of their full-forward line had poached a goal—there were anxious faces in the Carnmore contingent but a much improved second-half display was sufficient to guarantee them a valuable win.

Spare a thought for luckless Ballinderreen though who lost games by a narrow margin after looking good at half-time last year and ended up suffering a similar fate in this match after again putting up a good show in the first period. They contributed to an excellent contest of competitive end to end hurling played with plenty of passion and commitment punctuated with several well-taken scores.

The losers had first use of the strongish breeze but it was Carnmore who made the initial impact on the scoreboard. A penetrating run by the tricky Declan Walsh led to Micheál Killilea firing over in the third minute and a near one from play from Máirtín Connell quickly followed, but Sean Corcoran soon opened the South Galway side's account from out near the right corner.

County under-21 player Keith Carr got another from the opposite side of the field and Liam Corcoran then got in on the act to put them ahead. Their entire full-forward line had scored with only seven minutes gone but Micheál Killilea brought Carnmore level with his second white flag of the match before Ballinderreen regained the initiative at the beginning of the second quarter when Sean Corcoran took a Patrick Carr cross and hit a fine point on the turn.

Carnmore introduced Liam Fahy, just back from his honeymoon, instead of John Keogh but they got a setback when Keith Carr broke through and blasted to the net after Colin Coen had made the opening. An immediate T. J. Hynes point was the ideal response but they were then rocked by another goal when Sean Corcoran brilliantly took down the slotter in front of goal and drove powerfully to the net.

A Carnmore defensive reshuffle followed in a bid to curb the rampant Corcoran in particular with Murty Killilea who lined out at centre half-back, returning to his more familiar full-back role and Enda Flaherty advancing to the number six berth to the benefit of both and they had better luck in attack too. Micheál Killilea converted a free after his brother Murty has been fouled by Francis Killoran, who received further punishment in the form of a

booking.

Ballinderreen were 2-4 to 0-5 ahead but Carnmore r headway when Liam Fahy raced through and nette opportunist goal and they moved closer when Declan Walsh pointed but they got a nasty shock in the final minute of the when a long delivery by Gerry Meehan was knocked down Sean Corcoran into the path of his brother Liam who propped in another goal.

That gave them a 3-4 to 1-6 interval lead which invited changes by the Carnmore management team who sent forward Tomas Grealish for a defender, Declan Collins, several switches ensued to accommodate the move. This initial got a boost within minutes of the resumption when Micheál Killilea grabbed a Damien Fahy delivery and shot a goal which gave ideal kick-start to the second half.

Ballinderreen had no intention of letting their hard-earned go without a fight, and Sean Corcoran epitomised determination by driving over two fine points to keep them in by one goal, 3-6 to 2-6. Two Killilea frees were matched brace from play by Colin Coen and Sean Corcoran but Carr then entered a vital four minute spell that yielded a '65' sent by Ronan Walsh and a score from play by Micheál Killilea a crucial goal from the stick of Máirtín Connell.

They now had their noses in front, 3-10 to 3-8, but not for Sean Corcoran found the target with a long free and when Carr landed a spectacular point from a sideline cut the sides level. Damien Fahy lifted it Carnmore's way with a great drive the middle of the field and T. J. Hynes repeated that feat Corcoran pointed another free to leave one between them, 3-11.

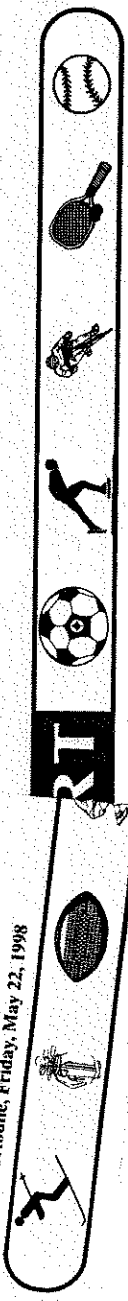
Micheál Killilea did likewise with six minutes remaining and then laid on a pass for Tomas Grealish who stretched the further but Sean Corcoran kept Ballinderreen's hopes alive firing over a difficult right-wing placed ball. However they were unable to add to their 3-12 tally and Grealish had the last word pushing Carnmore's final total up to 3-15.

The winners who were forced to line out without influential corner-back Paddy Connell, who is ill, will be glad to get difficult first assignment out of the way. Amongst their effective performers were Murty Killilea, Enda Flaherty in second half, T. J. Hynes, Máirtín Connell, Micheál Killilea, Fahy and Tomas Grealish. Francis Killoran, Finbar and Meehan, Patrick and Keith Carr, Colin Coen and Sean Corcoran all played their hearts out for the gallant losers.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, D. Collins, E. Flaherty, K. Moran, F. Walsh (0-1, a '65'), Murty Killilea, Ronnie Walsh, S. Walsh, Hynes (0-2), D. Fahy (0-1), J. Keogh, M. O'Connell (1-1), O'Connell, Micheál Killilea (1-7, 6 frees), D. Walsh (0-1), S. Fahy (1-0) for Keogh, T. Grealish (0-2) for Collins.

Ballinderreen: R. Hynes, S. O'Connor, N. Linnane, B. He F. Killoran, F. Meehan, E. McDonagh, G. Quinn, P. Carr, C. (0-1), G. Meehan, P. Hanton, L. Corcoran (1-1), S. Corcoran (2 frees), K. Carr (1-2, 1 '65'). Sub: F. Fordham for Hanton.

Referee: M. Bodkin (Padraig Pearces).



Walsh's Goal does the business for Carnmore

by Noel Carney

Carmore 1-13 : Ardahan 0-12

IT WASN'T exactly a game to set the pulses racing but the closeness of the scores and the importance of the result made this County Cup clash at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday an absorbing contest for the large crowd of sundrenched spectators who saw Carnmore finish their stronger to go top of the Group B table.

They were two points behind at the break after an evenly balanced first half and in a similar position at the three quarter stage, but a goal by substitute Declan Walsh proved the crucial score as it gave them a lead they never subsequently lost despite the best efforts of the losers.

This was certainly a disappointing result for Ardahan who were brought down to earth with a bang after their fine win over Abbey-Duniry in their previous game. That result ensured that Carnmore were very much on their guard and Ardahan's remaining games against Ballindereen and Portumna.

Despite conceding a point via Michael Killilea 60 metres free Ardahan looked the more impressive team early on and three Ivan Linnane frees and another from play by the same player put them 0-4 to 0-1 ahead after less than ten minutes play. However with Shane Walsh and Damien Fahy getting a grip at midfield, the tide began to turn and point by Killilea (a free) and Alan Kenny followed to reduce the deficit to minimum while Liam Fahy was unlucky when his drive came back off a post.

Ardahan's midfield duo of Fergal Fahy and Rory Burke were also having the moments but much of their good work was in vain as their forwards were held in a vice like grip by the rock solid Carnmore defence in which Patrick Killilea filled in admirably as an emergency tight back in the absence of the absent Paddy Connell who was ill. With his brother Murty at full-back and Enda Flaherty in the left corner, he completed a

dependable line that gave maximum cover to goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh.

Wing-backs Ronan and Ronnie Walsh also turned it on despite being pitted against two of Ardahan's better players Ivan Linnane and Colin O'Doherty while T.J. Hynds showed that Centre-half-back is his best position. Nevertheless a spirited Ardahan outfit went 0-5 to 0-3 in front thanks to a tremendous Conn O'Doherty point from the left wing although Carnmore hit back with another from Alan Kenny after 16 year old John Paul Connell provided the pass.

Rival midfielders and namesakes Fergal Fahy for Ardahan and Damien Fahy for Carnmore exchanged fine long range points and the teams were level when Michael 'Bomber' Killilea won a free which he converted himself seven minutes before the break. Ardahan then hit a fruitful spell that yielded three in a row from Sean Connolly, Ivan Linnane (a free) and Rory Burke to go 0-9 to 0-6 in front but Shane Walsh gave Carnmore a boost with a 60 metre effort on the stroke of half-time.

They reduced the deficit further only ten seconds after the resumption when Tomas Greally pointed but they were then dealt a considerable blow when Liam Fahy was forced to leave the field with ligament and cartilage trouble although as it transpired, his replacement John Keogh worked tirelessly to great effect. They also sent on Declan Walsh for young John Paul Connell and this was to have a major bearing on the outcome.

However it was Ardahan who scored next through Colin O'Doherty but within seconds Carnmore struck for the only goal of the game. John Keogh's delivery to the end line was turned across the goalmouth by Alan Kenny where the lurking Declan Walsh forced it into the net and suddenly the Reds went from two points down to one in front with a quarter of an hour to go.

The next four scores all went 1 to Carnmore. Michael Killilea sent over another free and Shane Walsh drove over a fine one from play after Damien Fahy found him in space with ten minutes remaining. Another placed ball by the Bomber made it 1-11 to 0-10 and Carnmore went five ahead through Declan Walsh, whose speed was troubling Damien Fahy when he went into the full-forward

berth after an intelligent free by Damien Fahy reached him.

Ardahan moved Dermot Fahy out to midfield with Fergal Fahy switching to full back in a late gamble but their best efforts at snatching the goal they desperately needed were thwarted by the Carnmore defence which stood firm when the pressure was on.

A Rory Burke drive from thirty metres flashed inches over the bar but Carnmore immediately responded when Damien Fahy who had a storming last quarter caught superbly and sped through the defence before picking out his midfield partner Shane Walsh who again found the target. Colin O'Doherty had the final score of the game to leave Ardahan four behind at the finish.

Carnmore still haven't quiet settled on their ideal line up and they are not being helped by injuries to key players. However manager Johnny Duggan and his back room team seem to have the knack of making the right moves on the day and they can be pleased with the way things are going for them with Ardahan, in contrast must pick themselves up and get something from their remaining games to decide their fate.

Subs: John Keogh and Declan Walsh both contributed significantly to this win with Kenneth Walsh safe in goals and the entire defence in top form as a unit. Midfielders Shane Walsh and Damien Fahy also starred as did Martin Connell, Michael Killilea and Alan Kenny in attack.

Goalkeeper Claran Callanan, player manager Joe Callanan, Dermot Fahy, Noel Connors, Fergal Fahy, Rory Burke, Ivan Linnane and Colin O'Doherty offered most resistance to Ardahan. CARNMORE: K. Walsh, P. Killilea, E. Flaherty, Ronan Walsh, T.J. Hynds, Ronnie Walsh, S. Walsh (0-3); D. Fahy (0-1); T. Greally (0-1); L. Fahy; M. Connell; J.P. Connell; Michael Killilea (0-5, all frees); A. Kenny (0-2); Subs: J. Keogh for L. Fahy (inj.), D. Walsh (1-1) for J.P. Connell.

ARDAHAN: C. Callanan, J. Callanan, D. Fahy, C. Whoriskey, D. Shaughnessy, N. Connors, J.J. Brennan, F. Fahy (0-1); R. Burke (0-2); L. Linnane (0-5 4 frees); S. Connolly (0-1); C. O'Doherty (0-3); J. Howley; P. Murphy; S. O'Neill. Subs: K. Fahy for Murphy, J. Fahy for K. Fahy (inj). Referee: Mike Dolan (Kilcomerton).

TRIBUNE SPORT



It's the end of the road for champs Sarsfields

—by John Fallon—

SARSFIELDS' reign as county champions is over — their exit from the 1998 senior hurling title race was confirmed on Wednesday night as they fail to make it through to the knockout stages for the first time since the mid-eighties.

The champions may not have been in action since losing their second match to Loughrea last Wednesday week but Loughrea's win over Gort, coupled with Clarenbridge's victory over Mellows, means now that there is no way back for a club that brought unprecedented success to Galway.

Somewhat amazing is the fact that, mathematically at least, eighteen of the 20 senior clubs in the competition can still win the County Cup but Sarsfields, winners five times since '89, are not one of them. The only other team out of contention is Gort who have lost all three games to date.

Indeed, Sarsfields will now need to beat Gort to avoid ending up in the relegation tussle — remarkable given the fact that just eleven weeks ago they were within 60 minutes of being crowned the best club team in the country for the third time in six years. Oh, how the mighty have fallen.

Their exit now leaves Athenry the clear favourites to lift the cup for the third time since '94 — it's not a mantle they will welcome on their own but really it is hard to see anyone stopping them now that Sarsfields have gone.

Just thirteen matches now remain in the group stages of the County Cup but so far only three teams — Castlegar, Athenry and Clarenbridge — have made it through to the quarter-finals after 27 matches.

Fifteen other teams have mathematical chances of going through but the race would seem to be over for the likes of Kinvara, Portumna and Mullagh. The good money at this stage would seem to go on Killimordaly, Carnmore, Abbey/Duniry, Loughrea and Turloughmore going through although Meelick/Eyrecourt, Kilconieron, Ardrahan, Ballinderreen and Liam Mellows would hardly agree.

SATURDAY

Mullagh v Pdraig Pearse (Duggan Park, 6 p.m.)

It has been a turbulent season so far for these two. Pearse opened with a bang, beating Abbeyknockmoy by six points but it has been a downward curve for them since with a narrow one point defeat to Turloughmore in a high scoring game being followed last weekend by the expected heavy defeat to Athenry.

Mullagh lost their opening match to Athenry by nine points, which was no shame, but they were shell-shocked against Abbeyknockmoy in their next match when they saw a two goal lead in the final three minutes turned into a four points defeat. With a final group match against Turlough to come, they are in serious relegation trouble and their position could be even worse after this encounter.

SUNDAY

Portumna v Carnmore (Duggan Park, 2 p.m.)

Tough times for Portumna with successive defeats to Abbey/Duniry and Ballinderreen leaving them in relegation trouble. They still have an outside chance of reaching the quarter-finals but preserving their senior status will surely be the primary objective

now.

Portumna's cause might have been helped had Carnmore beaten Abbey/Duniry and guaranteed themselves a quarter-final place. But Carnmore, despite two wins and a draw, have to at least get a point here to be sure of a place in the knockout stages. That might be enough to swing this encounter their way and create even bigger problems for a Portumna side from whom so much was expected at the outset of the campaign.

Meelick/Eyrecourt v Killimordaly (Loughrea, 3.15 p.m.)

A point will be enough here to send Killimordaly through to the last eight but with Meelick/Eyrecourt guaranteed a play-off if victorious this match should not lack excitement. But who will win? Killimordaly opened their campaign with fine wins over Kinvara and Kilconieron but went down by six points to Castlegar, the form team in this group.

Meelick/Eyrecourt, short about half a dozen of the side that lifted the intermediate championship last year, beat Kinvara but lost out to Cashel and Kilconieron. Their resources are stretched and while they will not lack heart or commitment it is hard to see them stopping Tony Keady and co.

Ballinderreen v Ardrahan (Craughwell, 3.15 p.m.)

This should be a cracker. Both still have realistic quarter-final

aspirations with Ballinderreen certainly having their fate in their own hands with a final round tie with Abbey/Duniry to come. Their three points win over Portumna last weekend turned their season right around.

Ardrahan, like Ballinderreen, lost to Carnmore but their win over Abbey/Duniry keeps the season alive. Derby matches are notoriously difficult to predict but Ballinderreen, especially if the Carrs and the Meehans can produce the goods, get the nod in what should be a tight encounter.

Kilconieron v Kinvara (Athenry, 7.15 p.m.)

Kinvara's senior status is in serious doubt after successive defeats to Meelick/Eyrecourt and Killimordaly and while they have a final round game to come against a Castlegar team already through to the knockout stages, defeat here will surely see them end up with a massive battle to avoid a drop to the intermediate grade.

Kilconieron, with Liam Burke outstanding, staged a heroic battle but ultimately unsuccessful revival against Castlegar and having already lost to Killimordaly, their season now hangs in the balance. It should improve here with a win but even that might not be enough to maintain their interest in the race for the 1998 County Cup.

How the groups stand

GROUP A	P	W	D	L	Pts
Castlegar	3	3	0	0	6
Killimordaly	3	2	0	1	4
Kilconieron	3	1	0	2	2
Meelick/Eyrecourt	3	1	0	2	2
Kinvara	2	0	0	2	0

RESULTS: Castlegar 1-18 Meelick/Eyrecourt 2-7; Castlegar 2-18 Killimordaly 3-9; Meelick/Eyrecourt 3-12 Kinvara 1-14; Kilconieron 2-13 Meelick/Eyrecourt 0-10; Killimordaly 2-11 Kinvara 0-11; Killimordaly 3-10 Kilconieron 0-14; Castlegar 2-7 Kilconieron 0-12.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Castlegar v Kinvara; Meelick/Eyrecourt v Killimordaly; Kinvara v Kilconieron.

