

LIMERICK HURLER LEFT FOR U.S.A.

1935

Mr. Joe O'Sullivan, Elton, prominent athlete and hurler, sailed from Cobh on Saturday morning for La Porte, Texas, U.S.A., where he intends completing his studies for the priesthood. Joe takes with him an All-Ireland hurling medal for he was one of the Limerick team that recently won the Junior All-Ireland Hurling Championship against London in London a few Sundays back. He was one of the outstanding players on the team, and several times led his home team "Stakers" to victory in Club matches. A great organiser and enthusiast for the game, Joe was a very breezy-cheery young man and was a very particular favourite with all with whom he came in contact, and that a sudden wave of loneliness came over him on his departure from all his friends and youthful acquaintances was but quite natural. In the Athletic field, too, Joe made his name as a great sprinter and jumper and having annexed championships, had the honour of representing his native county in inter-county trials.

JOE SULLIVAN LEAVES FOR U.S.A.

1935

That brilliant hurler and versatile and great athlete Joe Sullivan, of Elton left Cobh on last Saturday for La Porte, Texas, where he is to complete his studies for the priesthood. He was a member of the "Stakers" Junior Hurling team and the Junior All-Ireland hurling champions' combination and did a great deal towards bringing the honour to his native county. He held the 190, 220, and 440 yards championship and was in the front rank of jumpers representing Limerick in inter-county championships. He comes of an old and highly respected family which has given others of its members to the Church as well as to the teaching profession. A host of friends will say bon voyage to him and wish him a long and most successful career in the fulfilment of the duties of the holy calling which he has chosen for his life work.

May your race prosper hourly
The pillars of Ireland stand
Chorus. *early Nov. 1945*

Quite recently there passed away, after a brief illness, one of the most remarkable high jumpers of modern times, Michael Creed, of Elton, stood barely 5ft. 5ins., yet on more than one instance he cleared 6ft. 5ins. (a foot above his height). His first athletic success was at Bruff, on the Morning Star river, five miles below his home—just 40 years ago. I competed against him on many fields. We became fast friends. A more versatile sportsman than Mick Creed, of Elton, I rarely met; he jumped close to 50 feet in the hop, step, 23 feet in the long; could sprint and cross hurdles with the best. He was a first-class shot, a skilled fisherman with rod and line; a tip-top slipper and trainer of greyhounds.

He had won 200 prizes, including Irish championships, in the highest company of those days of rich Irish athletic talent, before departing for America, were his consistent success at indoor and outdoor arenas won him the title of "The Irish rubber-ball." On his return to Ireland he had a big presentation from Irish-American patriots, whom he had served well. He appeared at Sean's Park, Belfast, where he cleared 6ft. 5ins.—I have the cutting by me as I write.

Mick Creed told me he strained a muscle that day, which never mended. He settled down to business at Bruff. An industrious progressive merchant, he built up a prosperous trade, gave much assistance to G.A.A. clubs, local charities and native sports. He rarely missed a big match—I met him last at Thurles Gaelic Park in a Munster final between Limerick and Cork. He was a most lovable personality with a fund of droll stories, told with delightful good humour. His adventures at home and abroad would fill volumes. We travelled many boreens together. His illness was brief. To his wife and family I tender my sincere sympathies. R.I.P.

Last week I had a welcome letter from an athlete of Michael Creed's time. This Duhallo man was as huge as Creed was tidy—big Tom Ludgate of Ballyclough, Mallow—still a brawny, comfortable farmer who, in his youth, excelled with the heavy weights. He won many titles—Irish and Munster—against our best weight-throwers. I recall a day in Mallow (1912) when Denis Power of Ballywalter was handicapping. On the field that day were Tom Flanagan of Kilmallock, home from Canada, and his protege, the world famous Red Indian runner, Tom Longboat, a graceful athlete of phenomenal powers, whose training feats in East Limerick still live in memory.

Tom Ludgate threw the 56lbs. (without follow) 27ft. 11ins. that day and a few years later also on Mallow Inch Tom's "56" crossed the bar at 14ft. 9ins.—the weight came back to his hand and Ludgate caught it on the swing without touching the ground; he tossed on the double swing and it passed high above the bar. I never heard such cheering on an athletic pitch. Tom Ludgate was a useful shot-putter. Like his neighbour Denis Power (of the 1888 invasion team) Tom Ludgate enjoys rugged health.

EAST LIMERICK NOTES 3/8/46

ELTON PRIESTS HOME FROM AFRICA.

Rev. Fathers Thomas, Joseph and Michael O'Sullivan, who travelled by air from New York, are at present spending a holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Sullivan, Elton. Fathers Thomas and Joseph are attached to the Diocese of Galveston, and Father Michael to the Diocese of Dubuque. After an absence of eight years, the Fathers O'Sullivan are delighted at having the opportunity of seeing their native country, and particularly their friends and relatives throughout the county. Before their departure to the U.S.A., they were prominent hurlers, and they have, since their arrival, been taking a keen interest in local G.A.A. activities, and they are delighted to find local hurling and football clubs as strong and as active as ever.

Father Joseph had the distinction of assisting Limerick to win the Junior Hurling title in 1935, and Father Michael played with the Limerick senior hurling team. All three figured prominently with Hospital, Annane and Elton clubs, and are well known to the Gaels of South Limerick. Father Joseph was also a prominent athlete and, some years ago won the 100 Yards Championship of Limerick, as well as taking many prizes at various sports meetings throughout Munster in high jumping and weight throwing.

PROMINENT GAEL.

Mr. Joe O'Sullivan

Leaving for U.S.A.

October 1935

TO COMPLETE STUDIES FOR PRIESTHOOD.

Mr. Joe O'Sullivan, Elton, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. O'Sullivan, is shortly to leave his native country for La Porte, Texas, U.S.A., where he will complete his studies for the priesthood. Joe's departure will be very sadly missed in Gaelic circles not alone amongst his own Club "Stakers" of which he was the inspiring light and hope, but amongst the Gaels of the county and all Ireland. He was an outstanding member of the Limerick County All-Ireland Junior team that won the present year's All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship, and promised to be one of the greatest exponents of caman craft not alone in Limerick and county but in all Ireland. Joe, too, distinguished himself in the Athletic field and was a wonderful sprinter and jumper being amongst the cream of Southern Ireland athletes and representing his native county in Inter-County trials. Ever pleasant and cheery, Joe was a great favourite with everybody and his departure will be sadly regretted, but all will join in wishing him all good luck, and will look forward to his inevitable return as Sogort Aroon to visit the scene of his youthful days and activities and renew the friendship of countless friends and acquaintances.

Gaelic Rejoicing

IN SOUTH LIMERICK.

There was great rejoicing in South Limerick at the victory of Limerick over London in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship Final for 1935. Six players from South Limerick took part, namely: Martin Butler, Hospital; Joe O'Sullivan and Jimmy Sullivan, Elton; Maurice Power, Pallas; P. Carroll, Effin, and Jas Ryan, Kilmallock.

Children's Club, and of Miss M. Fitzsimons.

ELTON G.A.A.

5-7-47

Efforts are being made by an enthusiastic and hard-working Committee to revive the one-time famous Staker Wallace Hurling Club, Elton. With this object in view a meeting of Elton Gaels was held at Elton on Monday night, when the following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, senr.; President, Mr. J. O'Flynn; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. F. Crowley and M. Heelan; Hon. Secs., Messrs. E. Davern and D. Crowley; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. M. O'Dea.

In his address to the meeting, the Chairman, Mr. O'Sullivan, said that it was the wish of the Gaels of Elton to organise the old club and to carry out improvements to the local Staker Wallace Park. It would be a pity, he said, to permit interest to die in their national pastimes in Elton, and it was up to the present Committee to bring the old interest to life once more and to foster and encourage the Gaelic games in the district. After discussion it was decided to hold a hurling tournament for a set of silver medals, which would be confined to Clubs affiliated with the South Limerick Board with the object of raising funds for the local hurling club.

PRESENTATIONS

Tributes To Retired Teachers

EAST LIMERICK FUNCTIONS

PRIOR to their departure from the district, Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Brien, N.T.s., Bulgaden, for forty-five years until their retiral a short time ago, were made presentations by the parishioners of Bulgaden and Martinstown at an enjoyable function held at Bulgaden.

The presentation took the form of an illuminated address to both and presentation of a dressing case to Mrs. O'Brien.

The presentation address was read by Mr. Patrick Hennessy and in this tribute was paid to the work of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien during their long years in Bulgaden.

