

# Paddy Kelly the trump card

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KILMALLOCK ..... 1-11  
OLD CHRISTIANS ..... 1-6

The accuracy and opportunism of Paddy Kelly were the trump cards which finally fashioned a five-point victory for Kilmallock in this gripping County Senior Hurling Championship game with Old Christians at sun-drenched Croom on Sunday last.

Paddy Kelly finished with a personal tally of 0-10, after an hour of first class, exciting hurling.

Old Christians looked the more accomplished side, and their first-time striking and teamwork were a treat to watch. With Pat Howard excelling at centre-back, they won loads of possession, but their finishing was extremely poor.

They fluffed many glorious opportunities, especially in the first half, and at the interval Kilmallock led by 0-6 to 0-4.

When Pat Howard goaled from a penalty to equalise 13 minutes into the second half, Old Christians looked on target for a surprise victory.

However, Paddy Kelly rescued Kilmallock from the brink with two delightfully struck long distance points from frees, and elusive Maurice Nelligan sounded the deathknell for Old Christians' aspirations twelve minutes from the end when he flashed the rebound from a blocked penalty attempt by Paddy Kelly to the net for the decisive score.

Old Christians, to their credit, never surrendered, but the great defensive play of Donal Barry and Mick Carroll fortified Kilmallock against the mounting city boys rally, and in a pulsating finish, Kilmallock held out for victory.

In addition to Kelly, Mick Carroll, Donal Barry, Maurice Nelligan, Liam Tobin, Johnny Neenan, Eddie Wiley and Davy O'Riordan were others who contributed handsomely to Kilmallock's win.

Pat Howard, Pat Conway, Brian Toomey, Gay Jones, Tony Byrnes, Noel O'Brien and John Hegarty impressed most for an Old Christians team that certainly revealed potential.

## SCORERS

Kilmallock: P. Kelly 0-10, M. Nelligan 1-0, J. Neenan 0-1.

Old Christians: J. Hegarty 0-4, P. Howard 1-0, T. Sheehan 0-1, N. O'Brien 0-1.

## TEAMS

Kilmallock: T. J. Moloney, L. Tobin, J. J. O'Riordan, S. Burchill, D. Barry, M. Carroll, G. O'Riordan, E. Wiley,

## Ronan the great



Ronan Tynan.

The feat of Thomond College athlete Ronan Tynan, to be voted best overall athlete at the Disabled Olympics in New York, is a tremendous boost for the Limerick College.

Twenty three year-old Ronan who won three gold and two silver medals in the Disabled Olympics is a third year physical education student at Plassey.

Born with a congenital deformity, in 1980 both his legs from his knees down were amputated. But it was not a question of a wheelchair for Ronan, the Kilkennyman instead opted for two artificial legs.

Ronan set world records in three of the five events, long jump, shot and discus and

came second in the high jump, and the 100 metres.

A powerfull built young man he has come on leaps and bounds since he joined Thomond College as Ireland's first disabled P.E. student in 1980.

Success is nothing new to Ronan. In May, 1982, as Ireland's sole representative in the British International Amputee Games he achieved world records in the shot putt and 100 metres.

In the European Championships in Brussels, Ronan set new records in the discus and broke his own shot and 100 metres records.

All at Thomond College are delighted with Ronan's progress which will be a tremendous encouragement to all disabled.