GROUP B	P	W	D	L	Pts
Carnmore	3	2	1	0	5
Abbey/Duniry	3	1	1	1	3
Ardrahan	2	1	0	1	2
Ballinderreen	2	1	0	1	2
Portumna	2	0	0	2	0

RESULTS: Abbey/Duniry 2-12 Portumna 1-11; Carnmore 3-15 Ballinderreen 3-12; Carnmore 1-13 Ardrahan 0-12; Ardrahan 2-11 Abbey/Duniry 0-16; Carnmore 0-14 Abbey/Duniry 2-8; Ballinderreen 1-11 Portumna 0-11.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Portumna v Carnmore; Portumna v Ardrahan; Ballinderreen v Ardrahan; Ballinderreen v Abbey/Duniry

GROUP C	P	W	D	L	Pts
Clarenbridge	3	3	0	0	6
Liam Mellows	3	2	0	1	4
Loughrea	3	2	0	1	4
Sarsfields	2	0	0	2	0
Gort	3	0	0	3	0

RESULTS: Clarenbridge 1-17 Loughrea 1-14; Liam Mellows 2-10 Sarsfields 1-12; Liam Mellows 2-10 Gort 0-14; Loughrea 1-14 Sarsfields 1-10; Clarenbridge 0-19 Gort 1-8; Clarenbridge 1-14 Liam Mellows 2-8; Loughrea 0-14 Gort 0-13.

REMAINING FIXTURES: Clarenbridge v Sarsfields; Loughrea v Liam Mellows; Sarsfields v Gort.

GROUP D	P	W	D	L	Pts
Athenry	3	3	0	0	6
Turloughmore	3	2	0	1	4
Abbeyknockmoy	3	1	0	2	2
Pearse	3	1	0	2	2
Mullagh	2	0	0	2	0

RESULTS: Pearse 1-15 Abbeyknockmoy 1-9; Turloughmore 3-17 Pearse 3-16; Athenry 1-16 Mullagh 1-7; Athenry 3-18 Turloughmore 1-12; Abbeyknockmoy 3-12 Mullagh 2-11; Turloughmore 2-15 Abbeyknockmoy 1-8; Athenry 3-16 Pearse 0-10

REMAINING FIXTURES: Pearse v Mullagh; Athenry v Abbeyknockmoy; Mullagh v Turloughmore.

TRIBUNE SPORT



Fahy and Walsh star as Carnmore go through

CARNMORE.....3-13 :: KILCONIERON.....1-13

—By Noel Carney—

THERE were times in this senior hurling quarter-final clash at Kenny Park, Athenry last Saturday when Carnmore looked as if they might challenge for the title itself and times also when you wonder how they got this far. Ultimately the 'goals win games' theory was vindicated once again and the winners now face Abbey-Duniry in the semi-finals.

A combination of factors kept the crowd down on the size one would normally expect for this game with the long lay-off since the group ties, Galway's demoralising exit from the All-Ireland race and the huge number of G.A.A. fans who were making their way to the football final a day early all contributing to the relatively low "gate".

Those who did turn up got plenty of entertainment with both sides giving their all from start to finish. Kilconieron fans will be exasperated at the way their team once again started slowly allowing the opposition to get a good lead before fighting back furiously to put in a barnstorming finish that threatened to upset the odds.

Carnmore, badly missing Liam Fahy who is currently sidelined with a cruciate ligament injury and centre-half back Declan O'Brien who is spending some time in Australia, are trying manfully to mask their absence and Ronan Walsh, who manned the number six berth, had a fine match while his own replacement on the wing Declan Collins did quite well also. Furthermore Paddy Connell will soon be fit again.

Kilconieron were attending to reach the semi-finals for the first time in living memory and they put up a gallant fighting performance before going under. Indeed, had their display in the first half matched their performance after the break they might well have achieved the magical breakthrough. However, the eight point interval deficit proved too much of a burden

gap.

Two Micheál 'Bomber' Killilea pointed frees had given Carnmore the lead for the first time after Colm Connaughton had collected a Liam Burke clearance before shooting the game's opening score and when Declan Walsh grabbed a long John Keogh delivery and kicked to the net early in the second quarter, the losers were in trouble.

Two more 'Bomber' frees were countered by Colm Connaughton after a determined run and Maurice Murray from a placed ball and when Declan Martyn landed a great individual effort from the middle to the field and Liam Burke drove over a well-taken free from the same area, Kilconieron were only two behind, 1-4 to 0-5, after twenty minutes.

Then it all started to go wrong for them as Carnmore, playing spirited, no-nonsense hurling, surged further afield. Damien Fahy notched a neat point that went over via a post and within seconds Micheál Killilea burst up the right-wing before crossing towards the goalmouth where the lurking Fahy delightfully doubled on the sliotar and smashed it past Barry McGlynn for a peach of a goal.

That left the Red and Whites 2-6 to 0-5 in front five minutes before the break and although Maurice Murray, who had earlier swapped places with David Keane, sent over a right-wing free for Kilconieron, Carnmore put in a strong finish with the livewire Damien Fahy finding the target from play and the 'Bomber' having the last word with an angled free which put his wide 2-8 to 0-6 ahead at half-time.

Micheál Killilea temporarily lost his normally impeccable free-taking form when he surprisingly missed two in a row on the resumption. Ronan Walsh foiled David Keane with a great shutdown but Kilconieron had better luck when Maurice Murray sent over a free. Hoping to build on this they brought Liam Burke up to the attack, introduced his brother James as a substitute and when Seamus Lyons got one from play they were two goals in arrears, but had plenty of time to redress the balance if they were good enough.

However, disaster struck when a melee developed in their goalmouth which ended with corner-forward Alan Kenny whipping to the net for a 3-8 to 0-8 lead. A Colm Connaughton

drive from the wing went over the bar to stem the tide somewhat but a fine score from play by the 'Bomber' and another by Tomás Grealish stretched the deficit to ten points. Stung by this Kilconieron launched a comeback that started when Colm Connaughton drove to the net in a crowded goalmouth and the margin was down to two goals when his brother Eamon took a Liam Burke pass and sent over a point. They missed a number of other opportunities by going for goals and inspired by some powerful running by Liam Burke, they pinned Carnmore back in their own half for over ten minutes.

Liam Burke himself landed a '65' to break the two goal-barrier and then drove over two magnificent long range frees from his own half of the field to leave a goal between them, 3-10 to 1-13, with less than five minutes remaining. They tried might and main to make further inroads in the arrears but Carnmore held firm, weathered the storm and eventually finished the stronger team with Micheál Killilea embellishing a fine personal performance with one point from a free and two from play.

There was mixed reaction to this display in the Carnmore camp but the game will bring them on and winning is what really matters at this stage of the championship. Goalkeeper Kenneth Walsh, Patrick Killilea, Ronan Walsh, John Keogh, Micheál Killilea and man-of-the-match Damien Fahy in particular all shone in a competent all-round performance while goalie Barry McGlynn, P. J. Taylor, Alan Curley, Liam Burke, John Murray, Declan Martyn and the Connaughtons all fought to great effect for the losers.

Carnmore: K. Walsh, P. Killilea, Murty Killilea, E. Flaherty, D. Collins, Ronan Walsh, Ronnie Walsh, J. Keogh, T. J. Hynes, D. Fahy (1-2), S. Walsh, T. Grealish (0-1), D. Walsh (1-0), Micheál Killilea (0-10, 7 frees), A. Kenny (1-0).

Kilconieron: B. McGlynn, P. J. Taylor, A. Curley, R. Keane, V. Burke, L. Burke (0-4, 3 frees, 1 '65'), Enda Connaughton, J. Murray, D. Martyn (0-1), C. Connaughton (1-3), Eamonn Connaughton (0-1), A. Spellman, D. Keane, S. Lyons (0-1), M. Murray (0-3, all frees).

Referee: J. J. Larkin.

by Frank Farragher

A MAGNIFICENT victory for all the little clubs of this world and one which leaves the tiny parish of Abbey-Duniry within one hour's hurling of completing what would be a hurling fairytale of the most outrageous proportions.

Even as things stand Abbey-Duniry, by virtue of this comprehensive semi-final victory over Carnmore at Kenny Park, Athenry on Sunday, have written their way into the history book by reaching their first ever county senior final.

While the formidable shadow of Athenry hangs over their quest for ultimate glory, Abbey-Duniry will be well satisfied with the manner of this semi-final victory, admittedly achieved against a Carnmore outfit who will be desperately disappointed with their second half display.

A first half of hard graft complemented by a second period of forward inspiration formed the basis for a victory which completes a remarkable recent championship record for the Abbey-Duniry club — this was their third county semi-final appearance in four years.

For most of this match they held the edge in terms of overall sharpness — most times first to the ball with a good first touch and an efficient attacking machine which produced the scores when they counted most.

Abbey-Duniry played into the stiff first half wind but led for most of the half with **Tom Kavanagh**, **Niall Shiel**, **Mattie Kenny**, **Kevin Broderick** and **P. J. Kenny** all finding the target as Carnmore struggled to find any sort of rhythm.

Carnmore's main moment of hope came just before the interval when a cross by **Alan Kenny** was met first time by **Ray Grealish** and the sliotar fairly flew into **Kevin Devine's** net.

Significantly though Abbey-Duniry had the last say of the

half via a **Mattie Kenny** pointed free and an injury time '21' which goalie **Kevin Devine** struck crisply — however **Murty Killilea** was up to the task and saved well in the final act of the half.

In what had been a fairly tight first half, the wisdom of going for a goal when a point would have reduced the deficit to the minimum margin might have been queried but as the second half wore on the incident faded into insignificance.

Initially Carnmore did build on their 1-6 to 0-7 interval advantage with a **Michael Killilea** pointed free while the stop-start nature of the early second half proceedings temporarily stalled Abbey-Duniry's advance.

In one unsavoury incident Abbey-Duniry's **Tom Kavanagh** suffered a grazed jaw after contesting a ball going out over the sideline close to a crowd of Carnmore subs — **Shane Walsh** earned the censure of the referee **Michael Dolan** with a booking but Kavanagh, after receiving treatment, also had his name noted by the official.

It was one of a number of questionable decisions by the referee which detracted from the overall flow of the game but when a sense of pattern re-emerged in the proceedings, it was Abbey-Duniry who held a clear edge.

After three points from **Tom Kavanagh**, **Kevin Broderick** and **Declan Power** brought the winners back to parity at 1-7 to 0-10, the crucial score of the match arrived with 12

minutes remaining.

A crisp pull from **Tom Kavanagh** was brilliantly stopped by **Kenneth Walsh** in the Carnmore goal but **Declan Power** was following up like an express train to hammer the rebound to the net.

From there on it was all Abbey-Duniry and within a minute of that score a long ball from **James Shiel** was latched on to by **Kevin Broderick** who ghosted in behind the Carnmore defence before shooting past the helpless Walsh.

The points fairly flowed after that with **Tom Kavanagh**, **Niall Shiel**, **Mattie Kenny**, **Kevin Broderick** and **Declan Power** all hitting the target with no response from a Carnmore side comprehensively outgunned in the end.

While the match mightn't have matched the pace and intensity of the subsequent Athenry-Loughrea clash, Abbey-Duniry will be delighted with the sustained nature of their display. The intensity of their effort never waned over the hour.

Full back **Liam Hodgins** was one of their main inspirations — strong on the ball and equally powerful in his clearances. Goalkeeper **Kevin Devine** was the essence of confidence while **James Shiel**, **Niall Shiel**, **Declan Power**, **Thomas Kavanagh**, **Kevin Broderick**, **Mattie Kenny** and **P.J. Madden** also made major

contributions to a famous win

A rather disappointing day for a Carnmore side which over the last six years has given more than its fair share of effort to securing a first county title for their club — sadly the peak of their effort may have been reached although the huge loss through injury of **Liam Fahy** and **Damien Fahy** has to be acknowledged.

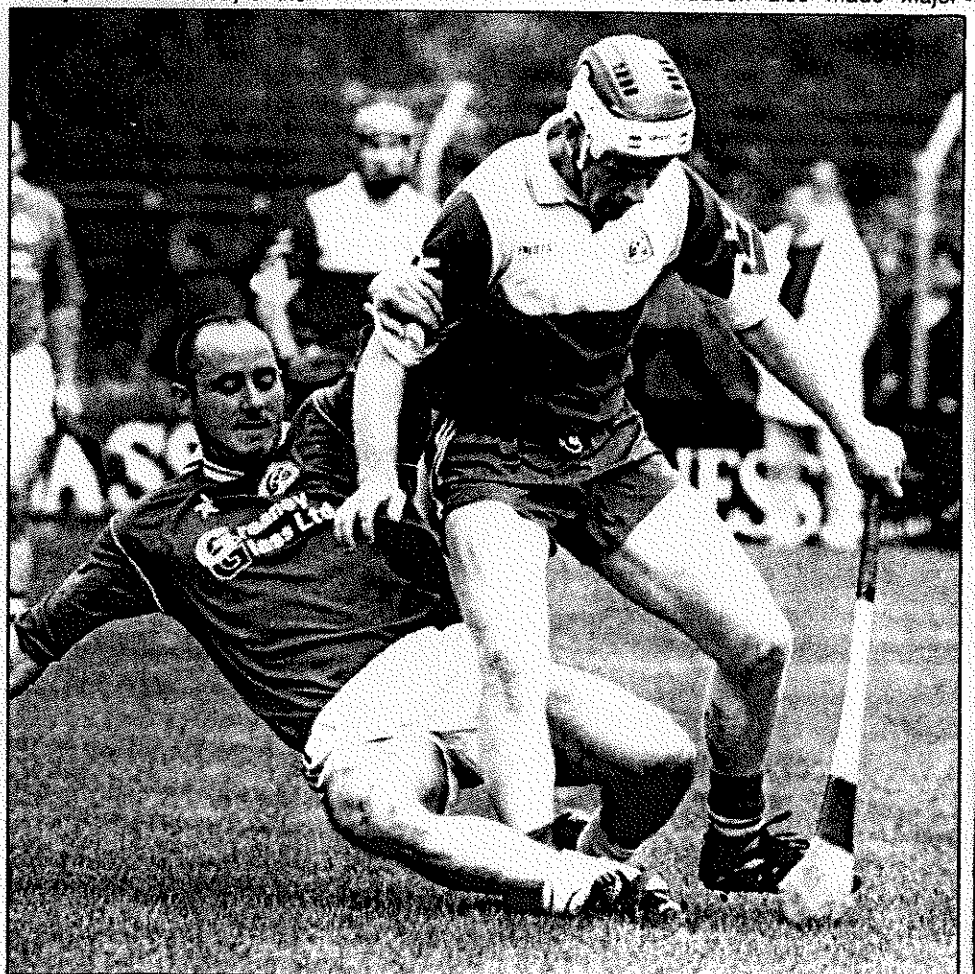
Patrick Killilea, **Murty Killilea**, **Enda Flaherty**, **Ronan Walsh**, **John Keogh** and **Raymond Grealish** tried hardest to sustain their cause but when Abbey-Duniry stepped up a gear in the final quarter Carnmore had nothing left in reserve. Underdogs they might be for the final but Abbey-Duniry won't hold anything back in trying to upset the odds.

Abbey-Duniry: K. Devine, K. Finnerty, L. Hodgins, V. Kavanagh, N. Finnerty, J. Shiel, D. Donnelly, G. Lynch, N. Shiel 0-2; D. Power 1-2, T. Kavanagh 0-3 (1 free), P. J. Kenny 0-1; K. Broderick 1-3, M. Kenny 0-4 (2 frees), P. J. Madden. Sub.: M. Shiel for N. Shiel (60).

Carnmore: K. Walsh; P. Killilea, M. Killilea, E. Flaherty; D. Collins, Ronan Walsh 0-1 (free), Ronnie Walsh 0-1 (free); J. Keogh, T. J. Hynes; S. Walsh, R. Grealish 1-1, T. Grealish; M. Killilea, 0-4 (3 frees), D. Walsh 0-1, A. Kenny 0-1. Sub.: M. O'Connell for S. Walsh (41), P. Connell for D. Collins (44). Referee: Michael Dolan (Kilconieron).