The presentation to Mrs. O'Brien was made by Mr. Michael Halpin, chairman of the local branch of Muintir na Tire, who also paid tribute to both Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien.

Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien suitably replied.

An enjoyable function, at which there was a large attendance of well-wishers, followed.

AT ELTON.

A very enjoyable function also took place at Elton when a presentation, on behalf of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club, and his friends was made to Mr. O'Brien.

Opening the function, Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, Elton, said that the impending departure of Mr. D. O'Brien, N.T., from the parishes of Ballinvana and Bulgaden was deeply regretted, as he was held in deep affection by the priests and people of the joint parishes. He paid tribute to Mr. O'Brien's work for his pupils and the G.A.A. during his term of forty-six years in the district, and he wished both Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien many happy years of health and prosperity in their retirement.

Making the presentation, Mr. Dermot Crowley, chairman of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club, read an address to Mr. O'Brien. This paid warm tribute to the work done by Mr. O'Brien since he came amongst them from his native Kenmare forty-six years ago, referred to his fine qualities and talents and mentioned that his departure would leave a void that could not be filled. It wished Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien many happy years of health and prosperity in their retirement.

HAPPY MEMORIES.

Mr. James Corkerry, Mr. Joseph Brazill, Hon Secretary of the Club; Messrs. D. McCarthy, Maurice Heelan and John Cleary also spoke, paying tribute to Mr. O'Brien who, replying, thanked each and every member of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club and supporters for the beautiful gift he had received. He would always have many happy memories of his days amongst the people of Ballinvana and Bulgaden, and extended to all a hearty welcome to his home in Dublin whenever they would be there.

There was a very large attendance at the function, which concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Sunday January 14th 1951

At the annual general meeting of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club, held at Ballinvana, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, the following officers were elected for 1951:

Chairman, Mr. Dermot Crowley; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Denis McCarthy; Treasurer, Mr. Patrick Caulfield; Secretary, Mr. Joseph Brazill; Hon. Presidents, Messrs. D. O'Brien and M. Heelan; Captain, Mr. J. J. O'Brien; Vice-Captain, Mr. James Carroll.

In the course of his report to the meeting, the Secretary, Mr. J. Brazill, congratulated every member of the Club, including the members from Kilfinane who helped them in all championship games and especially on their victory over Bruree.

The Secretary said that after a lapse of some years, the Club was revived in 1947 and for three years they never won a championship game. This would have disheartened any team, but not the Stakers, who came on again in 1950 and with the assistance of four Kilfinane men they were all set for South Limerick hurling honours.

In the first round, the Secretary stated, they defeated a moderate Galbally side, had a good victory over a fancied Glenroe team in the second round and then faced the reigning champions, Bruree. The Stakers trained for this match and entered Kilmallock on amemorable Sunday, the 27th August, all set for victory. After one of the best games seen in Kilmallock for some years, Bruree had to admit defeat to as fine a Stakers team as ever left the parish, but there the victory ended with the Stakers.

OBJECTION.

Continuing the Secretary said that an objection by Bruree that the lists of players were not duplicated was upheld by the South and County Boards Appeals Committee and these Boards, he said, gave one of the most biased, most prejudiced decisions ever given against any club in awarding the match to Bruree. A similar objection came before the Munster Council recently, the Secretary continued, and the Chairman in over-ruling the objection said the person responsible had

good intentions. What, he asked, had the South and County Boards Appeals Committee to say for themselves when they saw this decision.

Concluding, the Secretary said: "I wonder will the South Board officials offer themselves for re-election at the Convention to be held on the 14th January? If they do, then all I will say to the delegates at the Convention is, you have your choice, either to accept or reject the South Board's decision."

Deaths of Old Gaels

Two old Gaels—members of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club—died recently.

They were Mr. Mark Crowley, Martinstown and Mr. James Carroll of Ballinvana, Kilmallock. The late Mr. Crowley was former goalkeeper of the old club, Ballinvana Staker Wallace and the late Mr. Carroll was full back for the Staker Wallace Hurling Club.

Both played many games with the Old Stakers and were active supporters of the club in the parish for many years.

FOOTBALL

The football game was a rather lifeless affair, and never reached a high standard. There was some good fielding and kicking ahead, but when kicking ahead would have paid dividends there was too much dallying with the ball. Elton were first to score, when O'Connor, from a free, sent over the bar. Play went on for some twenty minutes before Kilmallock got the equalising score from a free taken by A. O'Sullivan. The interval score was one point each.

Early in the second half M. Galvin put Kilmallock ahead with a nice point. Again play was in progress for some time before Elton levelled with a point from a free by O'Connor. Shortly afterwards O'Connor put Elton ahead with a point, and Kilmallock thereafter tried hard to level, but the Elton defence proved too sound, and when play swung up the field shortly before the end, O'Brien fisted over the bar for Elton.

Mr. P. Ryan, Galbally, Vice-Chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A., proved to be a capable referee.

Best for Elton were O'Brien, Sullivan, Carmody and O'Connor, while Foley, Galvin, Gilbert and O'Rourke tried hard for Kilmallock.

Elton—J. O'Sullivan, P. Ryan, E. McCarthy, J. Clumhain, C. Gammell, C. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, J. Nunan, M. Carmody, J. J. Crowley, C. O'Brien, P. Conroy, M. Walsh, M. Brazzil, J. Burke.

Kilmallock—E. O'Riordan, J. Doherty, P. Foley, M. Grady, J.

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11-6-53 SOUTH LIMERICK: SURPRISE WINS

Stakers, 3-3; Kilmallock, 3-2.
STAKERS sprang a big surprise at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they defeated Kilmallock in the third round of the South Limerick Hurling League on the score of 3-3 to 3-2, for Kilmallock (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). In this competition, Kilmallock had already beaten Bruree, who in turn had defeated Stakers, and it was generally expected that Kilmallock would win the third round game, but Stakers got the verdict by the narrowest of margins. The result is that in this particular group of the league, Kilmallock, Bruree and Stakers are on level terms and there will have to be a play off now.

EVENLY CONTESTED.

Sunday's game was very evenly contested all through and at the interval the teams were level at 2-3 each. Murnane, McGrath, Walsh and Galvin scoring for Kilmallock and Heffernan, O'Keeffe and Burke scoring for Stakers. Most of the second half of the game had gone, and the teams were still level, but in the closing minutes, Stakers got the point that gave them victory. Scorer in this for Stakers was O'Keeffe, while Galvin scored for Kilmallock. It was a very exciting finish.

Mr. J. Connors, Martinstown, refereed.

STAKER WALLACE H.C.
Addressing the annual general meeting of the Staker Wallace Hurling Club, held at Martinstown School, Kilmallock, Mr. J. Brazil, Chairman, appealed for greater interest in training. Stakers, he said, always held a very high place in hurling circles in South Limerick, but last year's display by the team was somewhat disappointing.

Continuing, he said that the Stakers Club was the only club in the County to give four members to the great "Invasion" team that went to America in 1887 to introduce the Gaelic Games in America. These men were the two McCarthys, Connery and Crehan, and they carried the name of Stakers proudly to America. The Stakers Club had, therefore, a proud history to uphold, and he hoped there would be a great improvement in the display of the junior hurling team in this year's championship.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. J. Brazil; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Wm. Buckley; Treasurer, Mr. J. Clifford; Secretary, Mr. Denis Crowley. Committee: Messrs. Patrick Hanrahan, David Moloney, J. Connors, J. Healy, M. Brazil and T. Clifford. Selection Committee: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Captain, John Connors, David Moloney, John Raleigh and L. Brazil.

It was decided to affiliate a junior hurling team, and Mr. M. Brazil and Mr. T. Burke were elected Captain and Vice-Captain, respectively.

Juvenile Hurling 20/6/53 At Elton

Stakers, 3-4; Kilfinane, 2-2.

In the first round of the South Limerick Juvenile Hurling championship at Elton, Stakers defeated Kilfinane by 3-4 to 2-2 for Kilfinane.

The match was very closely contested all through and there was plenty of excitement for the large attendance.

Scorers for Stakers were—McAuliffe (2-0), Meade (1-0), M. Heffernan (0-2), Nunan (0-1) and Corkery (0-1). Scorers for Kilfinane were—Tobin (1-0), Cotter (1-0), and Sullivan (2 pts.).

Best for Stakers were—O'Shea, Heffernan Brothers, Heelan and Nunan. Best for Kilfinane were—Tobin, Foley, Sullivan and Cotter.

The teams were:—

Stakers—M. Enno, W. O'Grady, M. Heffernan, J. Lynch, E. Carroll, P. O'Shea, P. Hayes, P. Heffernan, D. Fitzgerald, J. Heffernan, M. Meade, M. Heelan, P. Nunan, J. McAuliffe, C. Corkery.

