

# County Chronicle



Sean Curtin reveals scenes from Shannonside's storied past

## Limerick crowned 1958 All-Ireland champions

Limerick ..... 5-8  
Galway ..... 3-10

LIMERICK minor hurlers climaxed a year of great achievement by annexing the All-Ireland crown at Croke Park on Sunday, Sept 5, 1958, in as grim and exhilarating a struggle as has been witnessed in this grade for many a long day. The only pity was that one of these two outstanding teams had to lose, for Galway played with splendid grit and intensity of purpose, and there were times when it appeared that their power-packed play would carry the day. It was in the second half, however, that Shannonside hopes soared and the forwards, led triumphantly by young Pat Murphy, surged through for the scores that mattered.

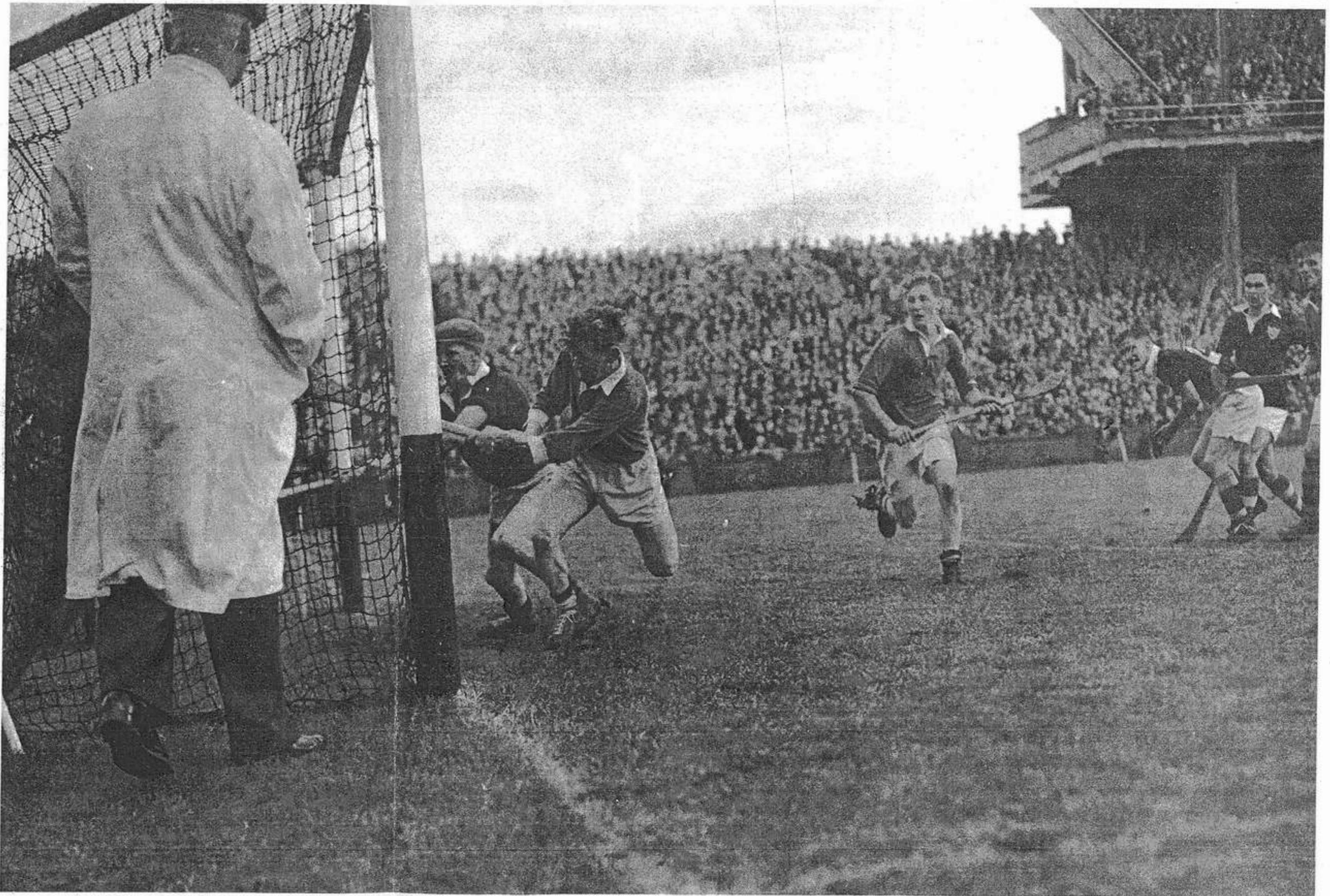
This All-Ireland final occasion was saved from utter extinction by the performance of the minor hurlers, who gratefully served up fare of a grim and exciting nature. The senior encounter between Galway and Kilkenny was no better than a boring exhibition, fought out with little or no "final" atmosphere and with no great spirit.

At the interval, Galway deservedly led by 3-4 to 2-2. A feature of this opening half had been the rugged stand by the Shannonsiders defence. No praise is too high for goalkeeper Tom Hanly, in this period.

Hero of the side, however, was midfielder Pat Hartnett, who really opened his shoulders after a quiet opening. This young player strove tirelessly to knit the side together. His lengthy centres and fast ground striking were noteworthy features.

Scorers for the winners were: Hayes 2-1, Murphy 2-1, Cauty 0-1, Cobbe 0-1, Hartnett 0-2, Sexton 1-0 and Carey 0-2, while Jordan 2-0, Spillane 0-1, Devlin 0-7, Conway 1-0, Egan 0-1 and Stanley 0-1 replied for Galway.

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The homecoming in 1958 saw thousands throng Limerick station and Parnell Street.



Pat Murphy, left, and captain, Paddy Cobbe, show the silverware to their team mates at a function to honour Limerick's All-Ireland triumph



A section of the crowd supporting Limerick



Our 1958 hurling heroes



The homecoming: Captain, Paddy Cobbe is shouldered high from the railway station on the Monday night after the final

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