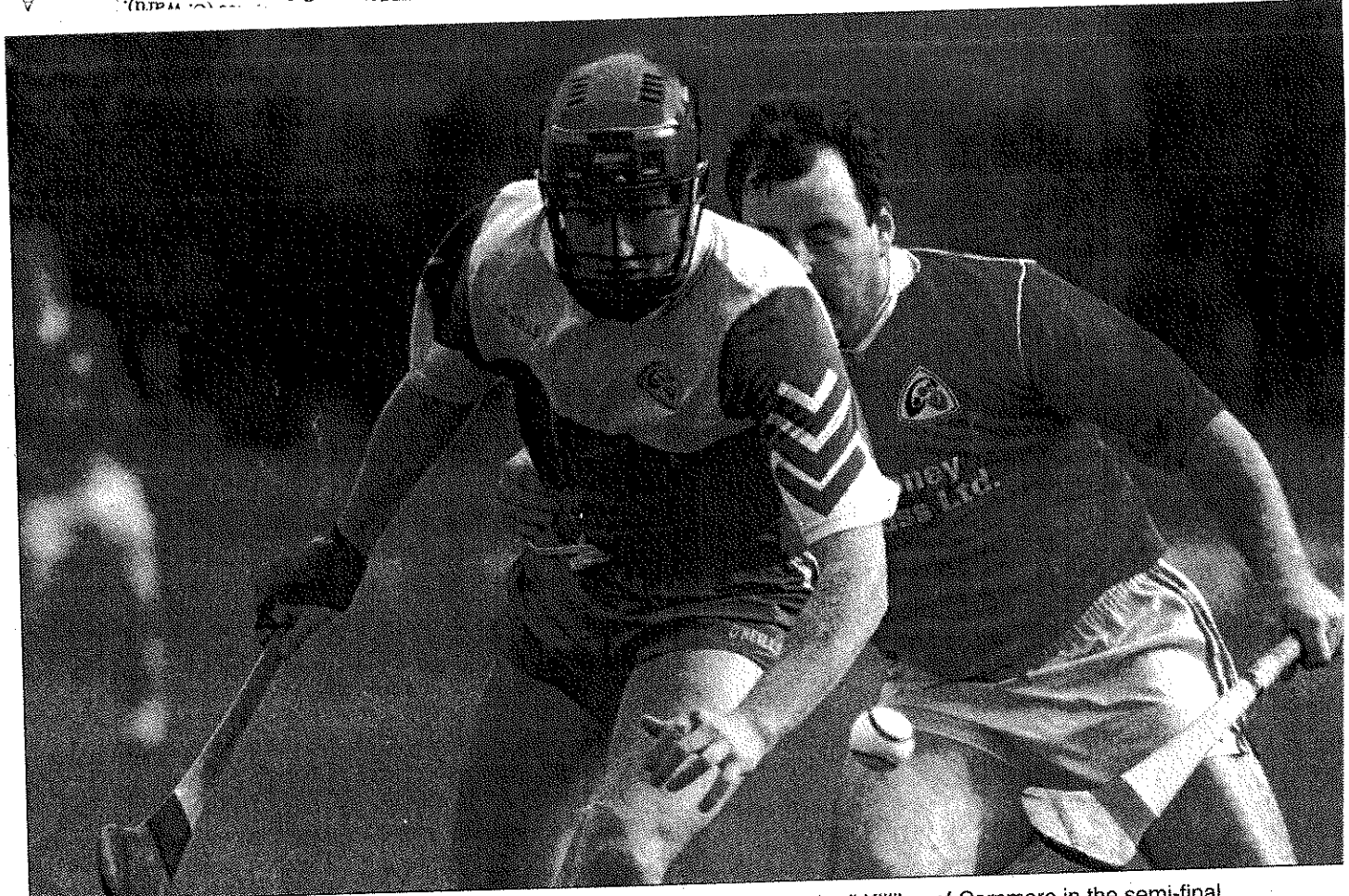


LOSE CONTACT . . . Carrmore's Declan Collins and Abbey/Duniry's Declan Power are in the thick of the action during the clubs' semi-final clash at Kenny Park on Sunday. Photos Stan Shields.



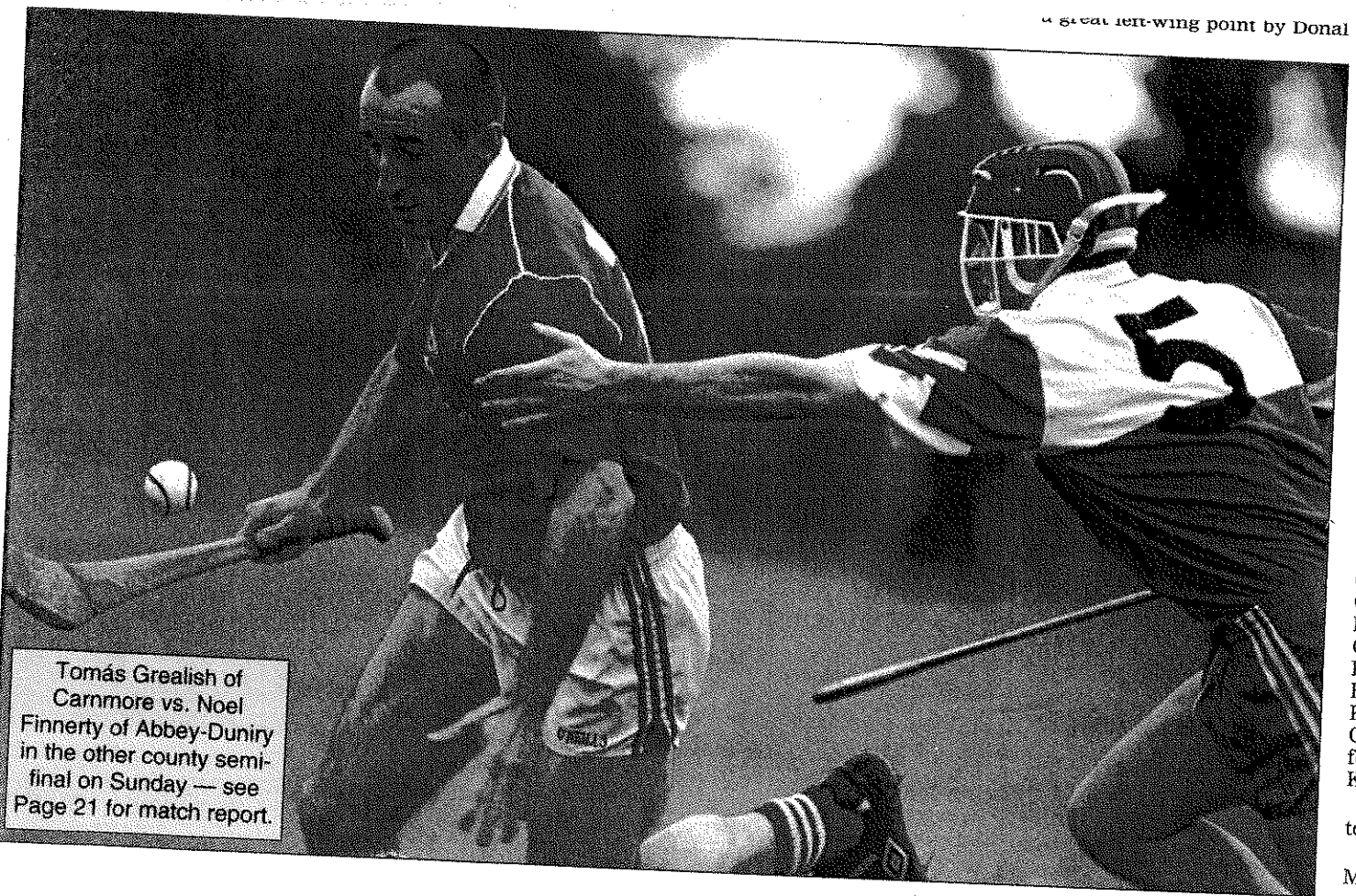
FOOTWORK . . . Abbey/Duniry's James Shiel and Carrmore's Raymond Grealish scramble for possession in this incident from Sunday's county semi-final at Kenny Park.

At Killarney: S.F.T., Killarney v. Monivea-Abbey, 12.00 (P. McGovern).
 At Clonberne: S.F.T., Kilkerrin-Clonberne v. Milltown, 12.00 (G.P.)



ABBEY-DUNIRY'S outstanding defender Liam Hodgins vs. "Bomber" Killilea of Cammore in the semi-final.

A great left-wing point by Donal



Tomás Greally of Cammore vs. Noel Finnerty of Abbey-Duniry in the other county semi-final on Sunday — see Page 21 for match report.

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GAILLIMH

Dathanna: **Marúin is Bán**

(1) S. Ó Cuirc
SEAN QUIRKE
(Tynagh)

(3) S. Doilfin
SEAN DOLPHIN
(Mullagh)

(6) E. de Búrca
EAMON BURKE
(Kilimordaly)

(8) P. Mac Giollaíleith
PATRICK KILLILEA
(Carrmore)

(10) R. Ó Dubháin
RAYMOND DUANE
(Mullagh)

(13) P. Ó Ceallaigh
PADRAIG KELLY
(Ballindereen)

FIRIONAID: (16) F. Ó Miacháin (Finbarr Meehan) Ballindereen; (17) P. Ó Ceallaigh (Padraig Kelly) Sarsfields; (18) G. Ó Catháin (Gerry Keane) Atherry; (19) S. Ó hArgadáin (John Hardiman) Atherry; (20) C. Ó Dubhthaigh (Cathal Duffy) Kilimordaly; (21) S. Ó Grialúis (James Grealish) Carrmore.

SELECTORS: Sean Fahy (Tommy Larkins); Michael Kelly (Ballindereen); Tom Linehan (Carrmore).
Trainer/Coach: Michael Monaghan (Portumna).

(4) D. Ó Fathaigh
DERMOT FAHEY
(Ardrahan)

(7) E. Ó Seachnasaigh
EAMON SHAUGHNESSY
(St. Gabriels)

(9) S. de Búrca
JIMMY BURKE
(Turloughmore)

(12) D. Mac Thoirdealbhaigh
DAMIEN CURLEY
(Kiltormer)

(15) M. Ó Cionaotha
MICHAEL KENNY
(Sarsfields)

CUMANN LÚITH CHLEAS GAEL



Cluiche Leath Cheannais
Iomáint Fé 21

All-Ireland U-21
Hurling

Semi-finals

Cill Chainnigh
— v. —

Gaillimh

Stáid Sempie, Dúrlas Éile

14 Lúnasa — 7.00 i.n.

Réiteoir: SEORSE Ó RIAIN (Tíobraid Árann)

Clár Oifigiúil

Luach 30p

CILL CHAINNIGH	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 adb Leath					
2 adb Leath					
Iomlán					

Carnmore fancied to capture U-21 B title

by JOHN FALLON

MEETING of Carnmore and Rahoon/Newcastle in the U-21 B hurling final at Ballinderreen on Sunday (12 noon) pits together two sides who have placed a major emphasis on underage teams in the past few years.

Long ago both of these clubs were competing in the senior championship but after their fall from grace down to intermediate level began to put more of an input into their juvenile teams — a policy that is beginning to pay dividends for both of them.

Carnmore captured the U-21 C titles last year and while the Carnmore were expected to be beaten in

the Minor A final. Now one of them is destined to take the U-21 B title and while it is basically a second grade competition, the importance of victory to either of them in the long term cannot be overestimated.

Carnmore, on the basis of their overwhelming victory over Ardahan last Sunday, will enter Sunday's final as favourites but they cannot afford to underestimate the challenge of a Rahoon side who have ten survivors from the side which won the C title twelve months ago.

Rahoon encountered very little difficulty when qualifying from the group matches and while Meelick/Eyre court presented a fairly formidable challenge in the county semi-final, Rahoon pulled away near the end to secure their place in the final.

While they may lack the same all round balance of their opponents, they will be hoping that the likes of Paul Burke, Liam Maloney and Raymond Lawless will continue their good displays at the heart of the Rahoon defence.

Midfield should prove to be an interesting battle on Sunday and the Rahoon pair of young Peter Keane and John Keane will be doing well to break even against their counterparts Sean Newell and Patrick Killilea who were particularly dominant in that sector against Ardahan.

Lynch, John Feehan and P. J. Burke to secure scores but they will have their work cut out against a highly disciplined Carnmore defence where Murt Killilea and Declan Collins were particularly impressive against Ardahan.

Carnmore have an ideal targetman in full-forward Michael Killilea but they are not by any means dependent on him for scores with Thomas O'Reahish and Alan Kenny also in very good form at the moment.

While finals of this nature can go either way, especially at this time of the year when weather conditions can exert a big influence, Carnmore must be fancied to capture the title at the expense of a Rahoon side who have been inactive for the past seven weeks.

Meanwhile, Clarenbridge have been relegated to intermediate ranks as the saga of sorting out the two relegation candidates from the senior grade continues.

Clarenbridge's loss of senior status was confirmed last Sunday when they were beaten by Kinvara at Ballinderreen but that result now means that three teams will have to play-off to decide the other team to make the drop.

Kinvara, Tommie Larkins and Craughwell will now have to fight out another play-off after they all finished level on four points, but it now looks like it will be early next year before the remaining relegation candidate is known.

Incidentally, county champions, Athenry are scheduled to play their Connacht club hurling final against Padraig Peareses of Roscommon on December 13.



KEY PLAYER... Carnmore will be looking to Michael Killilea, seen here in action against Ardahan's Tom Kennedy, in the semi-final last weekend, to inspire his colleagues to victory over Rahoon/Newcastle in Sunday's Under 21 B Hurling decider.



CHAMPIONS ... The Carmore team which captured the County under-21 'B' hurling championship on Sunday. Back row, left to right: Patrick Killilea, Thomas Grealish, Liam Fahy, Michael Killilea, Tony Spellman, Declan Flaherty, P. J. O'Hagan, Eamon Cormican. Front row, left to right: Danny Connell, Alan Kenny, Murt Killilea, Declan Collins, Roddie Grealish, Enda Flaherty and Sean Newell.

... were incidentally caught

Galway Teams Excel in Feile Finals

ns nGael's finals in Galway on Sunday was of hurling in every sense with the pick of signers of the 32 counties playing a fine display of all the skills of this ancient sport to the delight of many thousands of spectators from all over the country. There was a carnival atmosphere in the stadium in the afternoon when the crowd was entertained by the four divisional finalists in their four divisions and by the finalists in their four divisions and by the finalists.

Abbey-Duniry presented two hurleys and a ball to the President also. With these formalities over, the teams left the playing pitch and immediately the first of four finals began. It was for these games that the huge crowds had come and a fine quality of watching were such former greats as Pat Skelahan of Tipperary and Kilkenny's Fan Larkin (whose son featured on the winning Kilkenny Division One side).

Abbey-Duniry Meelick/Eyrecourt. Meelick/Eyrecourt had the breeze in the first half but could only manage a goal from Noel Turley during that period, while Abbey-Duniry had 0-5 on the board by the interval. With the breeze behind them Abbey went to town. Their scorers were Tom Meenan (1-2), including 1-1 from 70s and 0-1 from an 80 yards free; Joe John Devine 3-0; Sean Donoghue 0-3; James Sheill 0-1; James Devine 3-0; Les Power 0-1. Two other good players were Get Power and goalie, Kevin Devine. Ken Lucas, brother of county player, Jack, was the star of the Meelick-Eyrecourt side at centrefield and carried the ball extremely well. Others to shine were Noel Turley 2-0, Kevin Tracy 0-1, Aidan Feehan and David McCormack. Ken Lucas scored 2-0 for this side.

Some of the noticeable features of the teams were (1) Their sheer neatness (2) their skill (3) the disparity in size of players. For instance one of the teams, Killybeggar, had a fine scrapping player, who was at least 12 stone weight and had a beard and the word went out that he had to carry his birth certificate around to prove his age. At the other extreme was the diminutive goalie for Abbey-Duniry.

While the critical vein is open, what has come over the refereeing of such inter-age games? True, the Division One final was well handled by Seamus Brennan, but in one of the other finals a player ran offside steps with the ball and then was awarded a free in. On the other side of the coin, in one of Saunders' games there were only two frees in all. As regards Stranohy, Killinardaly, 2-7 to 1-5 defeat of Na Páraig was remarkable. Centre back, Eavon Burke, excelled for Killinardaly (4-11) against Na Páraig (1-5). John Mitchell, Pat Eby (0-3) and Na Páraig's centrefield player, Noel Murphy, was outstanding.

Skills winners were (1) Sean Dwyer (Carrow); (2) Michael Hogan (Offaly); (3) Rory Boland (Dublin), son of a former County Galway goalkeeper from Kilmom now resident in the capital. Anne Ryan of Kilmom won the camogie skills award. Jimmy Wall of Cardegar won the long peck county title at Cardegar park on Sunday and will compete next August in the All-Ireland finals to be held in the Cooley Mountains, Co. Louth. The All-Ireland winner becomes an All-Star and travels to the U.S. in 1982.

The main theme of discussion was the impact that Feile na nGael was having on weaker counties. Proof of this was the Ballygar teams, representing County Roscommon, who beat Ballindroon and Antrim. Further proof was Gange, Co. Sligo, who only four years in existence, are now county champions. But, contrary to this is the case of Roscommon, Co. Mayo who again failed to pass the first round.

Later on Killinardaly had a narrow win over Sarsfield, 1-3 to 1-2 and the team were best scored by Donald Kane, Pat Kelly and Alan Donoghue. Eadair Sarsfield had accounted for the Westford champions by 1-3 to 1-1. Cardegar had a done game with Durlas Oge scoring in a 2-1 to 0-2 win for the home side, who were best served by Gerry Flynn, Tom King (2-0), Get Coyne (0-1) and Brendan Cowley.

Galway undoubtedly, have improved a lot since Feile na nGael 1980 when only one Galway team, Peamers, reached a final, the Division three final. This year there were two Galway teams in the Division four final and two Galway teams in the Division three final.

Best banner award: Antrahan Club. Best county camogie banner award: Cobe Pharrage. Best dressed team: Durlas Oge.