Kilfinane—J. O'Sullivan, D. Healy, D. McAuliffe, S. McCarthy, J. Doherty, D. O'Caol, J. Cotter, T. Foley, C. O'Lain, J. Hennessy, J. Tobin, M. Hennessy.

Mr. O. Clery refereed.

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, JULY 3,

A GREAT GAELIC DAY 1954 AT ELTON

FOR the purpose of providing funds to erect a memorial to the memory of Staker Wallace, the 1798 patriot who gave his life for his country's cause, the Staker Wallace Memorial Committee, Martinstown, Kilmallock, held a very successful Aeriodheacht and sports meeting at Elton, Knocklong, on Tuesday.

The varied and interesting programme arranged by the Committee in charge, was very much enjoyed by a large attendance and the Gaelic spirit that prevailed was very refreshing. The Aeriodheacht proceeded at one side of the sportsfield, and the sports at the other, while in another part of the field the young and old enjoyed themselves by taking part in Irish dancing on a platform erected for this purpose. It was a great day for the district and one that will live long in the memories of those who attended.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. David Clancy, Chairman of the Committee, who took a prominent part in the Irish War of Independence. He said that it was only fitting that this district should honour the memory of Staker Wallace who died away back in 1798, by erecting a memorial to his memory. He hoped that this ideal would be achieved in a short time.

Prof. Frank Roche, who judged the Aeriodheacht events, and who is a well-known advocate of the revival of Irish language and culture, complimented the committee on the excellent arrangements made for the fixture. He paid particular tribute to the fine talent of the children who took part in the Aeriodheacht, particularly for their excellent rendering of Irish songs and Moore's melodies. He gave a short account of the life of Staker Wallace who had died because of the part he took in laying the foundation for the political and economic independence of Ireland. He believed that the important point was to bring about the spiritual uplifting of the people with the language, literature and

Staker Wallace Hurling Club Revived 1957

The Staker Wallace Hurling Club, named after the well-known patriot, was revived at a meeting held at the School, Martinstown, Kilmallock, after a lapse of two years.

Addressing the meeting Mr. D. Crowley, who was elected Chairman, said that the members of the League Committee, which had been set up some weeks ago, were to be congratulated on the success of this league, and he asked for the co-operation of all in the successful running of the revived Club.

The following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. Desmond Crowley; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. Thomas Bourke and John Lynch; Sec., Mr. James Ryan, Cush, Kilfinane; Treasurer, Mr. Michael O'Donoghue; Selection Committee, Messrs Patrick Ryan and Thomas Hayes, with the Chairman, Sec., and Captain of the team.

It was decided to affiliate junior hurling and juvenile hurling teams for the forthcoming South Limerick championships, and the following captains and vice-captains were elected:—

Junior Captain, Thomas Bourke; Vice-Captain, Michael O'Donoghue; Juvenile Captain, Thomas Wallace; Vice-Captain, John Heelan.

Before the meeting concluded, the Chairman paid tribute to the late William Buckley, Gibbons-town, Bulgaden, who, he said, had always taken a keen interest in G.A.A. affairs and in the activities of the Stakers Club, of which

25/1/58 STAKER WALLACE G.A.A. OFFICERS

At the annual general meeting of the Staker Wallace G.A.A. Club, held at Martinstown, Kilmallock, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Rev. C. O'Neill, C.C., Martinstown; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Ryan; Treasurer, Mr. M. O'Donoghue; Secretaries, Messrs. D. Crowley and D. Fitzgerald.

The meeting decided to affiliate minor and juvenile hurling and football teams in this year's championships.

Captain of M.H. team, J. Lynch; vice-captain, M. Houlihan. Captain of Juv. H. team, P. J. Hayes; vice-captain, M. Lynch. Captain of M.F. team, T. Wallace; vice-captain, N. Fitzgerald. Captain of Juv. F. team, M. Harrington; vice-captain, M. O'Shea.

Selection Committee—Rev. Chairman, Mr. D. Crowley, Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Mr. P. Hayes, Mr. J. Brazil, Mr. J. Lynch and Mr. J. Ryan.

DEATH of WELL-KNOWN HURLER Nov. 1958

The death of Mr. John (Jack) Hanley, of Elton, Knocklong, which occurred rather unexpectedly at a Limerick hospital, occasioned deep regret over a wide area.

A well-known figure, he was a man of high intelligence, and was very popular over a wide area.

In his early days, he was a well-known hurler, and was a remarkably fine goalkeeper. In 1923, playing in goal for Limerick, he won the Munster senior hurling title, and Limerick failed against Galway that year in the All-Ireland final. He played some fine games as a goalkeeper and was reputed to have a remarkable eye for a ball.

He belonged to a family with strong national inclinations that took an active part in Ireland's fight for independence.

His death has removed a very likeable character and will be mourned by a host of friends in

County Limerick Priest In U.S.A. Shines In Golf Exhibition

A reader in Houston, Texas, U.S.A., sent us a cutting from The Houston Post, published in Houston, Texas, U.S.A., in reference to Father Tom O'Sullivan, a native of Elton, Knocklong, Co. Limerick. Father O'Sullivan is son of the famous sportsman, Paddy O'Sullivan, Elton. He is Pastor of All Saints' Parish, Houston 21, Texas, and the following is the cutting taken from The Houston Post of Wednesday, November 18th:—

'Father Tom O'Sullivan, the sharp-witted Irish priest who'd never let a little thing like near-freezing weather interfere with his golf game, ignored the elements to realize a lifetime ambition Tuesday.

"Father O'Sullivan sank a hole-in-one. And a 200-yarder at that.

"I've been waiting 20 years for this," the author laughed later. "I'm still shaking over it. They're going to fix up the ball and the Elks are going to give a plaque and everything. I almost fainted." "The deed was done on Lake Forest's No. 7 hole with a three wood. Playing witnesses were James Phalen, Gene O'Brien and Tom Gorke.

"And we were the only players on the entire course," Father O'Sullivan beamed."

BACK TO U.S.A. *Sept 59*

After an all too brief spell at home (writes our Bruff correspondent) Rev. P. J. Doherty, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. James Doherty, Elton, Knocklong, Co. Limerick, has returned to America. Ordained in U.S.A. only a few months ago for the Diocese of Madison, Father Doherty has been appointed to the Parish of Plain, Wisconsin. He thoroughly enjoyed his stay at home, and on the night of his departure from Shannon, a host of friends, including former hurling comrades, were there to wish him God-speed.

STAKERS WIN MINOR FINAL *Aug 74*

With a display of dynamic hurling, particularly in the second half, Stakers won the South Limerick Minor hurling title at Kilmallock when they defeated Croom in the final.

They got off to a great start with a goal in the first minute, but Croom pegged them back with three points to level the scoring after 10 minutes. Stakers went into the lead again with a point, but Croom came back to go ahead with a goal. Stakers, however, were in front again soon after and then had a brace of goals to lead at half time by 4-1 to 1-3.

The winners consolidated their position with a goal and followed with a point. They continued to have the upper hand in the third quarter,

but in the last quarter, Croom had three goals.

However, Stakers came on top again in the closing minutes and finished very strongly.

Scorers Stakers: G. O'Callaghan 2-3, N. O'Gorman 2-1, P. Ryan 1-2, B. Ryan 1-1 and N. Neenan 1-0.

Croom: T. Kiely 1-3, J. O'Dea, E. Horan and D. Murray 1-0 each.

Referee, Mr. P. McCarthy, Camogue Rovers.

Teams:

Stakers—Ger Moloney; Pat Carroll, Gerard Moynihan, Pat Lyons; Val Duhig, Mike Moynihan, Jimmy Donoghue; Pat Ryan, Tony Kenny; Brian Ryan, John Callaghan, Ger Mulcahy; Pat Leahy, Nicholas Gorman, Noel Neenan. sub: James Herlihy for Val Duhig.

Croom—Anthony Lawlor; Jessie Moloney, Pat Culhane, Jas. Moloney; Ml. O'Shea, Donal Murray, John O'Mahoney; Joe Moloney, Tony Kiely; Garrett Howard, Donal Murray, John O'Mahoney; Joe Moloney, Tony Kiely; Garrett Howard, Gerry Collins, Wm. Dunne; Terry Talbot, John O'Dea, Brendan Begley. subs: Jas. Roche (for A. Lawlor); A. Lawlor for

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HURLING:

Stakers take title

STAKERS, 7-7;

CROOM, 4-3.

