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Sean Curtin reveals scenes from Shannonside's storied past



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Hurling heroes meet their Sexton St faithful

WHEN Limerick beat Kilkenny to win their first Liam McCarthy Cup since 1940 in September 1973 their first port of call on returning home was to CBS School in Sexton Street. The "Brothers" dedicated their lives to the betterment of Limerick, both educationally, socially and spiritually. Hurling was part of that education and when hurling was strong in the school it was replicated on a county basis. Sextons had won several Harty Cups as well as an All-Ireland in 1964 so it was a natural progression that the county team would sooner rather than later win the blue riband in Croke Park. It is no coincidence though, that when hurling was in the ascendancy in "Sextons", Limerick clubs and teams flourished. Likewise, when it hit the doldrums then a similar effect hit the leading clubs consequently, Limerick has been starved of another All-Ireland despite reaching four finals in the interim, in 1974, 1980, 1994 (ouch) and 1996.

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