Biggest upset of the whole tournament was the early dismissal of last year's winners, Na Fianna of Cork, by Killinardaly. This was the first time in ten years the Cork powerhouse was defeated in the first round. Another good result: from the first round for Galway hurling was the fact that 19 local County Galway teams emerged victorious from the 32 first round games. Clearly a good omen for Galway hurling and a sign of the impact of last year's All-Ireland senior success.

Hurling Results Division One: St. Patrick's, Kilkenny 6-5; Shannon, Co. Clare 5-2. Division Two: Portlomas 5-4, Limerick 2-0. Division Three: Abbey-Duniry 4-8, Meelick/Eyrecourt 4-1. Division Four: Cammons 1-1, Mervue 0-5. Camogie Results - Division One: Marion (Dublin) 1-4, Bishopsdown (Cork) 1-1.

For Abbey-Duniry it was a Feile to remember because a week after winning the County Schools 11-a-side final they stormed to victory in Feile na nGael's 11-a-side final. For Carr it was a week after they over Meelick/Eyrecourt. For Carr

Best players for Cammons were Pat Killeen, Deputy Captain and Liam Carr, while for Mervue the Keith brothers, John and Pat and Tom Bolan were outstanding.

Special Address Paul Stanton, son of footballer, Liam Stanton, Dublin, read a special address of welcome to Dr. Hillery on behalf of the youth and presented him with an illuminated scroll. Gerard Lynch

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Carmore cruise to under 21B final

WHAT A SWINGER ... Ardahan's James Fahy prepares to relieve his lines as Carmore's Michael Killilea is set to hook his stroke. On left, Dermot Fahy anxiously watches developments in this incident from the county under 21 B semi-final.

CARMORE 3-12
ARDAHAN 3-5
CARMORE, dominant in practically every position on the field, advanced to the final of the U-21 B hurling championship after scoring a decisive victory over a young Ardahan side at Ballinacree on Sunday.

Indeed, the final encounter does not give an adequate reflection of Carmore's superiority throughout the hour as Ardahan netted three goals in the final six minutes when the issue was well and truly decided. Carmore, with a team assembled mainly from their minor side, who were beaten by Athlery in last year's A final, laid the foundation for their success in the first-half on Sunday when they went in at the break leading by five points having played against the strong breeze.

Ardahan's cause was not helped by the insufficiency of their forward unit in that opening half when they shot ten wides and only managed to score three points — all of which came from frees by wing forward Michael Doherty.

Doherty, who in Ardahan were deemed a bit on, was well criticised by Carmore's Declan Collins in that first-half when full-back Mier Killilea was also extremely prominent in a well organised and highly disciplined Carmore backline.

Sean Newell and Patrick Killilea dominated the midfield exchanges from start to finish while Michael Killilea at full forward, Alan Kenny in the left corner and Thomas Greatack at centre half-forward consistently troubled the stretched Ardahan defence where only full-back Dermot Fahy and to a lesser extent wing-back James Fahy left a lasting mark on the game.

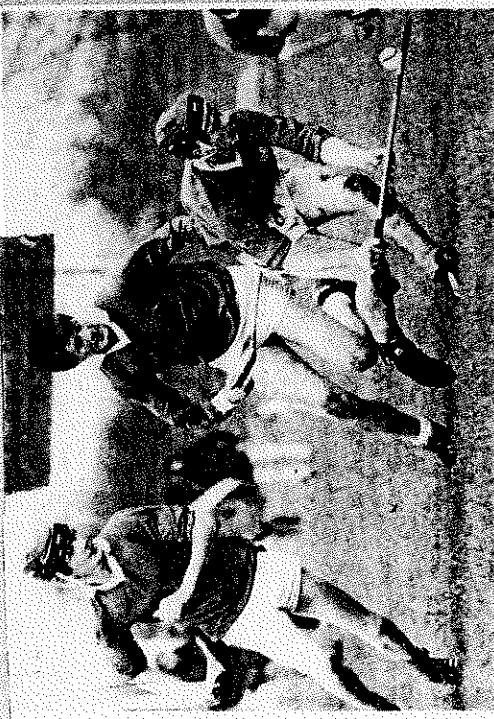
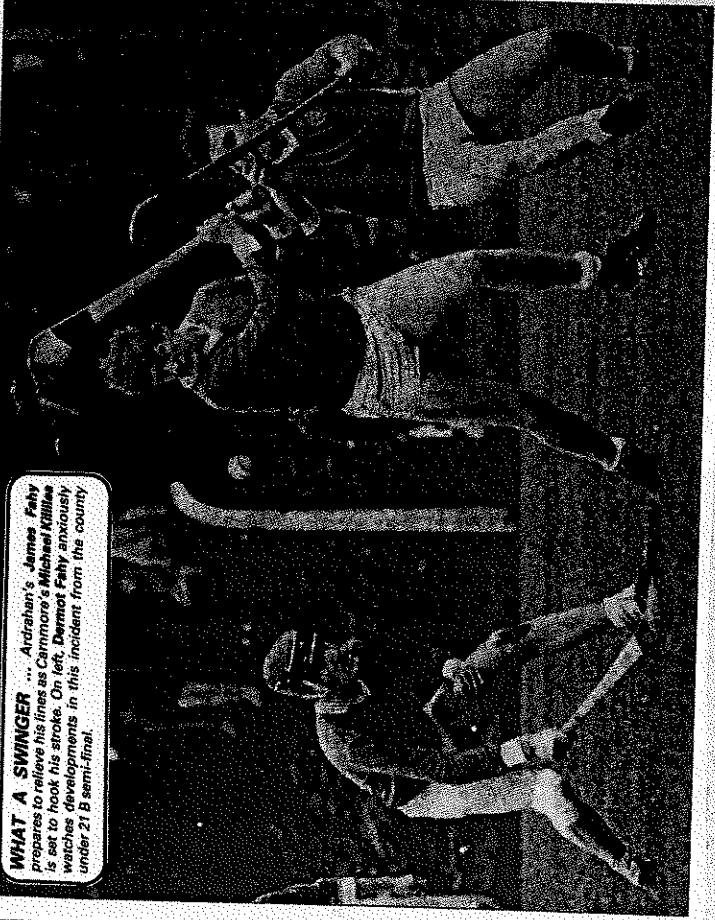
Ardahan's trouble at the back was not helped when just before half-time their corner back Mark Connolly had to be stretchered off after he was injured in an over-zealous challenge on the intruding Michael Killilea.

In a way Connolly's enforced retirement epitomised Ardahan's plight in the opening half when very little went their way and they never looked like coming back after Thomas Greatack pulled on a low shot to the net after fifteen minutes.

That score helped his side to a 1-5 to 0-3 interval lead and within two minutes of the resumption they consolidated their position when Michael Killilea added his side's second goal from close range.

Carmore proceeded to sack on four points without reply in the ensuing thirteen minutes and while Doherty and Paul Turpey reduced the deficit with a brace of points, Carmore secured victory with a fine goal from Alan Kenny twelve minutes from the end which was followed immediately afterwards by a long range point from half-back Collins.

Ardahan, to their credit, never gave up hope and a series of attacks,



PICK UP ... Carmore's Sean Newell gets to the ball ahead of Ardahan duo Kieran Linsane and James Fahy during the county under 21 B hurling semi-final at Ballinacree last Sunday. Photos: Joe C Shoughnessy.

stars as Carnmore win U-21 B title

CARNMORE 2-18
 RAHOON/NEWCASTLE 3-8

by JOHN FALLON

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And, as it happened, Carnmore's all round balance proved to have a telling effect during that period as they diligently strove to shake off the complacency and somewhat lachrymical attitudes that they displayed in the opening half.

But Carnmore's over-zealous approach early on was only particularly responsible for their inferior position as Rahooun put together a thoroughly competent performance in the first half which suggested that they were poised to create a shock.

However, when Carnmore pulled out all the stops after the restart Rahooun, depending on too few individuals, were just unable to hold their opponents although they held it out to the bitter end.

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It took Carnmore just thirteen seconds after the restart to increase their lead to two points when Michael Killilea, whose free-taking in the first half was impeccable, pointed from 25 yards.

His brother Patrick proceeded to give an outstanding display in the middle of the field but while there was a notable upsurge in their display Carnmore were still not able to build up a lead with the result that by the 40th minute a point was all that separated the sides.

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A John Kenny goal thirteen minutes from the end berthed a Rahooun comeback but with their full forward line unable to make any great impression against a now staunch Carnmore defence, two more points for Carnmore by Thomas Grealish and Patrick Killilea seemed to signal the outcome as a foregone conclusion.

However, Rahooun were not dead yet and a somewhat fortuitous goal by Bartley Joyce from long range left just two points between the team with eleven minutes remaining.

That score, however, only inspired Carnmore to greater heights and Patrick Killilea, now the dominant figure on the field, struck a fine half from fifty 50 yards to the roof of the Rahooun net and they secured victory with a brace of points from himself and his brother Michael in the closing minutes of a very enjoyable game to which Referee Michael Hedderman contributed handsomely by allowing play to flow.

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CARNMORES GLORY DAY AS U-21 HURLERS SINK RAHOON

Carnmore Hurling Club made up for many disappointments in recent years by taking the county under 21 B championship in a thrilling final against Rahooun at Ballinaderreen on Sunday.

The city side looked like making a major breakthrough at under-age level when they hurried their way to the front shortly before half-time and when they again dominated midway through the second half, but the survival instincts of the Carnmore boys kept them alive before star midfielder Patrick Killilea sent a sideline cut all the way to the Rahooun net with only eight minutes to go.

That was the decisive score, for Killilea, a former county minor whose brothers Murt and Michael also excelled on Sunday, continued to torment the luckless losers with great striking and long range accuracy.

Others to shine for the winners, who led 0-10 to 1-6 at half-time, were Enda Flaherty, Sean Newell, Liam Fahy and Alan Kenny, while goalkeeper Brian Chaberty was heroically defiant for Rahooun, with best help from his brother Gary at midfield, Liam Maloney, Paul Burke, Bartley Joyce, Robert Kelly-Lynch and teenage star Peter Keane.

Carnmore: T. Speiman, D. Connell, M. Killilea, E. O'Meara, E. Flaherty, P. Chaberty, D. Collins, S. Newell, P. Keane (1-6); P. J. O'Hagan, T. Grealish (0-4); L. Fahy, P. Grealish, M. Killilea (0-6); A. Kenny (1-2). Rahooun: B. Chaberty, R. Joyce, L. Moloney, J. Burke, E. Sullivan, P. Burke, J. Keane (1-0); G. Cloherty, P. Keane (0-7); B. Joyce (1-1), R. Kelly-Lynch, S. Moloney, P. J. Burke, J. Feehan, E. Murphy (1-0). Referee: M. Hedderman.

The Road to the County Title

April '84:

Carnmore 2-8

Kilconieron 2-5

Carnmore 3-10

Oranmore 3-7

May '84

Carnmore 6-18

Liam Mellows 3-13

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Carnmore 5-18

Kilnadeema 1-5

September '84 (Quarter Final)

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Replay

Carnmore 5-12

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Carnmore 3-9

Craughwell 2-8

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Carnmore 4-11

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A library is scheduled to play the
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THE Harry Boland team who won the Chicago and North America Senior Hurling Championship for 1996. Back row, left to right: Jerry O'Riordan (Manager), Jack Stewart (Selector), Garrett Dunne (Wexford), Ray Grealish (Galway), Eddie O'Dwyer (Kilkenny), Damien Howie (Galway), Declan O'Sullivan (Cork), Justin Campbell (Galway), Niall Hayes (Galway), John Talty (Selector), Derek Ryan (Limerick), Tom Culkin (Trainer), Nick Keating (Chairman). Front row, left to right: Brian McEvoy (Kilkenny), Mike Kerr (Antrim), John Troy (Offaly), Dermot Turley (Captain, Galway), Aidan Flynn (Offaly), Jeff Glynn (Galway), Dave Martin (Meath), Alan Browne (Cork), John Curley (Selector). (Missing: Conor McCann, Dublin). The Chicago Harry Bolands Hurling Club is the oldest G.A.A. Club in the Midwestern United States. It was formed in 1925 as a memorial to Harry Boland who had visited Chicago with Eamonn De Valera before the Civil War. This is the 12th American League won by the Harry Bolands Hurling Club, more than any other club in the United States. In the Chicago final Harry Bolands defeated the Cuchulains by three points. And in the 1996 American League Final the Bolands beat Galway Boston by ten points. The Harry Bolands Hurling Club is sponsored by the Goal Post Lounge in Oak Lawn, IL.



Carnmore junior hurling B panel and mentors pictured after their county final triumph over Killimordaly at Ballinderreen on Sunday last

Veteran Murphy turns back the clock with vintage display

more 2-8 :: Killimordaly 1-6
by John Fallon

AR of distinction for more was sealed with ware at Ballinderreen Sunday when they red the county junior B g championship with a in.

It was 45 year old **Murphy**, midfielder on alway team which won ational League back in who led the way with ntage display from a half-forward.

eed, Carnmore orters must have id that youth was still urphy's side for they d surely have done better in the county

senior final if they had someone of his power in their ranks.

On Sunday Murphy hurled with a style that belied his age — it was unfortunate then that a blot should have been put on his display and the club's win when he was sent off eight minutes from the end.

Murphy had been fouled time and again — it was the only way Killimordaly could contain him — but after one foul too many he retaliated and was sent off along with Killimordaly substitute **Noel Earls** who had also been hurling very well.

But while a nasty free-for-all ensued in front of the stand, this was not a dirty game with the more

experienced players on both sides being the most impressive.

Carnmore got a great boost midway through the first-half when **Gerry Fox** fired home a fine goal. But with **Pascal Ryan** impressing for Killimordaly, Carnmore managed to lead by just a point at the interval on a scoreline of 1-3 to 0-5.

A point from **Padraig Connell** and two frees by **Murphy** left Carnmore ahead by 1-6 to 0-5 after just six minutes of the second-half. Killimordaly shot four bad wides in that period but they got a great boost after 40 minutes when **John Mitchell** fired home a fine goal after a long ball from midfielder **Michael**

Haverty. However, Carnmore finished the stronger and points from **Murphy** and **Padraig Connell** in reply to an effort from **Pascal Ryan** left them ahead by two points with four minutes remaining. Carnmore wrapped up the issue two minutes from the end when **Fox** blasted home his second goal of the game.

Aside from **Sean Murphy**, Carnmore had very good displays from **Gerry Fox**, **Brendan Cummins**, **Michael Hanley**, **Malachy Hanley**, **Eamon Cormican** and **Padraig Connell**.

Killimordaly, who shot ten wides over the hour, couldn't fault the efforts of **Pascal Ryan**, **Noel Earls**,

Michael Haverty, **John Mitchell** and **Michael Earls**

Carnmore: B. Cummin, J. Duggan, T. Fox, Michael Hanley, Malachy Hanley, P. Connell, E. Cormican, P. O'Brien, N. Grealish, S. Walsh, S. Murphy (0-4 three frees), M. Connell (1), G. Fox (2-0), T. Lenihan, P. Connell (0-2, one free Sub: M. Grealish for M. Connell).

Killimordaly: G. Noonan, M. Ward, T. Skehill, V. Greene, G. Creaven, P. Earls, F. Burke, M. Haver (0-1), T. Gilligan, L. Carr (0-1), J. Creaven, P. Ryan (0-3), J. Mitchell (1-0), M. Earls (0-1), S. Burke. Sub: N. Earls for Gilligan.

Referee: Murt Davoren.

Galway Sports
Star of the Week

Carmore veteran corner-back Fergus Madden, endured more than his fair share of disappointments in a career which spans three decades before last Sunday's glory when they captured their County Intermediate hurling title for the first time since 1967.

Madden, who also played for Castlegar at one time, was a member of the only two Carmore sides which reached the County senior hurling final but defeat was their lot on both occasions when Tommie Larkins beat them in '71 and Airdrahan did likewise four years later. But on Sunday those defeats became a distant memory when Madden produced a



FERGUS MADDEN

rock solid display at right corner-back to lead his side to a comprehensive eight points victory over Padraig Pearse and restore the club's senior status after a lapse of four years. Other contenders for this week's Tribune Sportstar of the week included Madden's team-mate Michael Killilea, who scored 0-7 in his side's victory.

WELL DONE, CARMORE
This week we extend sincere congratulations to Carmore hurling team on their victory in the Galway Intermediate Championship played at Kenny Park, Athenry, last Sunday. There was scenes of wild excitement and jubilation when Mairsey Hanley (captain), the former Tuohamore player, brought home the cup to his native parish Carmore. He will be back again in senior ranks next year and judging by their performance against a talented Pearse's team on Sunday they certainly will make tough opposition. This Carmore team trained by Padraic Faby, the former Galway great, assisted by Jack Hession, Tom Lenihan and Johnny Greaney, put up a splendid performance on Sunday and we offer our congratulations to all concerned. The Co. Galway V.E.C. meeting in Galway on Monday passed a vote of congratulations to Carmore on their great victory. The vote was proposed by Mr. Jariath McLaughlin and C.E. Conor Morris thanked the V.E.C. Committee for their good wishes.