With a display of dynamic hurling, particularly in the second half, Stakers annexed the South Limerick minor hurling title at Kilmallock when they defeated Croom in the final by 7 goals and 7 points to 4 goals and 3 points.

Though played under trying conditions of drizzle and a slippery pitch, this was a good game and it was only in the second half that Stakers showed their definite superiority.

They got off to a great start with a goal in the first minute, but Croom pegged them back with three points to level the scoring after 10 minutes. Stakers went into the lead again with a point, but Croom came back to go ahead with a goal. Stakers however were in front again soon after and then had a brace of goals to lead at half time by 4-1 to 1-3.

Five minutes after the re-start the winners consolidated their position with a goal and followed with a point. They continued to have the upper hand in the third quarter, but in the last quarter Croom rallied gamely and had three goals. This was not, however, sufficient and although they tried hard, Stakers came on top again in the closing minutes and finished

very strongly.

SCORERS

Stakers—G. O'Callaghan (2-3), N. O'Gorman (2-1), P. Ryan (1-2), B. Ryan (1-1), and N. Neenan (1-0).

Croom — T. Kiely (1-0), O'Dea, E. Horan and D. Murray (1-0 each).

Referee, Mr. P. McCarthy, Camogue Rovers.

At the end of the game there was considerable excitement as Mr. Frank Greene, chairman of the South Limerick G.A. Board, presented the cup to N. O'Gorman, the captain.

TEAMS

Stakers—Ger. Moloney; Pat Carroll, Gerard Moynihan, Pat Lyons; Val Duhig, Mike Moynihan, Jimmy Donoghue; Pat Ryan, Tony Kenny; Brian Ryan, John Callaghan, Ger Mulcahy; Pat Leahy, Nicholas O'Gorman, Noel Neenan. Sub., James Herlihy for Val Duhig.

Croom — Anthony Lawlor, Jessie Moloney, Pat Culhan, Jas. Moloney; Ml. O'Shea, Donal Murray, John O'Mahoney; Joe Moloney, Tony Kiely; Garrett Howard, Gerry Collins, Wm. Dunne; Terry Talbot, John O'Dea, Brendan Begley. Sub., Jas Roche (for A. Lawlor); A. Lawlor for Wm. Dunne.

Stakers defeat champions

20-4-74

Stakers 4-9
Kilmallock 2-2

Stakers created a major shock on Sunday last when they defeated county champions, Kilmallock in the Minor Hurling Championship, played at Bruff. Kilmallock took an early lead when John Riordan pointed a free, but Stakers recovered and

G. Mulcahy equalised, and minutes later N. Gorman gave them the lead with a point from a free. Stakers were in control at this stage but their forwards missed many scoring chances. G. Mulcahy shot a goal from play and N. Gorman added another point to give Stakers a 1-3 to 0-1 lead at half time. The second half opened on a lively note as Kilmallock tried to get back into the game, but the Stakers' defence, in which M. Moynihan, P. Ryan and P. Carroll excelled, kept the Kilmallock forwards at bay. J. Moynihan added 2 goals and points from N. Gorman (1) and G. Mulcahy (3) put them 15 points ahead with 15 minutes to go. Kilmallock came back and scored 2-1, but Stakers recovered again and scored 1-2 in the closing stages to win 4-9 to 2-2.

Scorers for Stakers: G. Mulcahy (1-4), N. Gorman (0-4), J. Moynihan (1-1), P. Leahy (1-0).

Scorers for Kilmallock: T. J. Moloney (1-0), J. Riordan (1-2).

Referee, Mr. F. Costelloe, Banogue.

South Limerick J.H. Final:

Stakers take title with late goal

30/10/76

STAKERS 2-8
CASTLETOWN-BALLYAGRAN 1-8

SUBSTITUTE, Liam Heffernan, will be the toast of Stakers for many a day, because it was his goal two minutes from the end that gave them the South Limerick junior hurling title at Kilmallock, when they defeated "hard luck" Castletown-Ballyagran in the final before a big attendance.

Up to that it had been touch and go. The teams were level several times during the hour. They were level after a quarter of an hour, level again at half time and level again with six minutes to go. Then with two minutes to go, Michael Noonan collected a ball on the right wing, lost his hurley, handpassed to Michael Gammell, who in turn passed to Liam Heffernan, who made no mistake.

Castletown-Ballyagran were back trying hard in the closing minutes but the Stakers defence held well and the title went to the Staker Wallace country.

Another feature of the game was that it was the first time that the Staker Wallace Cup, the trophy for the championship, which was donated by an American kinsman of the patriot Staker Wallace, was presented, and it was fitting that T. J. Hanley, captain of the Stakers team, should receive it.

All praise to Stakers for having won on this occasion, but it was hard luck on Castletown-Ballyagran, who have contested as many as five South finals, to be beaten in what they thought was their year.

Praise to both teams for having served up a very fine game played in good sportsman-like manner. The players and substitutes were a credit to their clubs.

SCORERS

Stakers — G. Hanley 1-4, L. Heffernan 1-0, M. Noonan, J. O'Brien, D. Ryan and B. Ryan

0-1 each.

Castletown-Ballyagran — J. Dolan 0-7, C. Farrell 1-0, and W. Donegan 0-1 each.

Mr. Liam Shanahan, Croom, refereed.

TEAMS

Stakers — A. Fitzgerald; T. Flynn, T. Sheedy, T. J. Hanley; P. Carroll, J. Houlihan, John Maguire; B. Ryan, G. Hanley; J. O'Brien, J. Lyons, D. Ryan, Jas. Maguire, P. Ryan and M. Noonan. Subs., L. Heffernan for Jas. Maguire, J. Hayes for J. O'Brien and M. Gammell for J. Hayes.

Castletown-Ballyagran — P. J. Lake; J. O'Gorman, M. Donegan, C. Farrell; T. Donegan, W. White, W. Dolan; L. Murphy, J. Cullinane; T. Carroll, W. Donegan, J. Dolan; D. J. Hourigan, J. Boyce and J. White. Subs., N. Farrell for J. Boyce, P. Leahy for E. Farrell. The cup was presented to T. J. Hanley, captain of the Stakers team, by Mr Frank Greene, chairman of the South Limerick GAA Board.

RECEPTION

Members of the winning Stakers team were given a big reception when they arrived in Bulgaden and were entertained in the Castle Lounge, where Con Brazill, Tom O'Donoghue, T. J. Hanley, captain, and J. Lyons and others paid tribute to the members of the team, who had played in the great tradition of the Staker Wallace. Hopes were expressed that they now go on to win the county title.

JUNIOR HURLING FINAL:

Big win for Stakers

24/12/77

Stakers 4-10
Murroe 1-1

Stakers, a team drawn from the Martinstown-Bulgaden area of South Limerick, inscribed their name on the junior hurling roll of honour for the very first time when they decisively defeated Murroe, 4-10 to 1-1, at Bruff on Sunday. They not only scored an historic win, but also strove valiantly to uphold everything that is good and wholesome in the noble art of hurling. Sad to relate, some of the opposition not only violated the code of good behaviour, but engaged in tactics that could be charitably described as disgraceful.

This final was definitely not an advertisement for hurling. There is no need to elaborate on the goings-on at Bruff on Sunday. Referee Sean O'Connor was in lenient mood when he only sidelined two players—the fair-sized attendance saw what happened and, most important of all, at least two officials of the County Board witnessed the many unsavoury incidents. The ball is now in their court.

Back to the game itself. Stakers made it a lively pace from the throw-in and within three minutes were a goal up when John Lyons doubled first-time on a falling ball and sent it speeding to the net. Jimmy Maguire at full-forward for Stakers banged home further goals in the 8th and 10th minutes. Murroe came back with a Pat Shinnors goal and a Michael Moore point at the end of the first quarter. Brian Ryan and John Houlihan had further Stakers points to leave it 3-5 to 1-1 at half-time.

On resuming, Stakers again took up the offensive, but the scores came at a slower rate in the second half. Points in the 3rd, 10th, 13th, 17th, 18th minutes and a goal two minutes from time completed the tally for the winners.

In the last quarter, Murroe played their best hurling. They stood up to the frenzied attacks of the opposition and were seen to make great clearances and sometimes outplay the winners. What a pity some of the Murroe

players did not concentrate a little more on playing the ball, particularly in the opening half. Victory could well have been theirs if they had. They proved beyond question they could hurl at least as good as Stakers in the closing stages.

Brian Ryan at midfield was the star of the game. Along with Ger Hanly, he controlled this sector and their front men always had a good supply of the ball. Jimmy Maguire at full-forward played havoc with the Murroe defence and combined well with John Lyons and Ger Carroll to make a formidable attacking line. In defence, Pat Ryan, John Maguire and John Houlihan were best.

Jim Holmes was outstanding for Murroe. Operating at midfield, he tried hard to get his side moving. He received good support from Jim Lynch, Michael Moore, Tim Nealon and Mike Kett in the closing stages.

Scorers:
Stakers — B. Ryan (0-7), J. Maguire (2-0), G. Carroll (1-0), J. Lyons (1-0), J. Houlihan, D. Ryan, J. O'Brien (0-1 each).
Murroe — P. Shinnors (1-0), M. Moore (0-1).

Stakers in final

12/12/77

Stakers 2-16
Ahane Nil

Stakers, playing a remarkably good brand of hurling in heavy ground conditions, had a most facile win over Ahane in this Limerick junior hurling semi-final at Bruff yesterday.

The winners got off to a flying start when, playing against a light breeze, they had two early goals and a point. Ahane steadied thereafter, but failed to score, and Stakers led at half-time by 2-4 to nil.

In the second half, Stakers were completely on top again and ran out easy winners to qualify to meet Murroe in the county final next Sunday.

Stakers were beaten in the south final by Effin, who in turn, were defeated by Murroe in the other county final so that next Sunday's meeting of Stakers and Murroe should be an interesting one.

Stakers and Askeaton hold A.G.M.s

The annual general meeting of the Stakers club attracted a very large attendance to Martinstown School. The secretary, David Ryan, reported that the club played a record number of 53 games during the year, in which they won three South Limerick titles — junior hurling championship and shield and minor hurling championship. The officers elected for the coming season were: chairman, Very Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P.; vice-chairmen, Tom Donoghue and William Carr; secretary, David Ryan; treasurers, Conal Kelly and Pat Moloney; registrar, Brian Ryan. Finance committee: Conal Kelly, Pat Moloney, Tom Ryan and Paddy Leahy. Bord na nOg committee: Very Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P., Michael O'Donoghue, Des Crowley, Pat Moloney and Tom Donoghue.

Team officers: junior hurling captain, John Houlihan; vice-capt., John Hayes. Under 21 hurling captain, Pat Carroll; vice-captain, Tom Hayes; minor football captain, Brian Ryan; vice-captain, Gerard Carroll; juvenile hurling captain, Denis Crowley; vice-captain, Gerard Carroll; juvenile football captain, Gerard Carroll; vice-captain, Denis Crowley.

The selectors are:
Junior hurling — Tom Wallace, Tom Donoghue, Pat Moloney, Joe Brazil, Michael O'Donoghue.

Under 21 hurling — Des Crowley, Liam Wallace, John O'Brien. Minor football — Very Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P., and Des Crowley.

J.H. SEMI-FINAL:

Runaway
win for
Stakers

Stakers 2-16

Ahane 0-0

Stakers scored a facile win over Ahane in the county junior hurling semi-final at Bruff on Sunday last. In a disappointing game, they encountered poor opposition and won as they pleased.

Davy Ryan sent over a point from the throw-in and within three minutes slammed home a goal. A John Lyons goal in the ninth minute put Stakers well ahead, and playing against the breeze they were well on the way to their second successive junior hurling final.

At the turn it was 2-4 and the second moiety was a mere formality as the winners continued to dominate.

Brian Ryan at midfield was in great form for Stakers and he received able support from Pat Ryan, Ger Hanly, John Houlihan, Davy Ryan and Jimmy Maguire.

Pat Skehan, Liam O'Reilly, Willie Humphries, Martin Rainsford and Pat O'Connor were best for Ahane.

The winning scores came from D. Ryan (1-1), J. Houlihan (0-4), J. O'Brien (0-3), J. Maguire (0-3), J. Lyons (1-1), B. Ryan (0-3) and S. Carroll (0-1).

Stakers—G. Moloney, P. Carroll, T. Sheehy, T. J. Hanly, J. Hayes, P. Ryan, J. Maguire, B. Ryan, J. Maguire, S. Hanley, J. O'Brien, J. Houlihan, D. Ryan, J. Lyons, J. Maguire, S. Carroll.

Ahane—P. Skehan, M. Tierney, L. O'Reilly, P. J. O'Connor, S. Collins, D. Coffey, W. Humphries, P. Byrnes, M. Collins, P. O'Connor, J. J. Hartigan, L. Moynihan, M. Rainsford, L. Quirke, B. Collins.

Referee, N. Duggan (Rathkeale).

2-2-80 Stakers GAA officers

The AGM of Stakers GAA Club was held recently in Bulgaden School. The following officers were elected: President, Fr. Kelly, P.P.; chairman, Wm. Carr; vice-chairman, Tom Donoghue and M.L. Treacy; sec., David Ryan; treas., Conal Kelly; Registrar, Dominic Ryan. Finance committee, Conal Kelly, Wm. Slattery, Paddy Carroll, Tom Wallace, Tom Carroll, Paddy Hurley.

General committee: All club officials and finance committee members with M. Noonan, Denis Martin, John Houlihan, M. Noonan, Roger Sheehy, Liam Heffernan, John Harrington, and Jane Corkery.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: Hurling: Senior, junior, under-21, minor, juvenile, under-14, and under-12 and also junior football.

Captain, senior hurling, John Houlihan; vice-captain, M. Noonan; captain, under-21 hurling, Roger Sheehy; captain, junior football, Conal Kelly; vice-captain, Liam Heffernan.

Selectors: Senior and junior hurling: M. O'Connell, M. O'Donoghue and Denis Martin.

Under-21 hurling: David Ryan, M. O'Donoghue, and John Harrington; minor hurling, Jane Corkery, Roger Sheehy, and Paddy Carroll; junior football, Conal Kelly, Denis Martin, and Liam Heffernan; under-12, under-14 and under-16 hurling, David Ryan, Denis Martin and Wm. Slattery.

Trainer of all teams: M. O'Connell. Coach for the under-12, under-14 and under-16 hurling, David Ryan.

The City finals of Scor '80 will be held at CBS, Sexton Street, on this Thursday night, commencing at 7.30.

All entries were small, the standard this year is very high and an entertaining session is assured.

The judges are from West Tipperary and the following competitors will participate:

Figure dance: Mungret, Patrickswell, Cloughaun, Old Christians and Na Piarasigh.

Instrumental music: Patrickswell, Kildimo, Old Christians.

Solo Song: Willie Gardner, Patrickswell; Michael Halpin, Old Christians; Batt Hannon, Kildimo; Maire McCormack, Mungret.

Novelty act: Cloughaun, Old Christians.

Question time: Kildimo; Na Piarasigh, Mungret, Old Christians.

Recitation: Patrickswell, Norah Bennis; Mungret, Marie McCormack; Kildimo, Mary O'Shea; Old Christians, Bro. O'Connell; Na Piarasigh, Christy Power.

Ballad group: Cloughaun, Patrickswell, Old Christians.

Set dance: Patrickswell, Na Piarasigh, Mungret.

Stakers G.A.A. Club

The A.G.M. of the Stakers G.A.A. club was held recently before a large attendance. The following officers were elected: president, Fr. Kelly; chairman, Wm. Carr; vice-chairman, M. Treacy; secretary, David Ryan; asst. secretary, Gerard Carroll; treasurer, Conal Kelly; asst. treasurer, Pat Moloney; registrar, Paddy Carroll. Finance and social committee: C. Kelly, P. Moloney, R. Sheehy, Wm. Slattery, Paddy Hurley and Denis Martin.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams in the 1981 championships: J.H., u-21 H., minor hurling, u-14 and u-12 hurling, and junior football.

Captains: junior hurling, J. O'Brien; vice-captain, John Hayes. Junior football, John Hayes.

Selectors: junior and u-21 hurling, J. Brazil, Pat Moloney, M. Treacy, Gerard O'Connor and Denis Martin. Minor hurling, Paddy Carroll, Denis Martin, Martin Houlihan and M. Treacy.

Under-age committee: Fr. Kelly, David Ryan, Wm. Slattery, David Martin, John O'Brien, John Harrington, Joe Brazil and M. Treacy.

Joe Brazil was appointed trainer for all teams.

Stakers 6/2/82

A meeting was held recently in Martinstown School to discuss the purchase of the proposed sportsfield. The following officers and committee were elected to look after the financing of this project:

Chairman, T. O'Donoghue. Vice-chairman, M. Treacy. Secretary, D. Martin. Treasurer, C. Kelly.