THE CUP THAT CHEERS . . . Carmore Captain, Malachy Hanley, is carried from the field after his side captured the Intermediate hurling title on Sunday.



CHAMPIONS . . . The Carmore team which captured the County Intermediate Hurling title on Sunday. Back row (left to right): John Fox, Tomas Greallish, Michael Killilea, Liam Faby, Tom Lenihan, Declan Collins, Alan Kenny and Patrick Killilea. Front row (left to right): Fergus Madden, Malachy Hanley, Tony Spellman, Jimmy Noone, Murt Killilea, Ger Fox and Sean Newell.



The Galway Minor Hurling team defeated by Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final. Back row (left to right): Sean Corcoran, Kevin Donoghue, Ollie Fahy, Shane Walsh, Niall Linnane, Cathal Moore and Ivan Linnane. Front row (left to right): Declan Walsh, Roger Fahy, Gregory Kennedy, Kevin Broderick, Darragh Coen, Tom Healy, Ollie Canning and Matthew Conroy.

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Carnmore Minor "B" Champions

Carnmore Minor Hurling team that defeated Beagh in this year's Minor "B" Final on a 2-8 to 1-4 scoreline. They qualified from their group after a very tough campaign where they did not show their true worth but in the Semi-Final they fought a very tough match against Clarenbridge but by a lack of concentration on their part Clarenbridge forced a draw but in the replay Carnmore showed their true worth and emerged victors.

Thanks is due to a great trainer, Fergus Madden, team manager John Long and selectors Tommy Duggan, John Noone and Martin Walsh.



Front Row (left to right): Declan Walsh, T. J. Hynes, Seamus Francis, Geoffrey Keating, John O'Hagan, Derek Long, Ronan Walsh (capt.), Declan Madden, Michael Walsh, Shane Walsh, Declan O'Brien, Peter Fahy. Back Row (left to right): Tommy Duggan, John Long, Anthony Greaney, Paraic Connell, Frank Connell, Liam Moran, Damien Gavin, Brian Connell, Mickey Grealish, Kenneth Walsh, Mairtín Connell, Joe Connell, Liam Hession, Pat Cullinane, Fergus Madden, Martin Walsh (Selector), Mickey Connolly (Player). Absent from photograph: John Noone.

Atherry Vocational School retain Senior Title

By J.J. Hynes

Atherry Vocational School is situated between the schools from North Galway which fielded football teams and those from South East Galway which concentrate on hurling and for this reason it is not surprising that the school is represented in both codes at all levels.

Success has come our way in both hurling and football over the years, but the last two years have been exceptional in that we have won the All-Ireland Vocational School Senior Hurling competition both years and this year we won the first year hurling competition for post-primary

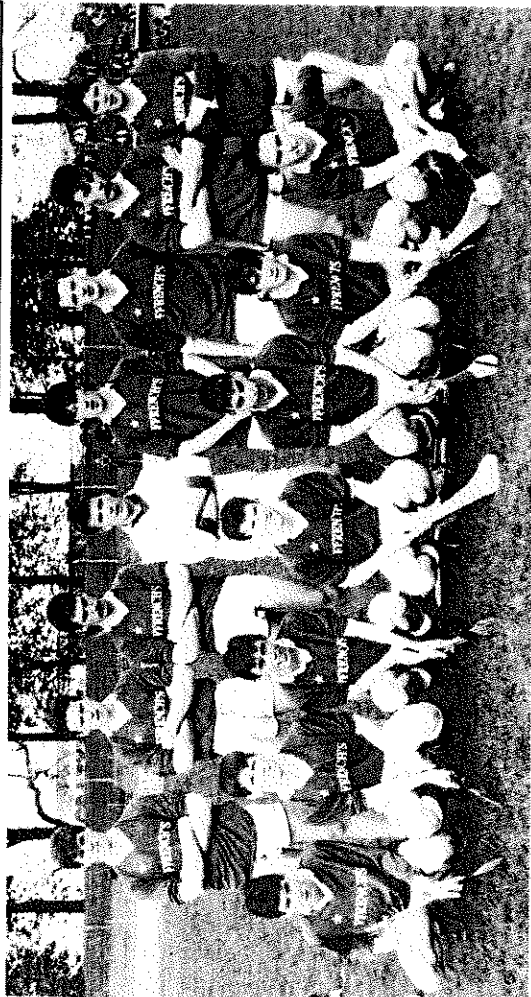
schools as well as reaching the Connacht final in junior football and the Connacht Semi-final in First Year Football.

At the beginning of the 1992-93 school year, the Atherry senior hurling panel had great memories of their All Ireland triumph the previous year and wondered what impression they could now make to retain the title having lost many key players. There were many new faces in the panel and these lads had played well at intermediate but could they cope with such a big step forward to capture another senior title so

quickly? The county semi-final was played against New Inn in Kenny Park, Atherry. In that game T.J. Hynes, Michael Treacy, Kieran Flaherty and Dermot Maloney were outstanding and Atherry came out victorious and so another County and Connacht title beckoned. Training was now much more serious and opponents were St. Colman's Cort. Cort were a strong outfit backboned with players such as Finbar and Rory Cantidey, Niall Linnane, Liam Madden and Eoin O'Loughlin and had competed in the Intermediate All Irelands the two previous years. The final was played in Bailinderreen on 21st March and the team took longer to settle but excellent goal keeping by Liam Donoghue kept Cort at bay.

Philip Duffy began to control midfield and James Treacy took some excellent points from play and by half time Atherry led by 0-9 to 1-3 for Cort. Atherry played well in the second half and with great displays

Atherry Vocational School - All Ireland Champions



Back row (left to right): Nigel O'Keane, Kieran Flaherty, James Treacy, Liam Donoghue, Philip Duffy, Noel Hurney, Oliver Caulfield, Dermot Maloney. Front row (left to right): Gerry Feeney, Darren Duane, Michael Treacy, Declan Walsh, T.J. Hynes, Brian Higgins, Charles Donnellan. The other members of the panel were: Tony Rabbittie, Roman Cullinane, Adrian Hynes, Emmet Morrissey, Noel Hynes, Kevin Quirke, Donal Conneely, Padraic Quater, Michael O'Flaherty, Declan Kearney, Gabriel Finn, Gerard Farragher, Ulick Egan, Aidan Finnerty, Danny O'Callaghan.

The opponents were the Leinster Champions Kilcornac from Offaly and the match was fixed for Duggan Park, Ballinasloe. Declan Walsh was placed on the edge of the square and scored a few points quickly to settle the team and the lads responded by exhibiting a display of first class hurling often associated with Galway teams at their best. The highlight of the game was the ability of players to score points from all angles and it was this consistency that eventually eroded the Kilcornac challenge. Nine players from the Atherry team got on the score sheet and eventually won by 1-18 to 1-9. Noel Hurney and Philip Duffy controlled midfield and all six forwards scored while Darren Duane, Oliver Caulfield, Nigel O'Keane, Michael Treacy, T.J. Hynes and Kieran Flaherty all played well in defence. Liam Donoghue was at his usual best in goal and saved a penalty into the bargain.

The scenes afterwards were unbelievable as the supporters and team were overcome with joy on realising the achievement of the team titles back to back. The seemingly unbelievable chance of playing in two consecutive All Ireland finals was now a reality. The lads were within one hour of putting titles back to back. The team now faced the task of playing Killenaule who had beaten Bandon in the Munster final and had won the All Ireland Intermediate title the previous year. This match, played in Shinrone, was dominated by Killenaule for the first fifteen minutes and would have had greater reward for their efforts only for the excellent defensive work of Tony Rabbittie. Atherry came right into the game and led at half time on a scoreline of Atherry 2-5 to Killenaule 0-6. Declan Walsh was outstanding and was well settled by Brian Higgins, Oliver Caulfield, T.J. Hynes and Liam Donoghue and at the end of a magnificent contest emerged victorious by 3-8 to 1-11.

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who at the start of the year were depleted of many of the stars of the previous year, but now had displayed a maturity and determination sufficient to go all the way themselves and with so many of the panel quite young they are now determined to have a serious attempt at an often times elusive third consecutive success.

The First Year hurling team drew with St. Mary's in the first round and beat the Presentation Convent next and then overcame Our Lady's Cort. The semi-final was against Loughrea and this was a magnificent game. The final was against St. Mary's and was played in Kenny Park.

The Junior Football team beat Aille Thiar and Moneenageisha in the group games before playing Glenamaddy in the semi-final. They beat Loughrea in a great game in the County Final in New Inn. They overcame Roscommon in the Connacht Semi-final before being beaten by Carrick-on-Shannon in the final itself.

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THE Carnmore team who took part in the U-12B hurling final. Back row, left to right: Owen Feeney, Barry Hanley, Ciaran Murray, Thomas Walsh, Rory Dillon, Shane Fox, Tony Hesson, Michael Shaughnessy, Jason McAteer, Cathal Long and Keith McDonagh. Front row: Kevin Broderick, Paraic Hanley, Steven McDonagh, Brian McKiernan, Gerard Moran, Michael Fahy, Richard Hession, Seamus Costello, David Grealley, Colm Dolan, Enda Cooney and Barry Caulfield.



THE Claregalway N.S. boys team which took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil indoor hurling competition in Ballinrobe recently. Front row (left to right): Trevor Casserly, Gerard Moran, Robert Glavin, Jerry Giles. Back row: Seán Foy, Rory Dillon, Con Butler, Thomas Walsh. At back: Sinéad Grimes (Rúnaí, Cumann na mBunscoil, Connacht), Michael Concannon (Church & General).

SENTINEL SPORT



THE City League 'C' team who took part in the under-12 Representative Games at Renmore. Back row, left to right: Eanna Conneely, Sean Trowell, Ciaran James, Brian Keane, Gavin Lawless, Evan Walsh, Ciaran Seoighe, Shane Vaughan, Eoin Clancy, Niall Coleman, Michael Acton, David Keane. Front row, left to right: Padraig Lee, Ronan Ó Fathaigh, Darren Lindy, Fergal Coleman, Ciaran O'Connor, Mark Clancy, Peter Kenny, Tomas Chambdrs, Roy Leahy, Colm Heffernan.



THE City League 'B' team who took part in the under-12 Representative Games at Renmore. Back row, left to right: Barry McCartin, David Bohan, Sean Bradshaw, Aaron McGrath, Conor Hynes, Noel Ludden, Mark Lane, Barry Quinn, Eoin Glynn, Eamonn Gannon, Dermot Dooney, Shane Gannon. Front row, left to right: Eoin O'Grady, Damien Sheridan, Barry Hanley, Joseph Cooney, Trevor Casserley, Geoffrey French, Robert Galvin, Paul Kearney, Aidan Mitchell.



U15 B1 County Champions 2014

Back Row: Ronan Murphy, Robert Healy, Niall Feeney, Thomas Cogley, Brain Fox, Conor Flaherty, Mike Cullina, Conor Harte, Daniel Prior, Harry O Gorman, Keith Field.

Front Row: Cian Heery, Shane Lawless, Colm Healy, Owen Clarke, Harry Bradshaw, Aodan Fox, Shane O Gorman, Tom Hopwood, Darren Grealish.



Danny Cummins is presented with the City League Cup after defeating Mellows in the 2002 Final.



County U14 Féile - Puc Fada Champion - Gary Fox

All Ireland medal winners:

Since the establishment of the Juvenile Committee a number of players have gone on to represent the club at county level winning All Ireland Medals.

All-Ireland minor winners include Shane Walsh, Damian Fahy, Declan Walsh, J.P. O'Connell, Máirtín O'Connell, Donnie Fox and Barry Hanley.

At U21 level; Ronan Walsh, Barry Hanley and Murty Killilea were All-Ireland winners.

Patrick Killilea won an All-Ireland Intermediate medal, while Declan O'Brien won a Railway Cup Medal.

Enda Cooney, a former Carnmore player and now living in London was part of the London team that won both Nicky Rackard and Christy Ring Cups.

The first Carnmore Juvenile Hurling Committee was founded in 1982. That is 33 years ago and it was fitting that the Juvenile section of the club was acknowledged in 2007 with runner up spot for the best juvenile club in the county. The first committee was made up of John Long, Peter Fahy, Paddy Walsh, Padraic Hynes RIP, Padraic Fahy, Johnny Greaney, P.J Spellman, Martin Leonard, Roddy Kenny and Larry King.



Club Achievements:

- Prior to the Juvenile Hurling committee being established, Carnmore recorded a win in 1972 with the U16 team winning West Board Final as it was known back then.
- In 1981 the U14 team was divisional winners in the Féile na Gael championship.
- In 2002 Carnmore were city league winners at U12. Danny Cummins captained the team and is pictured accepting the cup. Danny continues to play hurling for the club but has excelled at football and is currently a member of the Galway senior football panel.
- In 2008 Carnmore were city league winners again. A number of these players are now on the Carnmore Senior Panel.
- Although Carnmore reached a number of finals at U12, U14 and U16 during the 2000's it was not until 2014 that Carnmore recorded its first Juvenile title winning the U15 B1 title.
- Gary Fox represented the club in the Féile Puc Fada competition in 2015 winning the competition.



U12 City League winners 2008

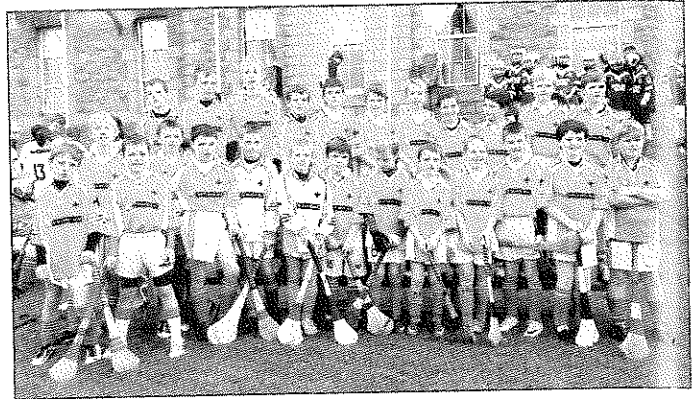
Back Row: Audie Murphy, Cian McAndrew, Ronan Keane, Patrick Griffin, James O'Dea, Keith Costello, Damien Dolan, David Fox, Liam Egan, Ronan Morgan, Eoin Collins, Mathew Nally, Simon Finnerty, Killian Byrne, Eric Smyth, Chris Finn, Brian Keane.

Front Row: Dylan Shaughnessy, Damian Walsh, Raymond Heneghan, Kyle Concannon, Ben Murray, Ryan Manning, Enda Carr, Henry Feeney, Diarmuid Newell, Kevin Feeney, Aaron Grealish, Mikey McNally.

CARNMORE GAA

In 2012 Carnmore hurling club made a bold move to purchase land and develop three pitches. The club will be embarking on a major fundraising drive in 2013 to finance the land purchase which is now a fine facility. The club also has a goal to construct a walking track around the pitches which will be a major benefit to the community. The under age teams at under 6, 8, 10 and 12 enjoyed a very successful year with great numbers attending and winning many trophy's

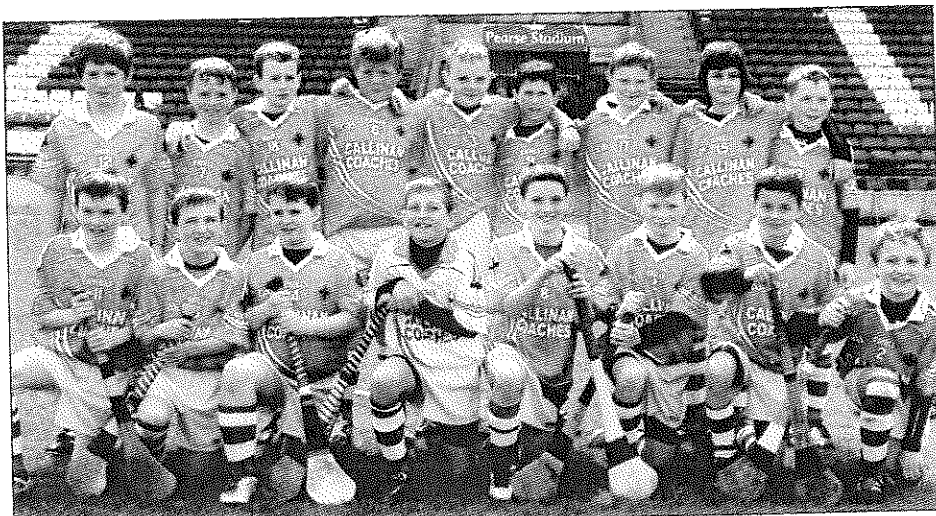
Carnmore Under 10's had another remarkable year in 2012 winning an incredible 5 trophies including the CATS Blitz Cup, the St Mary's Centenary Cup, the Liam Mellows Michael O'Brien Memorial Cup, and the Autumn League Trophies 1 & 2. This group of players are developing into a fine team. Their skill level, which is improving year after year, and their huge self belief has given them the winning edge this season.