Committee members are: P. Hurley, M. McCarthy, P. O'Meara, P. Vaughan, P. Carroll, T. Hayes, J. O'Donnell, J. Harrington, C. Hayes, W. Slattery, M. Lyons, W. Carr, Dominic Ryan, G. Carroll, John Lyons, M. O'Meara, J. Maguire and Davy Ryan.

Dominic Hayes was elected as trainer for the club.

We wish to thank those who took part in last week's Scor semi-final at Knocklong, namely, W. Carr, Pat Corkery, Noreen Quish, M. Treacy and the supporters, who went along to cheer them on. Best of luck to Pat Corkery in the final on this Friday.

The club dinner dance will be held in the Golden Hatch, Emly, on Friday, March 5th. Tickets are available from club officials. The minor league trophies will be presented at the dance.





Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, Chairman of Stakers GAA Club outlining plans of the club's new pitch development at a Press Conference at Bulgaden Castle Lounge. Also included are (l. to r.): Davy Ryan, Conal Kelly, Treasurer; Michael Treacey, Vice Chairman; Jim Hickey, Chairman Limerick County Board; Fr. P. Kelly, P.P. and Denis Martin, Hon. Sec., Stakers Wallace GAA Club. 9-10-82

CLUB G.A.A.

Stakers meeting 16/1/82

The annual general meeting of the Staker Wallace G.A.A. Club, which was held in Bulgaden School recently, was well attended.

Willie Carr, chairman for the last 4 years, reluctantly decided, because of other commitments, not to seek re-election.

In his very interesting address he thanked the committee whom he had worked with and wished the club much success in the future.

Davy Ryan gave yet another comprehensive report on the successes and failures of the different teams during the past year. Our biggest success was in winning the South Minor Hurling League.

He also announced his retirement after 10 years.

The treasurer's very detailed report showed that the cost of running the club rose by a staggering 54% due mainly to the price of hurleys, medical expenses and travelling expenses.

The following officers were then elected: president, Rev. Fr. P. Kelly; chairman, Mr. T. O'Donoghue; vice-chairman, Mr. M. Treacey; secretary, Mr. D. Martin; treasurer, Mr. C. Kelly; assistant secretary, Mr. G. Carroll; assistant treasurer, Mr. W. Slattery; registrar, Mr. P. Carroll; P.R.O., Mr. D. Martin.

A detailed discussion then took place on the motion to purchase a playing field and it was decided unanimously that the club should go ahead and finalise the purchase of a local field.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: J.H., J.F., U-21H., U-16, U-14, U-12H. Selectors for J.H. and U-21H. are: T. O'Donoghue, J. O'Donnell and Davy Ryan.

Selectors for J.F. are: C. Hayes, J. O'Donnell, C. Kelly.

Selectors for under-age teams: Fr. Kelly, J. Harrington, M. Treacey, D. Martin, J. Lyons, J. O'Donnell and J. O'Brien.

Captain J.H. team, Johnny Maguire; vice-captain, Timmy Sheedy. Capt. J.F., John Hayes.

Stakers on top

Stakers 4-8
Kilmallock 4-1

Stakers advanced to the quarter finals of the Junior Hurling Championship, when at Bruree on Sunday last, they defeated Kilmallock by 4-8 to 4-1.

This was an evenly contested game despite the scoreline, and Kilmallock came within 2 pts. of the winners early in the second half, but Stakers rallied after that, and ran out easy winners. Stakers led at half time by 2-6 to 1-0, and their best players were G. Hanley, T. J. Hanley, the three McGuires, N. Gorman and P. Meara. Kilmallock were best served by J. Moloney, T. Doherty, J. Riordan, M. Lewis and M. Burchill.

Scorers: Stakers—T. J. Hanley, 2-2; P. Meara, 2-0; N. Gorman, G. Hanley and D. Ryan, 0-2 each.

Scorers: Kilmallock—M. Fogarty, 2-1; J. Riordan, 1-0; M. Lewis, 1-0.

TEAMS

Stakers: J. Brazil; G. O'Connor, M. Gammell, T. Flynn; G. Hanley, T. J. Hanley, J. McGuire, P. Ryan, J. McGuire, J. O'Brien, M. McGuire, N. Gorman, L. Hefernan, J. Lyons, D. Ryan. Sub.: P. Meara.

Kilmallock: J. Walsh; J. Flaherty, M. Flaherty, E. McGuire; M. Burchill, J. Moloney, T. Doherty, M. Lewis, J. Riordan, J. Murphy, A. Carroll, "Dasher" Flaherty, M. Fogarty, B. Lewis, D. Burke. Subs.: D. O'Brien and E. Breen.

Staker Wallace

Now that we have secured our own playing field, our major objective at the moment is raising the finance to pay for it, and develop it into a first class field.

In this regard we recently held a gala field day at Bulgaden. It was an outstanding success in spite of the weather and helped raise nearly £800 towards the field.

The open drag hunt was won by "The Boss" owned by J. Fitzgerald of Newmarket. The losers stake was won by "Farm Manager" owned by Joe Brazil. The donkey derby was won by "The Minstrel" and the long puck competition was won by Ardpatrick captain Liam Walsh.

Congratulations to Ardpatrick on winning the Co. Junior Championship and we wish them success in the senior ranks next year.

Congratulations also to our own captain John Maguire and John O'Brien and M. Noonan on completing the Dublin City Marathon. In so doing John O'Brien raised nearly £1000 through sponsorship for the club.

Our weekly progressive 45 Drive got off to a great start on last Friday at O'Malley's in Bulgaden and it looks like it will be a winner.

A special word of thanks to our ladies committee who helped out at gala field day and the 45 Drive.

Thanks also to those who recently took part in Scor na nÓg, namely Thomas Slattery, Raymond Moloney, Jacqueline Brazil, Claire Hanley, Pat Slattery, Michael and Christina O'Donnell.

STAKER WALLACE GAA CLUB

THE Staker Wallace GAA club, known to all and sundry as 'The Stakers' has its home in the small rural parish of Bulgaden/Martinstown in South Limerick.

Stakers have a history of GAA involvement going back to 1888 when the club first affiliated to the GAA. Even though they did not play in the county championship they proved themselves in tournament matches. In fact four of their members, the biggest representation from any club in the country, were picked on the 'Invasion Team, which toured America in 1888.

Down through the years although having some fine players who represented Limerick in all grades. The club won many fine tournaments but had not much success at county championship level.

In 1972 the club was reformed after a lapse of a number of years and success was soon to follow. That year the club reached the South final in under 14 hurling. The club lost three

South juvenile hurling championship finals in a row, 1972 to 1974 inclusive.

We really hit the headlines in 1974 when we won our first county MH championship. South under 21 honours followed the next year.

In 1976 we again won the South MH championship and also made the big breakthrough in junior hurling winning the South championship but losing the county final to Granagh after a replay.

The club bounced back the following year and although beaten in the South final went on to win the county junior hurling title defeating Murroe in the final.

In 1978 we won our third South MH championship and in 1980 we won the South MH League.

The GAA ideal of a team and a field in every parish was advanced a step further in 1982 when the club purchased its own field, which it is hoped will be a major asset to the club and players in the future.

Stakers

Our JH team had mixed luck on Sunday beating Glenroe 1-12 to 0-11 pts. in the junior cup but were beaten by Castletown/Ballyagran in the final of the Meanus tournament, 1-9 to 0-8.

Pride of place must be given to our camogie team who defeated Crecora to win the county intermediate league final on Thursday evening. This was a tremendously exciting game between two evenly matched teams. The half time score was Crecora 0-2, Stakers 0-1, but in the end Stakers came out on top with the score Stakers 1-1, Crecora 0-3. Our winning team was as follows: Elizabeth Leonard (capt.), Margaret Lyons, Miriam O'Donoghue, Brid McGrath, Una Rice, Anne Marie Kennedy, Brid O'Riordan, Martina Bolger, Mary Campion, Elizabeth Murphy, Mairead Shanahan and Mary Shanahan. Subs., Claire Carroll, Eileen Quilty, Lillian Murphy and Julie Mullins.

Una Rice was also a member of the Hospital schools team who recently won the Munster schools final.

Bulgaden- M'tinstown

The AGM of the Staker Wallace GAA club was held recently in Martinstown school and despite the bad weather conditions of fog and frost, was very well attended. The following officers were elected for 1985: president, Rev. Fr. P. Kelly; vice president, Rev. Fr. T. O'Leary; chairman, Cal Hayes; vice chairmen, Ml. Treacy and Paddy Vaughan; secretary, Denis Martin; treasurer, Davy Ryan; registrar, Paddy Carroll; asst. secretary, Ger Carroll; PRO, Denis Martin. Selectors for JH, Paddy Hurley, Paddy Carroll, Conal Kelly. Selectors for JF, Cal Hayes, Conal Kelly and Ger Hanley. Rev. Fr. Kelly presented Denis Martin with the 1984 Clubman of the Year award. A special meeting of all players and members will be held in Bulgaden school on Saturday, January 19th, at 8.30 p.m. sharp.