Back Row: Alan Kenny, James Cummins, Enda Collins, Aaron Healy, Aidan Grealish, Ronan Hanley, Eoin Gavin, Ryan Fox, Kyle Higgins.

Middle Row: Sean Donovan, Gearoid Hennessy, Aodhan Byrne, Cathal Fahy, Neil McLoughlin, Enda Lawless, Fintan Cogley, John Flaherty, Michael Coleman, Ronan Killilea, Ronan Hession, Sean McHugh.

Front Row: Daniel Fox, Nathan Grainger, Ryan O'Connell, Shaun Killilea. Missing From Photo: Torin Finnerty, Gerry Owens, Conor Maher, Evan Callinan, Ross Fleming, Aaron Ryder, Jamie Torpey and the Autumn League Trophy Team 2.



**Carnmore U11 Hurling Team
Winners of Festival of Hurling
Tournament 2012 in Pearse Stadium**
Back Row: Harry O'Gorman, Rory Carberry, Fergal Cullina, Conor Flaherty, Enda Collins, Mark Melody, Ronan Grealish, Hathan Grealish, Mark Slevin
Front Row: Fergal Feeney, Tommy Callinan, Ian Butler, Conor Finnerty, Ciarán Keane, Gary Fox, Eoghan Duggan, Oisín Noone

CARNMORE – An Carn Mór



- 1 Conor Finnerty
- 2 Colm Healy
- 3 Ronan Murphy
- 4 Tom Hopwood
- 5 Aodhán Fox
- 6 Robert Healy
- 7 Cian Heery
- 8 Niall Feeney
- 9 Conor Harte
- 10 Tomás Cogley
- 11 Mickey Cullinane

- 12 Shane Lawless
- 13 Aaron Molloy
- 14 Brian Fox
- 15 Shane O’Gorman
- 16 Conor Flaherty
- 17 Darren Grealish
- 18 Harry O’Gorman
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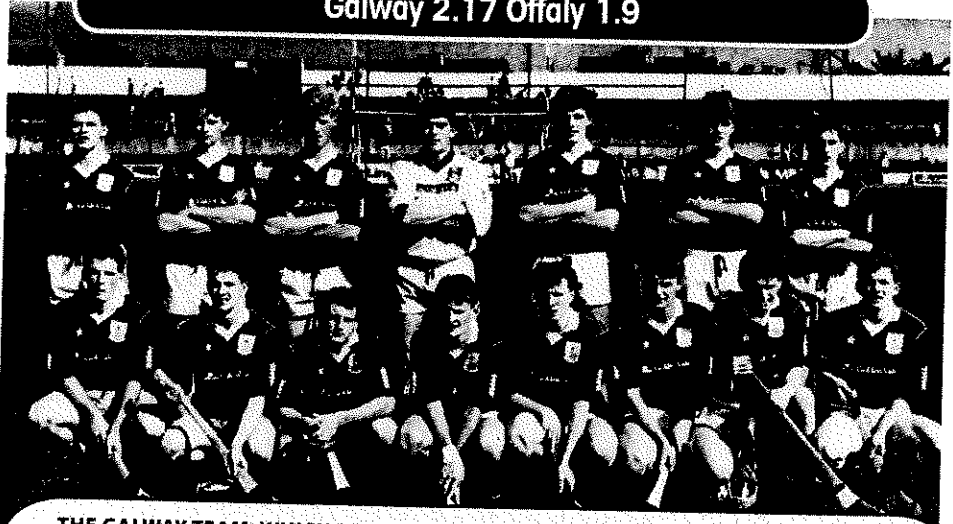
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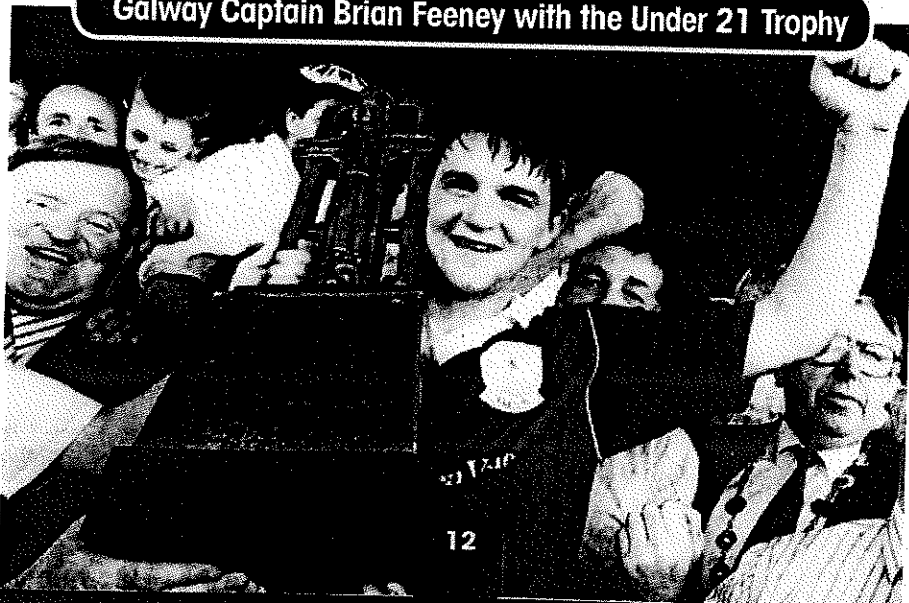


THE GALWAY TEAM, WHICH DEFEATED OFFALY IN THE ALL-IRELAND UNDER 21 FINAL

Back row, left to right: Justin Campbell, Liam Burke, Christy Helebert, Richard Burke, Joe Rabbitte, Paul Hardiman and Francis O'Brien.

Front row, left to right: Noel Power, Basil Larkin, Murty Killilea, Noel Larkin, Brendan Keogh, Brian Feeney, Gerry McGrath and Cathal Moran.

Galway Captain Brian Feeney with the Under 21 Trophy





GALWAY MINOR HURLING TEAM 1990

Front Row (left to right): Pat Coyne, John O'Brien, Damien Howe, Tom Flanagan, Ronan Walsh, Tony Kirwan, Maurice Headd.
 Back Row (left to right): Sean Fahy, Fergal Clancy, Tony Headd, Liam Burke, Joe McGrath, Sean Holland, Francis Canning, Michael Kilkelly.

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Fir Iomáid

16. Liam Donoghue (Clarinbridge)	Age: 26	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Carpenter
17. Brian Higgins (Athenry)	Age: 24	Height: 5'9"	Occupation: Carpenter
18. Eoin McDonagh (Balindereen)	Age: 23	Height: 6'0"	Occupation: Student
19. Ollie Fahy (Gort)	Age: 24	Height: 5'11"	Occupation: Salesman
20. Damien Hayes (Portumna)	Age: 19	Height: 5'9"	Occupation: Student
21. Diarmuid Cloonan (Athenry)	Age: 21	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Student
22. Darren Shaughnessy (Turloughmore)	Age: 22	Height: 5'10"	Occupation: Student
23. Pdraig Walsh (Turloughmore)	Age: 23	Height: 6'0"	Occupation: Carpenter
24. Declan O'Brien (Carrmore)	Age: 24	Height: 6'2"	Occupation: Bank Official

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Galway Senior Hurling Team 1974

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(2) Joe Clarke



S. Ó Síodh
(3) Seán Síle



N. Mac An Airchinnigh
(2) Niall McInerney



S. Mac Donnchadh
(3) Joe McDough



S. Ó Conaola
(8) John Kennedy (Capt.)



M. Ó Catháin
(10) Gerry Coates



M. Ó Bricíú
(13) Miry Barrett



P. de Búrca
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S. Ó Murchú
(9) Seán Murphy



P. S. Ó Maoilbhuaidh
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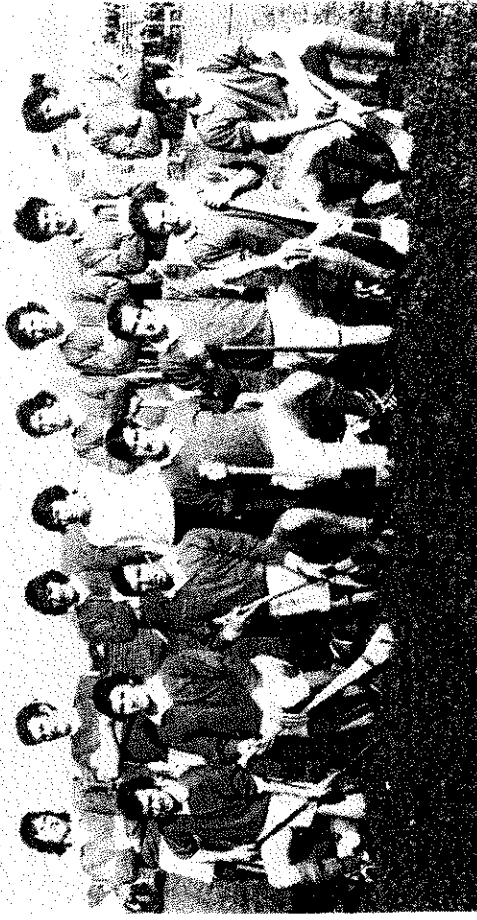


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(7) Iggy Clarke

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1975 CARNMORE HURLING TEAM

Defeated by Ardrahan in County Final, Score 4-5 to 1-11



Back row, left to right: Padraig Duggan, Peter Fahy, Johnny Long, Paddy Walsh, Michael Greaney (R.I.P.), Val Hanley, Jimmy Hughes, Sean Murphy.
Front row, left to right: John Hession, Seamus McHugh, Fergus Madden, Padraic Fahy, James Grealish, James Walsh, Tommy Madden.