Staker Wallace

The AGM of the club was held recently in Martinstown School and despite the bad weather conditions of fog and frost, was very well attended.

The Chairman, Wm. Carr, in his address, said he was disappointed with the club's performance during the year. After a good run in the cup and after winning the Kilmallock tournament, it was hoped we would have a good run in the championship. However, our display against Effin was a big let down. He called for a greater involvement by the players in the running of the club. He thanked everyone who had helped the club in 1984 and hoped the club would at least win the South Championship in 1985.

The Secretary, Denis Martin, in his report, gave a brief resume of the year's activities, highlights of which were the winning of the Kilmallock tournament for the first time and the very successful La na gClub, an event which should be organised every year. He thanked his fellow officers in the club and the South Board for their help and co-operation during the year.

The treasurer, Davy Ryan, gave a very detailed financial report. In common with other clubs, the high cost of hurleys was the biggest single item in the report and one wonders if we were very successful could we afford the extra financial burden this would entail, in having to obtain the extra hurleys.

Club president, Rev. Fr. Kelly, then presented Denis Martin with the 1984 Clubman of the Year Award.

The following officers were then elected for 1985:

President, Rev. Fr. P. Kelly; vice president, Rev. Fr. T. O'Leary; chairman, Cal Hayes; vice chairmen, Ml. Treacy and Paddy Vaughan; secretary, Denis Martin; treasurer, Davy Ryan; registrar, Paddy Carroll; assistant secretary, Ger Carroll; assistant treasurer, Wm. Slattery; P.R.O., Denis Martin.

Committee: Paddy Hurley, Wm. Carr, Pat Moloney, Dominic Ryan, Patrick O'Meara, Ger Hanley.

Ladies Committee: Mary and Pauline O'Keeffe, Mary O'Meara, Marie Ryan, Noreen and Mary Martin, Mary Kelly, Rosemary Carroll, Miriam O'Donoghue, Dolly Vaughan.

Delegates to South Board and County Convention: Ml. Treacy, Cal Hayes and Dominic Ryan.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: junior hurling, junior football, under 21 hurling, under 12 hurling, under 14 hurling, under 16 hurling and under 14 football.

Selectors: for junior hurling and under 21 hurling, Paddy Hurley, Paddy Carroll, Conal Kelly; for junior football, Ger Hanley, Cal Hayes and Conal Kelly; for under age teams, Paddy Carroll, Patsy O'Meara, Ml. Treacy, Denis Martin, Wm. Slattery, Conal Kelly, Ger Hanley, Wm. Carr and John Lyons.

John Lyons was elected captain of the junior hurling team.

It was decided to hold a special club meeting for all players and members in Bulgaden School on Saturday, January 19 at 8.30 p.m.

The AGM was preceded by Mass, celebrated by Rev. Fr. T. O'Leary for deceased members and friends.

Club held a very successful Feile na Gael Skills competition among its under-age members recently which was won by Donal Tobin, Stephen O'Meara was the runner-up. P. J. Hennessy won the Poc-Fada competition with Jody Brazil the runner-up. The above boys went on to contest the South Limerick competitions and, although unsuccessful, gave a very good account of themselves.

On Thursday night our U. 12 team were defeated by a much stronger Ardpark team. Also on Thursday night our junior camogie team suffered their first defeat of the season when beaten by Ahane in the County League, but having won all their other games, they still qualify for the semi-finals in July. On Friday night our J.F. team were well beaten by Bruff in the Junior Cup and on Saturday night we had our only win of the week when our J.H. team defeated Effin in the semi-final of the Meanus Tournament.

Stakers
1-6-85

Stakers

Congratulations to the Staker Wallace Camogie Club who defeated Knockancy on last Monday evening to win the county intermediate championship. Their second county title this year. Leading at half-time by 2-2 to 2 points. Stakers went on to win this very exciting game with the score 3-2 to 1-4. The team was as follows:

Margaret Lyons, M. O'Donoghue, M. O'Riordan, E. Leonard (captain), B. McGrath, M. Bolger, A. M. Kennedy, K. Murphy, U. Rice, Mary Shanahan, M. Shanahan, B. O'Riordan. Subs., P. O'Keeffe, C. Carroll, H. Clery, J. Mullins, W. Crowley.

Stakers J.F. team were knocked out of the championship at Knock-long last Sunday. In this replay, Ballylanders finished up the better team after a spirited display from our footballers and our J.H. team qualified for the final of the Kilmallock tournament when they defeated Castletown-Ballyagran. They now meet Charleville in the final on next Monday night.

Bulgaden/ Martinstown

Well known inter-county referee, Raymond Moloney was elected chairman of the Staker Wallace GAA Club, at their A.G.M., which was held in Bulgaden recently. Other officers elected were: president, Rev. Fr. Kelly; vice chairmen, Paddy Vaughan and Ger Hanley; secretary, Denis Martin; asst. sec., Rosemary Carroll; treasurer, William Slattery; asst. treasurer, William Carr; registrar, P. Carroll; P.R.O., Denis Martin. Club committee: above officers plus P. O'Meara, M. O'Meara, T. Hefferman and Michael Lyons. Ladies committee: M. O'Keeffe, J. Mabbutt, N. Martin and M. Martin.

Stakers acquire a new pitch

9/10/82

STAKER Wallace GAA club – known to all and sundry as 'The Stakers', drawn from the parishes of Martinstown and Bulgaden (population 600), have taken the ambitious step of acquiring their playing pitch, and details of the venture were outlined by chairman, Tom O'Donoghue and treasurer, Conal Kelly, at a press conference at Bulgaden Castle Lounge recently.

Mr. O'Donoghue said the pitch would be vested in the GAA and he appealed for support for the fund-raising activities.

Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman of the Limerick county board, said he was delighted to see Stakers upholding the aims of the GAA by providing its own field. "A GAA pitch is a community asset in any parish," said Mr. Hickey, assuring the club of the wholehearted support of the county board.

Fr. P. Kelly, P.P., pledged support for what he described as "a major undertaking" and said providing facilities for our youth was

most essential in these trying times.

There was much praise for the four men – Denis Martin, Michael Treacy, Davy Ryan and Willie Carr, who finally brought the purchase deal to fruition.

Treasurer Conal Kelly, who has kindly given the club, the annual St. Stephen's Night social in his magnificent Bulgaden Castle Lounge to raise some revenue, revealed that the initial canvass of the parish netted £2,250 and he confidently predicted that their target would be reached.

A field day with a varied programme of events in aid of the Sportsfield Fund, will be staged in Bulgaden on Sunday, 17th October, while a club member, John O'Brien, hopes to raise £1,000 in sponsorship when he competes in the Dublin City Marathon on October 25th.

Stakers have enjoyed much success since they were reformed in 1972, and with the acquisition of their own pitch, right in the centre of the parish, new horizons are certainly dawning for this spirited and progressive club.

Club G.A.A.

Staker Wallace

The A.G.M. of the Staker Wallace G.A.A. Club was held recently in Bulgaden School and was very well attended.

The chairman, T. O'Donoghue, in his address, said that he was very disappointed with the club's performance during the year. Things got off to a great start with a splendid victory over Effin in the J.H. Cup, but we were found wanting in the semi-final of the cup and later in the championship. He was disappointed in the turnout for training and said the club needed a greater commitment from the players.

The secretary gave a brief resumé of the year's activities. In his report he remarked that, following the euphoria and enthusiasm generated by our win over Effin in the J.H. Cup, great things were expected of this team during the year. However, although we won two tournaments we failed to make an impression where it mattered. We are now in the unenviable position of having been beaten in the first round of the J.H. Championship two years in succession by the eventual county champions, Ardpatrick, in 1982, and Hospital-Herbertstown in 1983. He also congratulated our sister club, the Staker Wallace Camogie Club. Although having only been formed earlier this year, won a senior tournament in Knocklong and reached the county junior final.

The treasurer, in his report, showed the high cost of running a club with hurleys the biggest item.

The chairman presented a cup to Mary O'Meara, who had raised the most money in the recent sponsored cycle.

The following officers were elected for the centenary year 1984: president, Rev. Fr. P. Kelly; vice-president, Rev. Fr. T. O'Leary; chairman, Wm. Carr; vice-chairman, Ml. Treacy; secretary, D. Martin; treasurer, Davy Ryan; asst. secretary, Ger Carroll; asst. treasurer, Wm. Slattery; registrar, P. Carroll; P.R.O., D. Martin.

Committee: Dominic Ryan, Patrick O'Meara, Cal Hayes, Ger Moloney, Ger Hanley.

Ladies committee: Mary O'Keeffe, Mary O'Meara, Pauline O'Keeffe, Marie Ryan, Noreen Martin, Mary Kelly, Rosemary Carroll, Mary Martin, Marion O'Donoghue.

Juvenile committee: chair-

Delegates to South Board and County Convention: D. Martin, Davy Ryan, Dom Ryan, Ml. Treacy.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: J.H., J.F., Novice, H., U-21 H. and U-21 F, U-16 H., U-14 H., U-12 H.

Selectors for J.H., Novice H. and U-12 H. are Tom O'Donoghue, P. Hurley and Ml. O'Donoghue.

Selectors for J.F. and U-21 F. are: Cal Hayes, C. Kelly, Ger Hanley.

Selectors for under-age teams are: P. Carroll, Ml. Treacy, Rev. Fr. Kelly, Rev. Fr. O'Leary, J. Lyons and P. O'Meara.

Captain J.H., Ger Carroll; vice-captain, J. Hayes.

Captain J.F., Ger Moloney; vice-captain, D. Guiney.

Captain u-21 H., John Roche.

Captain U-21 F. to be selected before first game.

The meeting was preceded

Double victory for Stakers

8/2/86

Those who trace the history of sport and the G.A.A. will find reference to the area of Bulgaden and Martinstown and "The Stakers" back to the last century. Now another chapter is being added by people from that area of South Limerick.

1985 will be remembered for the success of the Staker Wallace Camogie Club, when they won the County Intermediate League and Championship, just 3 years after the club was formed.

County Senior Hurling captain, Paddy Kelly presented the trophies to the girls at a victory dance in Bulgaden Castle recently and he congratulated the girls and the club on their success.

In a surprise presentation the girls presented the club officers with inscribed mementos as a token of appreciation for their work and dedication to the club during the year.

Here's hoping for continued success at Senior level in the years ahead.

Stakers

Well known inter county feree, Raymond Moloney, elected chairman of the Staker Wallace G.A.A. Club at the annual general meeting which was held in Bulgaden recently.

Rev. Fr. Kelly, in his address to the meeting said that 1985 was a disappointing year for the club. There were many reasons for our poor championship display against Glenroe and he hoped we would have better luck in 1986. He asked for better co-operation between players and club officers in running the club during 1986 and thanked Raymond Moloney for his splendid effort in training the team last year.

The secretary, D. Martin, in his report, gave a brief resumé of the club's activities in 1985. The trophies won by the club were under 14 Football at a tournament in Effin, although our J.H. are in the final of two tournaments yet to be played.

Treasurer, Davy Ryan, gave his usual very detailed financial report, with hurleys again the largest single item. He was very pleased to announce that during the year the club had made the final payment on the field at Ballinvana.

The following officers were then elected for 1986: President, Rev. Fr. P. Kelly; chairman, R. Moloney; vice chairmen, P. Vaughan and Ger Hanley; secretary, D. Martin; assistant secretary, R. Carroll; treasurer, Wm. Slattery; assistant treasurer, Wm. Carr; Club committee: P. O'Meara, M. O'Meara, T. Heffernan and M. Lyons. Ladies committee: M. O'Keeffe, J. Mabutt, N. Martin and M. Martin.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: J.H., N.H., J.F., under 21 H and F, under 16, under 14, under 12 H and F.

Selectors: J.H., P. Hurley, P. Carroll, Jimmy Maguire; N.H., P. Hurley, P. Carroll, Ml. Lyons; J.F., R. Moloney, T. Hanley. Under age, R. Moloney, P. O'Meara, D. Martin, W. Slattery, Rev. Fr. Kelly, P. Hurley.

Captains and vice captains, J.H., Jimmy Maguire and J. Lyons; N.H., Ml. Lyons and R. Hayes; J.F., R. Moloney and T. Hanley; under 21 H, Wm. Lyons; under 21 F, T. Connolly.

The meeting was preceded by Mass for deceased members and friends especially those who died during the year, vice chairman, Ml. Treacy and Val Duhig, Dromin, who had played with the club in the early 1970s.

New pitch for Stakers

AT the beginning of 1972 the Stakers GAA Club was reformed after a lapse of a number of years. Up to then players from the parish assisted neighbouring clubs such as Kilmallock, Knockaney, Garryspillane and Dromin-Athlacca. Some of the players who won honours with these clubs were Mike Heffernan, Mike Heelan, Joe Brazil, Nicholas and Dominic Hayes who won County S.H. Championship medals with Kilmallock. Patsy Meara who won South J.H. Championship medals with Bruff (1968) and Dromin-Athlacca 1971. David Ryan who won South J.H. Championship medals with Knockaney 1967 and Dromin-Athlacca 1971. Under age players at that time such as John Lyons, Dominic Ryan, Joe Hayes, Tom Leahy played with neighbouring clubs in the minor grade.

As stated, in 1972 Fr. Kennedy P.P., Fr. Mulcahy C.C., Pat Moloney, Paddy Leahy, Gerard O'Connor and some others got together and formed a club. The following officers were elected at that meeting:

Chairman: Fr. Kennedy

Vice-chairman: Fr. Mulcahy.

Secretary: David Ryan.

Assistant Secretary: Gerard O'Connor.

Treasurer: Paddy Leahy.

Assistant Treasurer: Pat Moloney.

The club affiliated J.H. U/21H. M.H., Juv.H., U/14H, U/21F, U/16F. in the championships that year. The club statistics that year read. Played 30 games won 14, lost 15 and drew 1. That year the club reached the South Final in U/14 hurling but lost to Dromin-Athlacca. The club lost three South Juvenile Hurling Championship Finals in a row from 1972 to 1974 inclusive.

Success was soon to follow, and in 1974 the club won the South County Minor Hurling Championship. This was followed in 1975 by the winning of the South U/21H. Championship beating Kilfinane in a replay. In 1976 the club again won the South M.H. Championship and also made the big

breakthrough in Junior Hurling winning the South Championship but losing the County Final to Granagh after a replay. The following is the team that won the South title: A. Fitzgerald, T. Flynn, T. Sheehy, T.J. Hanley (Capt.), P. Carroll, J. Houlihan, John McGuire, B. Ryan, G. Hanley, J. O'Brien, J. Lyons, D. Ryan, Jim McGuire, P. Ryan, M. Noonan.

The club bounced back the following year and although beaten in the South Final by Effin went on to win the County J.H. title for the first time defeating Murroe in the Final. The team was: G. Moloney, P. Carroll, T. Sheehy, T.J. Hanley, J. Hayes, P. Ryan, John McGuire, B. Ryan, G. Hanley, J. O'Brien, T. Houlihan, D. Ryan, J. Lyons, J. McGuire and G. Carroll. In 1978 the club won their third South M.H. Championship beating Knockaney in the Final.

This year 1982 the club decided to purchase their own playing pitch at Ballinvana on Knocklong-Kilmallock Road up to then the club used the pitch at Elton (they still use this) but it was outside the parish and could never be their own GAA field. Michael Treacy, Conal Kelly and Denis Martin were appointed trustees and they, along with an energetic committee set about paying off the debt. In the early part of the year they held a house-to-house collection and raised £2,250. This collection will be continued into the early part of 1983 and the committee are confident of raising another £1,500. A Gala field day was held in October by kind permission of John Carroll and Mr. Maher and a dance held in the Castle Lounge by kind permission of Conal and Mary Kelly that night raised a further £800. Upwards of £1,000 was raised by John O'Brien who completed the Dublin City Marathon on behalf of the club in two hours 40 minutes. The committee are confident that the remaining debt will be cleared in 1983. When this is done the club will proceed with the building of dressing rooms and a Community Hall, which will cater for all organisations in the parish. The parish although being one of the smallest in Limerick (pop. 600) are proud of the work being done by the GAA for the youth in the area, and hope that in 1984 the club will have one of the finest playing pitches and community halls in the county.



Mr. Tom O'Donoghue, Chairman Stakers G.A.A. Club announcing details of their new pitch at a Press Conference at Bulgaden Castle Lounge. Also included in picture are Davy Ryan, Conal Kelly Treasurer Stakers, Jim Hickey, Chairman Limerick County Board, Fr. P. Kelly, President Stakers and Denis Martin Hon. Secretary.

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