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CRAOBH CLUICHE SRAITH NAISIUNTA IOMANA
TIOBRAID ARANN v GAILLIMH
at 4.00 p.m. (60 min.)
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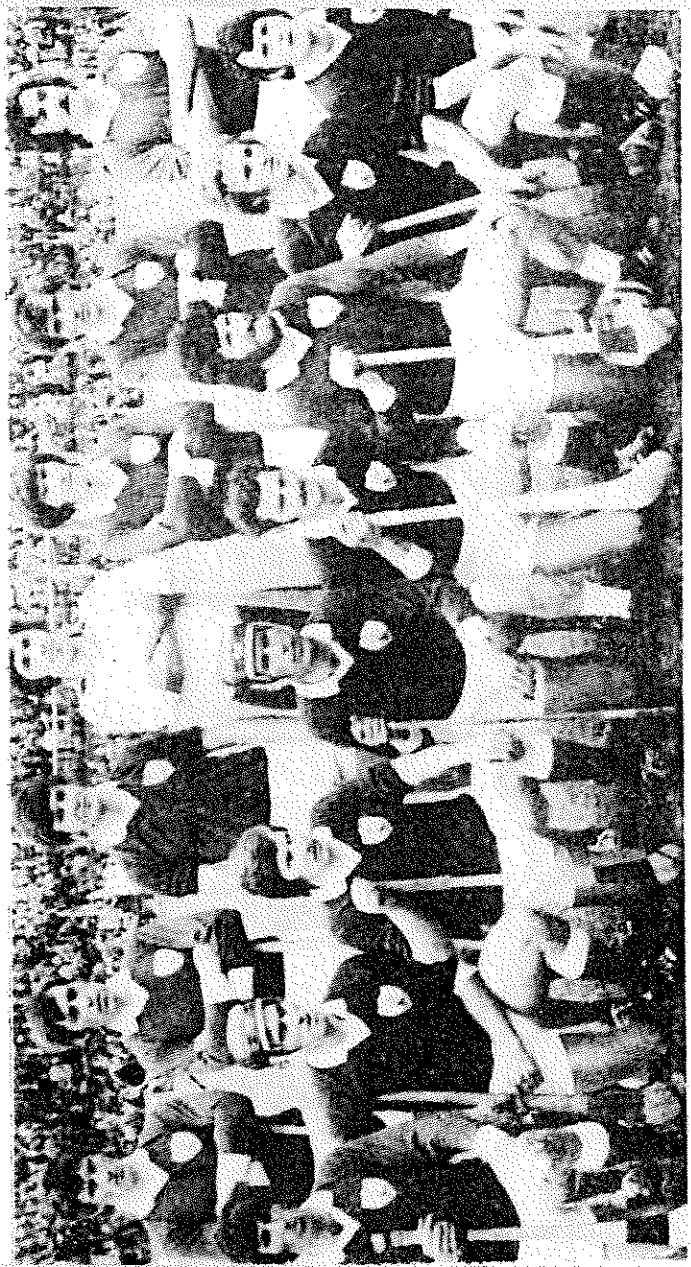
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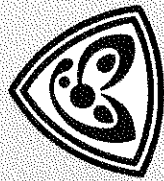
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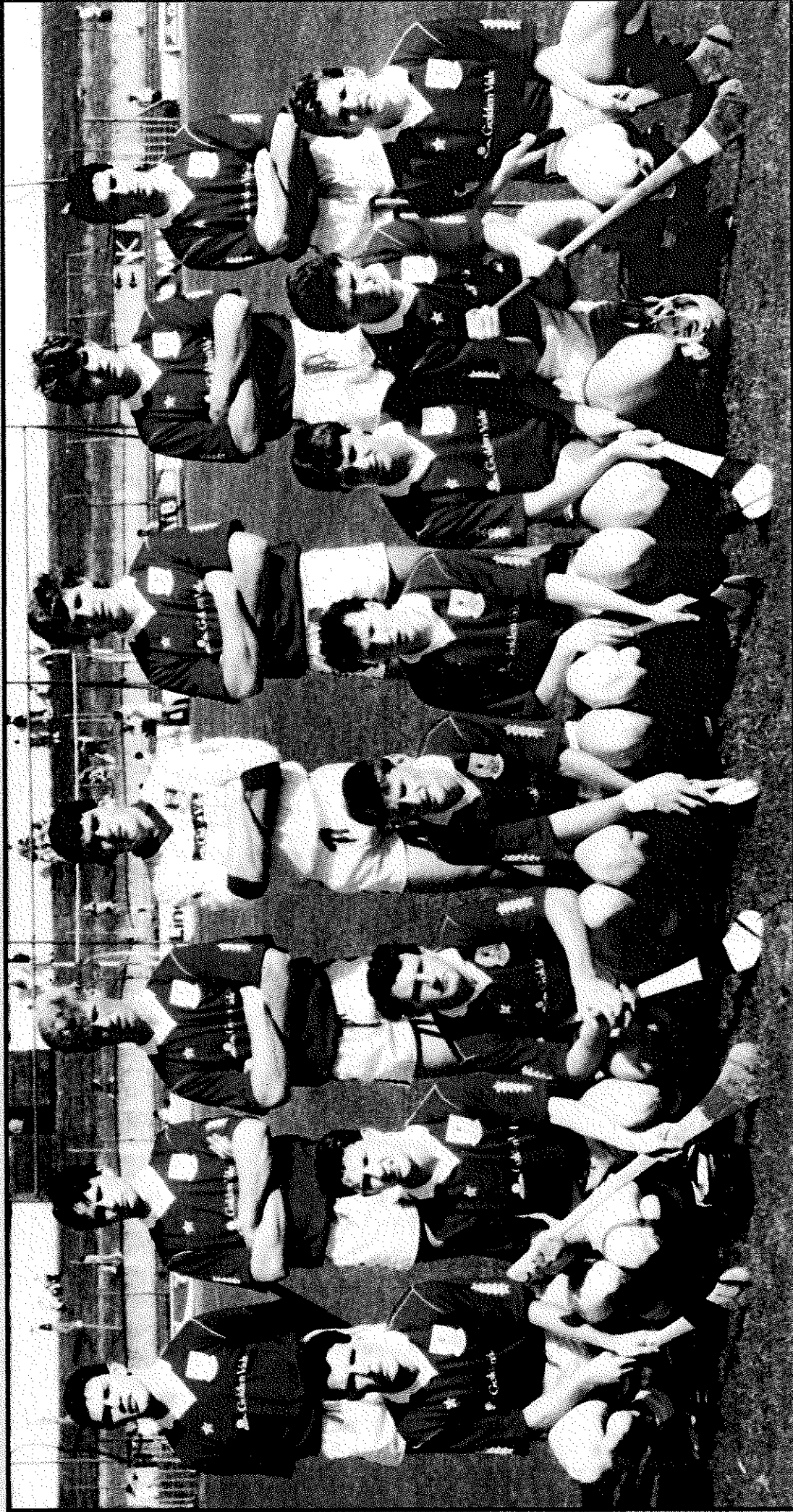
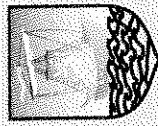
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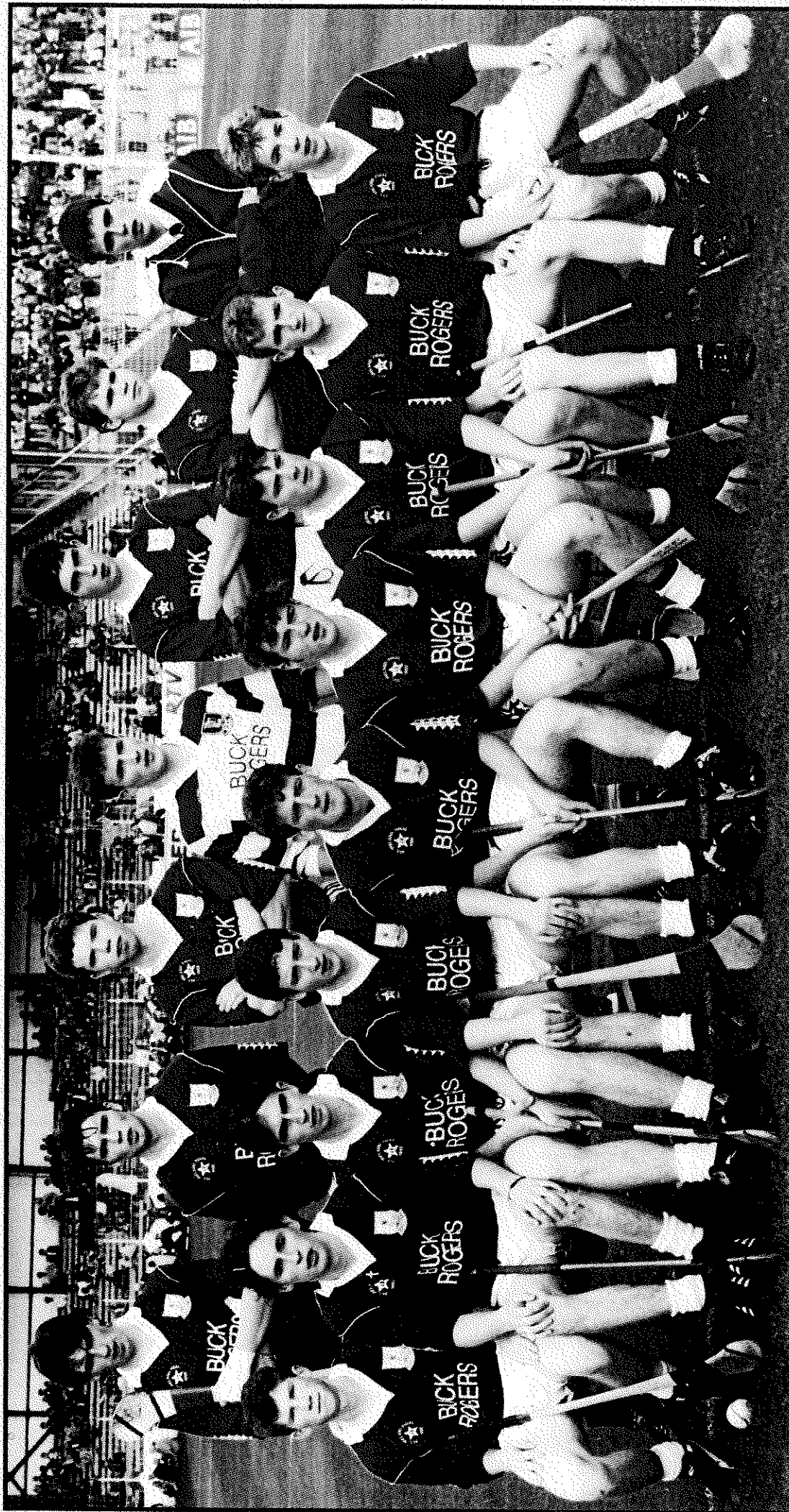
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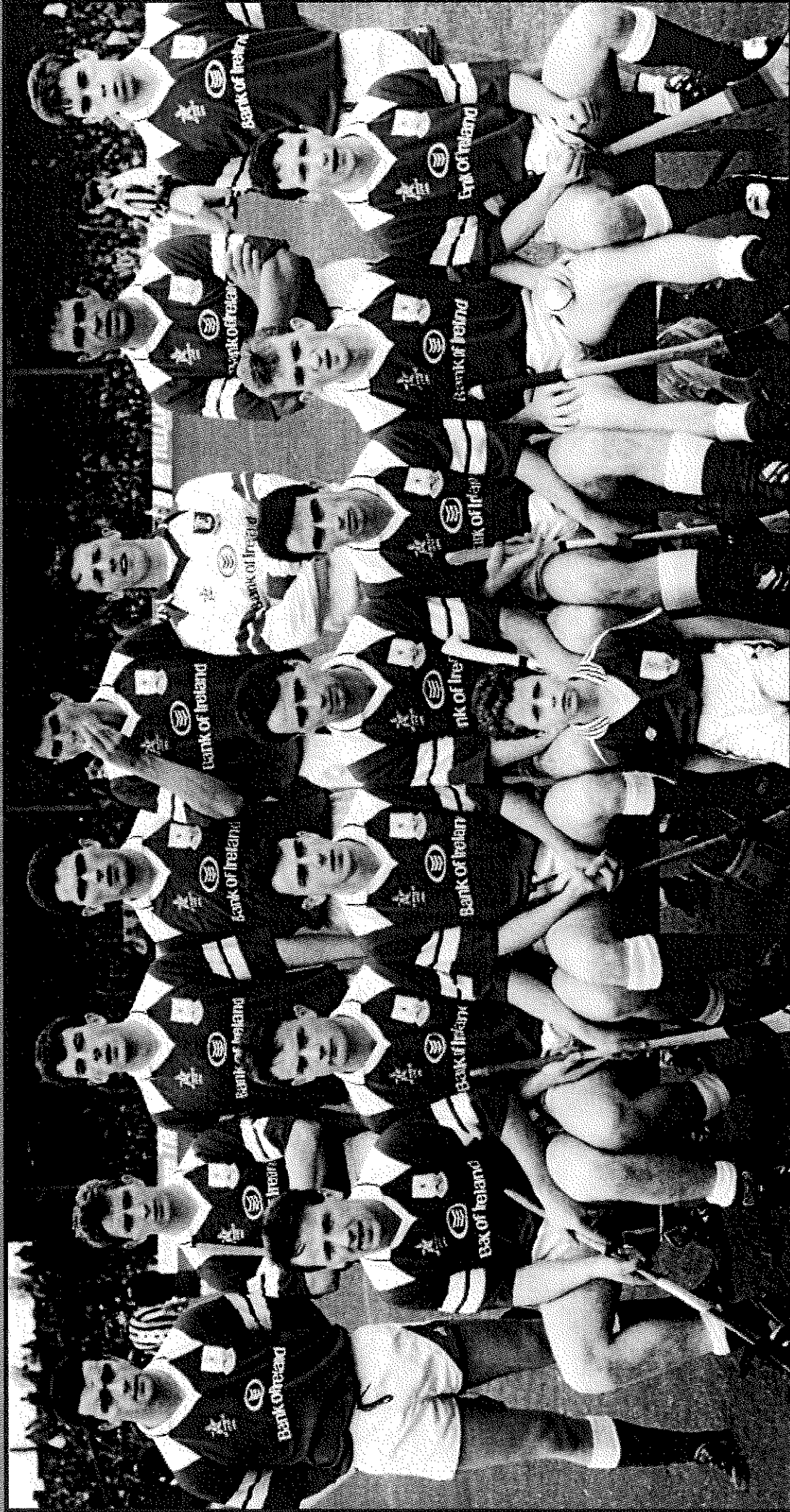
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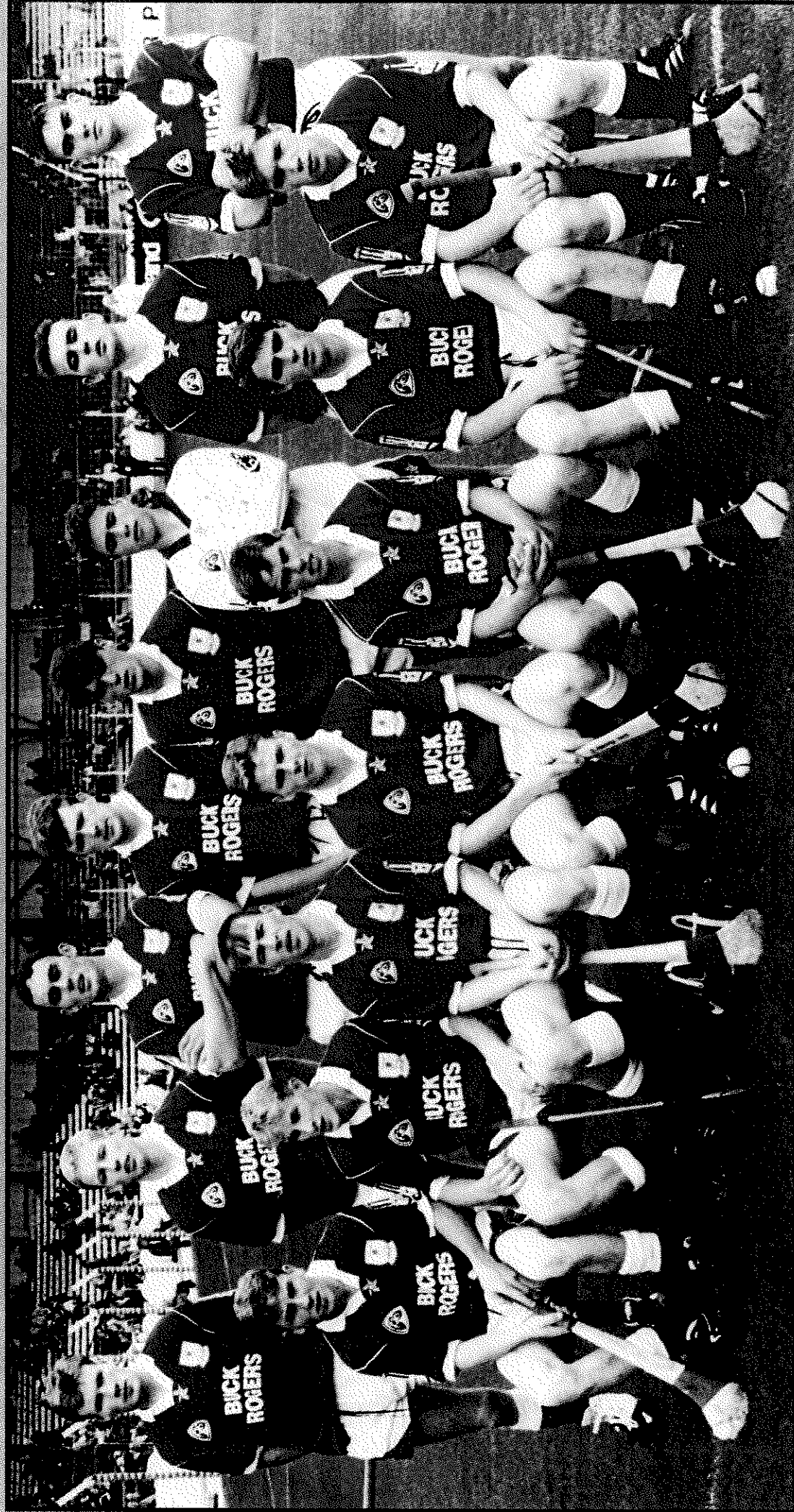


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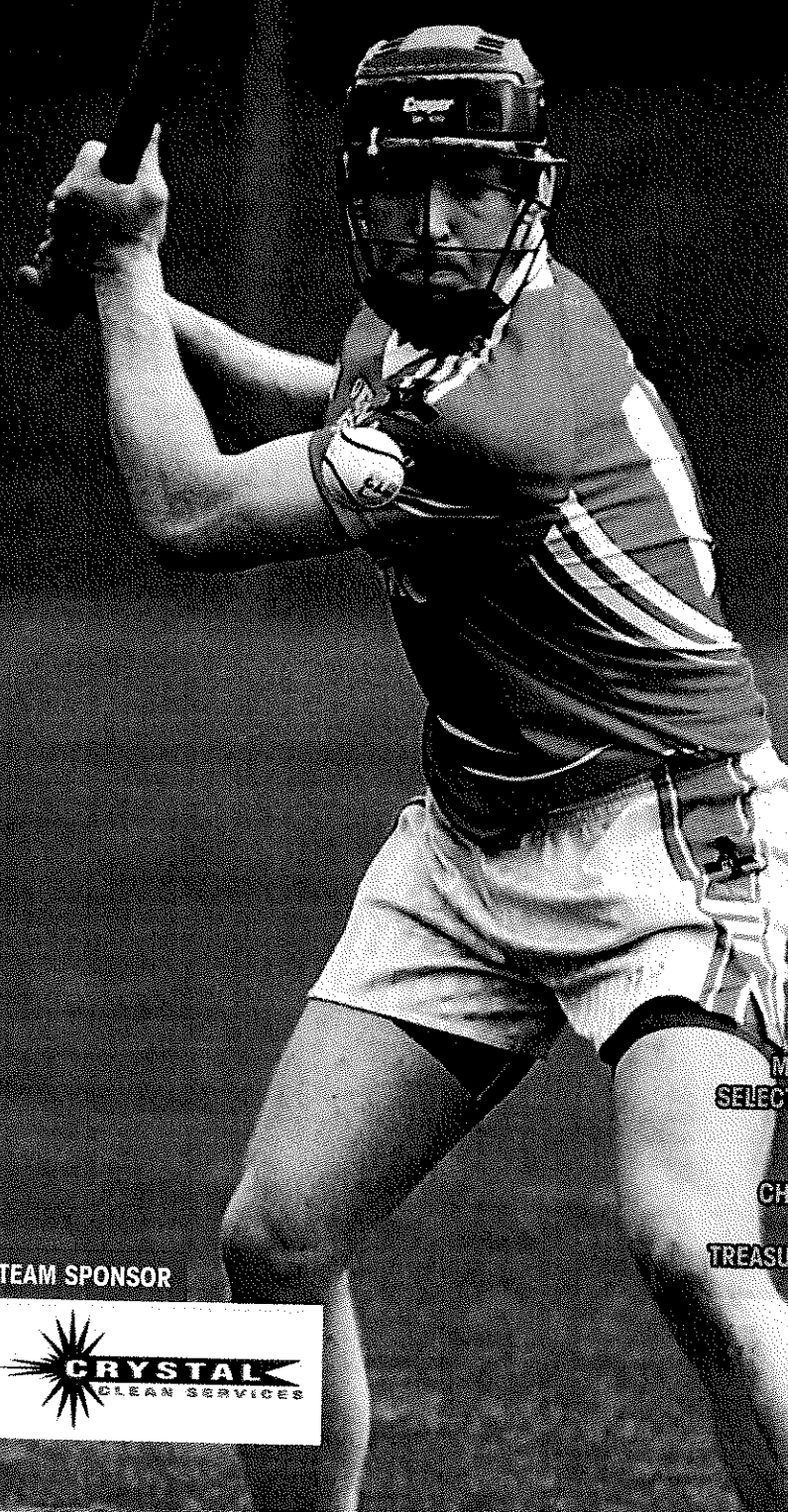
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An Cárn Mór



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EVAN DUGGAN
Naomh Thomáis
- 8 Iasán Ó Donnacha
JASON O'DONOGHUE
Gort Inse Guaire
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OISÍN FLANNERY
Naomh Thomáis
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Anach Cuain
- 11 Seán Mac Donnacha
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Michael O'Rourke former Tommy Larkins coach takes over in Carnmore with local selectors added.

Last Season

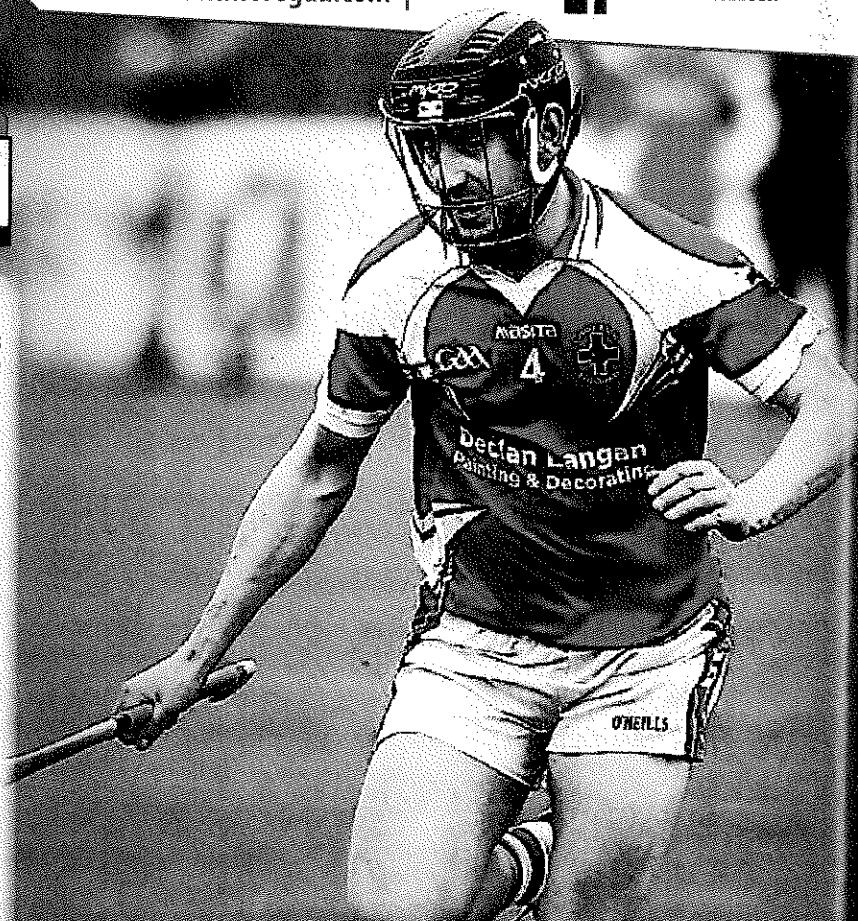
Carnmore suffered relegation from Senior last year after thirty years unbroken Senior service.

Key Players

There are no retirements from last year with Enda Cooney returning from London and St Gabriel's. With a great juvenile club in place especially at under 16 a few new players have joined the Senior team especially Mickey Cullina, Rob Healy and John Cogley.

Prospects in 2018

Having lost a relegation final to Abbeyknockmoy last year, Carnmore are hoping to really challenge for promotion straight back up to Senior. The future looks great for this proud club.



GALWAY SENIOR FINAL RECORD:

Carnmore never won the Galway Senior final, runners-up in 1947, '71, '75, '92, '93 and '96. Claregalway also runners-up in 1885 1901 and '11.

An Cárn Mór: TEAM PANEL NUMBERS

1	Sean Nugent	12	Kegan Fox	23	David Fox
2	Paul Fox	13	Oisín Keane	24	Rob Healy
3	Gary Grealish	14	Barry Hanley	25	Thomas Cogley
4	Kevin Hanley	15	Mikey Cullina	26	Ronan Morgan
5	Darren Fahy	16	Brian Fox	27	James Collins
6	Enda Cooney	17	Jason Byrne	28	Kevin Feeney
7	Aaron Fox	18	Trevor Casserly	29	Ronan Keane
8	Ben Murray	19	Liam Egan	30	Ciaran Murray
9	John Paul O'Connell	20	Michael Caulfield	31	Niall Feeney
10	George Hanley	21	Eoin Grealish	32	Aodhain Fox
11	Kevin Killilea	22	Damien Dolan	33	Darren Grealish

Manager & Coach: Mike O'Rourke. **Backroom Team:** Simon Kilgannon, Cathal Hanley, Malachy Hanley & Mike Fox.
Physio: Eimear Craddock. **Chairman:** Noel Grealish. **Treasurer:** Mike Moran. **Secretary:** Mike Fox.

Championship Tables

GROUP A

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Diff	Pts
PORTUMNA	4	3	0	1	88	58	30	7
MULLAGH	4	3	1	0	72	64	8	6
TOMMY LARKINS	4	2	2	0	65	72	-7	4
ATHENRY	4	1	2	1	36	49	-13	3
PADRAIG PEARSES	4	0	4	0	44	62	-18	0

GROUP B

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Diff	Pts
AN CARNMORE	4	4	0	0	58	48	10	8
TYNAGH-ABBEY-DUNIRY	4	3	1	0	82	56	26	6
LIAM MELLOWS	4	2	2	0	59	64	-5	4
KILTORMER	4	1	3	0	55	67	-12	2
ARDRAHAN	4	0	4	0	53	72	-19	0

GROUP C

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Diff	Pts
CLARINBRIDGE	4	3	1	0	75	59	16	6
SARSFIELDS	4	2	1	1	62	61	1	5
ST. THOMAS'S	4	2	2	0	89	72	17	4
TURLOUGHMORE	4	1	1	2	71	77	-6	4
CASTLEGAR	4	0	3	1	56	84	-28	1

Team	P	W	L	D	For	Ag.	Diff	Pts
GORT	4	3	1	0	89	65	24	6
LOUGHREA	4	3	1	0	73	64	9	6
CRAUGHWELL	4	3	1	0	68	62	6	6
BEAGH	4	1	3	0	70	70	0	2
KINVARA	4	0	4	0	69	108	-39	0

GROUP A RESULTS

Mullagh 2-13 Tommy Larkins 0-14; Padraig Pearses v Athenry (Conceded by Padraig Pearses); Tommy Larkins 2-10 Portumna 3-20; Mullagh 2-18 Padraig Pearses 1-14; Padraig Pearses 1-13 Portumna 4-13; Mullagh 1-12 Athenry 0-11; Tommy Larkins 1-19 Athenry 0-13; Mullagh 2-8 Portumna 1-19; Tommy Larkins 0-13 Padraig Pearses 0-11; Athenry 0-12 Portumna 0-12.

GROUP B RESULTS

Kiltormer 0-13 An Carnmore 0-15; Ardrahan 1-12 Liam Mellows 2-10; An Carnmore 1-12 Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry 0-12; Kiltormer 1-14 Ardrahan 1-12; Kiltormer 1-9 Liam Mellows 0-15; Ardrahan 1-9 Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry 2-20; Kiltormer 1-10 Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry 0-22; An Carnmore 0-15 Liam Mellows 0-12; An Carnmore 0-13 Ardrahan 0-11; Liam Mellows 0-16 Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry 3-13.

GROUP C RESULTS

St. Thomas's 0-18 Sarsfields 1-18; Turloughmore 2-13 Castlegar 1-16; St. Thomas's 5-16 Turloughmore 1-14; Sarsfields 0-13 Clarinbridge 2-14; Turloughmore 3-13 Clarinbridge 1-11; St. Thomas's 2-21 Castlegar 3-7; St. Thomas's 0-13 Clarinbridge 2-12; Sarsfields 0-15 Castlegar 0-10; Sarsfields 0-13 Turloughmore 1-10; Castlegar 1-8 Clarinbridge 0-23.

Craughwell 0-15 Gort 1-11; Kinvara 1-11 Beagh 5-17; Craughwell 2-18 Kinvara 2-12; Gort 3-16 Loughrea 2-11; Kinvara 2-9 Loughrea 2-18; Craughwell 1-14 Beagh 0-15; Craughwell 0-12 Loughrea 1-12; Gort 2-16 Beagh 0-11; Gort 4-16 Kinvara 3-13; Beagh 1-9 Loughrea 1-14.

PRELIMINARY QUARTER-FINALS

Loughrea 1-13 Tommy Larkins 0-14; Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry 0-11 St. Thomas's 2-9; Sarsfields 0-16 Craughwell 1-16; Mullagh 1-19 Liam Mellows 2-8.

QUARTER-FINALS

Clarinbridge 2-14 Mullagh 0-10 (Replay); Gort 2-10 Loughrea 1-8; Clarinbridge 1-11 Mullagh 0-14; Portumna 0-12 St. Thomas's 1-10; An Carnmore 0-11 Craughwell 0-19.

INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



SEMI-FINALS

Ahascragh-Fohenagh 1-14 beat Killimor 3-5
Killimordaly 0-17 beat Cappataggle 0-15

QUARTER-FINALS

Killimordaly 2-13 beat Kilconieron 1-11
Killimor 0-15 beat Rahoon-Newcastle 0-13

GROUP A

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Pt. Diff	Points
AHAS-FOHENAGH	3	2	0	1	54	46	8	5
KILLIMOR	3	1	0	2	53	45	8	4
ORANMORE-MAR	3	0	1	2	54	55	-1	2
ABBEYKNOCKMOY	3	0	2	1	39	54	-15	1

ROUND 2 RESULTS:

Killimor 0-15 drew Ahascragh-Fohenagh 1-12 Oranmore-Maree 0-16 drew Abbeyknockmoy 1-13

ROUND 1 RESULTS:

Ahascragh-Fohenagh 1-17 beat Oranmore-Maree 2-13 Killimor 0-19 beat Abbeyknockmoy 0-11

ROUND 3 RESULTS:

Killimor 2-13 drew Oranmore-Maree 1-16 Ahascragh-Fohenagh 2-13 beat Abbeyknockmoy 1-9

GROUP B

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Pt. Diff	Points
CAPPATAGGLE	3	1	0	2	54	44	10	4
KILLIMORDALY	3	1	1	1	51	49	2	3
MEELICK-EYREC.	3	1	1	1	54	58	-4	3
KILNA-LEITRIM	3	1	2	0	49	57	-8	2

ROUND 1 RESULTS:

Killimordaly 0-12 drew Cappataggle 0-12 Meelick-Eyrecourt 3-10 beat Kilnadeema-Leitrim 1-12

ROUND 2 RESULTS:

Cappataggle 2-14 drew Meelick-Eyrecourt 1-17 Kilnadeema-Leitrim 1-19 beat Killimordaly 1-13

ROUND 3 RESULTS:

Cappataggle 2-16 beat Kilnadeema-Leitrim 0-12 Killimordaly 2-17 beat Meelick-Eyrecourt 1-12

GROUP C

TEAM	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against	Pt. Diff	Points
RAHOON-NEWC.	3	1	0	2	57	54	3	4
KILCONIERON	3	1	1	1	40	47	-7	3
CLARINBRIDGE	3	1	1	1	42	44	-2	3
BALLINDERREEN	3	1	2	0	49	43	6	2

ROUND 2 RESULTS:

Rahoon-Newcastle 2-13 drew Clarinbridge 2-13 Ballindereen 2-14 beat Kilconieron 0-9

ROUND 1 RESULTS:

Rahoon-Newcastle 2-16 beat Ballindereen 2-13 Kilconieron 0-15 beat Clarinbridge 0-11

ROUND 3 RESULTS:

Clarinbridge 0-12 beat Ballindereen 1-7 Rahoon-Newcastle 0-16 drew Kilconieron 1-13

ROUND 2

Abbeyknockmoy 1-19 beat Gort 1-11
Clarinbridge 1-13 beat Annaghdown 1-9
Ballindereen 1-13 beat Kilbeacanty 0-12
Oranmore-Maree 4-12 beat Athery 0-7

ROUND 1

Ahascragh-Fohenagh 6-14 beat Athery 0-6
Meelick-Eyrecourt 3-13 beat Annaghdown 0-4
Killimor 0-14 beat Gort 0-12
Rahoon-Newcastle 1-15 beat Clarinbridge 1-11
Killimordaly 1-10 beat Oranmore-Maree 0-9
Cappataggle 0-21 beat Kilbeacanty 0-8
Kilconieron 1-6 beat Abbeyknockmoy 0-4
Kilnadeema-Leitrim 2-12 beat Ballindereen 1-13

GALWAY INTERMEDIATE HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR 1949 - 2011

1949	Kilrickle	1970	Kinvara	1985	Abbeyknockmoy	1999	Kilnadeema/Leitrim
1950	Carnmore	1971	Abbeyknockmoy	1986	Craughwell	2000	Ballindereen
1951	Killimordaly	1972	Mullagh	1987	Tynagh	2001	Kiltormer
1952	Skehana	1973	Meelick/Eyrecourt	1988	Carnmore	2002	Beagh
1953	Maree	1974	Mullagh	1989	Abbey/Duniry	2003	Mullagh
1954-58	No Competition	1975	Kiltormer	1990	Oranmore/Maree	2004	St. Thomas's
1959	Eyrecourt	1976	Sarsfields	1991	Padraig Pearces	2005	Tammy Larkins
1960	Newcastle	1977	Rahoon	1992	Portumna	2006	Killimordaly
1961	Carnmore	1978	Kilbeacanty	1993	Kilconieron	2007	Tommy Larkins
1962	Cappataggle	1979	Padraig Pearces	1994	Clarinbridge	2008	Cappataggle
1963	Killimordaly	1980	Beagh	1995	Padraig Pearces	2009	Tynagh-Abbey/
1964	Moycullen	1981	Loughrea	1996	St. Thomas's	2010	Duniry
1965	Ardrahan	1982	Mullagh	1997	Meelick/Eyrecourt	2011	Padraig Pearces
1966	Kinvara	1983	Clarinbridge	1998	Athery		Moycullen
1967-69	No Competition	1984	Killimor				

Moycullen 1964 Champions

Moycullen 7-13 Cappataggle 5-2

In a terrific second half at Athenry on Sunday, Moycullen swamped Cappataggle and became County Intermediate Hurling Champions for 1964. All through the first half, aided by a very slight breeze, "Cappy" were the masters, and, led by Gus Lohan, they built up a six point lead before half time. On the resumption, however, Moycullen were a completely different proposition.

They swept "Cappy" before them and had taken the lead before ten minutes had elapsed. The main reason for this big change was the switching of Máirtín Faherty to midfield, where he held the stylish Gus Lohan. Lohan, incidentally, gave a fine display of sportsmanship on Sunday, when he took a tremendous amount of punishment. He played the ball all through and never once complained. Hubert Molloy opened the scoring with a point for Moycullen, but Ryan replied with a goal for "Cappy" to which Lohan added a point. Noone added a goal before Faherty had a brace of points for Moycullen. Conneely and Cormican goalied for "Cappy" and Broderick added a point. Before half time Moycullen narrowed rise gap when J.J. Faherty had a goal and a point and Taidg Kyne had a further goal.

On the resumption it was all Moycullen: Lydon and Faherty had goals followed by points from the Fahertys, Kyne, Molloy and Darcy. Hubert Molloy had a brace of goals and Faherty had another. Taidg Kyne pointed before Gus Lohan cut through for "Cappy's" only goal of the second half. Before the final whistle. Faherty and Molloy had points for Moycullen. Brendan Faherty had a good game in goal for Moycullen and got good cover from J. O'Connor, M. Lally and especially - Pat Keady. Tom Bohan had a great game at centre half back and got able support from Gavin and Richardson on the wings John Joe Faherty had one of his best games at midfield and had a good partner in Máirtín Faherty for most of the hour. Kevin Darcy came into his own, when he was switched to the forwards and was a constant threat. McDonagh and Lydon were speedy half forwards. Hubert Molloy was in his element at corner forward and he rarely missed an opportunity to score, while Flaherty and T. Kyne were among the scorers. For Cappataggle Gus Lohan alone impressed, while Broderick, Cormican, Murray and Nevin tried hard.

Moycullen: B. Faherty; J. Connor, M. Lally, P. Keady; S. Gavin, T. Bohan, J. Richardson; K. Darcy, J. J. Faherty (1-1); S. Lydon (1-0), F. McDonagh (1-0), M. Faherty (0-3); H. Molloy (2-3), C. Faherty (1-2), T. Kyne (1-4). **Cappataggle:** P. Hession; S. Murray, P. Pender, J. Donnellan; M. Hynes, S. Nevin, J. Conneely; J. Browne, G. Lohan (1-1); M. Noone, S. Noone (1-1), G. Broderick; S. Cormican (1-0), S. Conneely (1-0), J. Ryan (1-0). **Referee:** A. Higgins

Intermediate Hurling Roll of Honour

1949 Kilrickle	1974 Mullagh	1993 Kilkieron
1950 Oranmore	1975 Kiltormer	1994 Clarinbridge
1951 Killimordaly	1976 Sarsfields	1995 Padraig Pearses
1952 Skehana	1977 Rahoon	1996 St. Thomas's
1953 Maree	1978 Kilbeacanty	1997 Meelick/Eyrecourt
1954-58 No Competition	1979 Padraig Pearses	1998 Athenry
1959 Eyrecourt	1980 Beagh	1999 Kilnadeema/Leitrim
1960 Newcastle	1981 Loughrea	2000 Ballinderreen
1961 Carnmore	1982 Mullagh	2001 Kiltormer
1962 Cappataggle	1983 Clarinbridge	2002 Beagh
1963 Killimordaly	1984 Killimor	2003 Mullagh
1964 Moycullen	1985 Abbeyknockmoy	2004 St. Thomas's
1965 Ardrahan	1986 Craughwell	2005 Tommy Larkins
1966 Kinvara	1987 Tynagh	2006 Killimordaly
1967-69 No Competition	1988 Carnmore	2007 Tommie Larkins
1970 Kinvara	1989 Abbey/Duniry	2008 Cappataggle
1971 Abbeyknockmoy	1990 Oranmore/Maree	2009 Tynagh-Abbey/Duniry
1972 Mullagh	1991 Padraig Pearses	2010 Padraig Pearses
1973 Meelick/Eyrecourt	1992 Portumna	

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Front Row (L-R): Johnny Greaney, Joe Hanley, Jack Murphy, Eddie Hanley, Michael Fox, Tom Leonard, Mattie Beatty and Mattie Hanley. Back Row (L-R): Michael Kenny, Michael Hanley, Michael Collins, Padraic Kenny, Kim Kirvan, Roddy Kenny, Christy Grealish and Michael Walsh. Missing from photo is Michael Leonard.