

1975 County Senior Football Champions

FIRST WINNERS OF THE DERMOT BOURKE CUP



In 1975, led by Pa Connolly, the first holders of the Dermot Bourke cup, defeated Carbury 2-7 to 1-6 after a 1-6 to 0-9 draw. They were the Jubilee Team in 2000.

- 1. JIM FORTUNE: Had plenty of experience with the Air Corps before coming to Clane. A very agile goalie. He came to the rescue on many occasions during the campaign.
- 2. JOE HIGGINS: Good, solid cornerback with safe hands, his accurate use of the ball when under pressure was a feature of his game.
- 3. FR. EDWARD FLOOD: When posted in Clane he took over the full-back spot and made it his own. His long kick-out. plus his ability to defend without a foul. gave Clane an edge around the goal-mouth.
- 4. DAVID WELDS: Tough, hard corner-back, close marking, every forward earned his score when facing Daithí.
- 5. MICK BROSNAN: Fast and steady wing-back, never afraid to assist his attack if the opening arose, had some great games during this championship run.
- 6. TONY CAREW: Well-known for his hurling ability but also a fine footballer, he outplayed a number of opponents with his man-to-man style, a vital cog on the team.
- 7. CECIL DUNNE: Another fast wing man who rounded off a great line that was the springboard of many Clane attacks. Good both in the air or on the sod.
- 8. TOMMY CAREW: One of the most talented players to grace any ground in the country. A footballer supreme who would shine in any company, a major influence in Clane's success.
- 9. PAT LYONS: Fifteen years at midfield for Clane tells the story of this hardworking competitor. A perfect partner for Tommy and a fine player in his own right, had a great year.

- 10. AMBROSE BRACKEN: Sadly no longer with us, a tricky and accurate forward with great vision and the ability to set up scores for his inside men; always available for the pass from defence.
- 11. BILLY MALONEY: Big and strong, a major handfull for any centre-back, good ball carrier who led his line well and contributed some vital scores from this position.
- 12. MICK CONDON: Another skilful wing man, got a great goal in the final, never afraid to take on his man, and snapped up any breaking ball with relish.
- 13. MICK COONEY: A corner forward, also at home in midfield, safe hands, good feet, an all-round performer. One of the best club players for a number of years.
- 14. PA CONNOLLY: Captain and leader on an off the field. A super footballer who never used his big frame for unfair advantage. One of the main reasons for Clane's good record in the '60s and '70s. Fourth time to captain Clane to championship victory.
- 15. FRANK KILCOYNE: The tall Sligo native added the finishing touch to a good side, dangerous in front of goal. quick to spot a better placed team mate. a real handful for any corner-back.

## Subs:

SÉAMUS CONNOLLY; DECLAN CORRIGAN; SÉAMUS COONEY; SEAMUS BRADY; NOEL CUMMISKEY; JIM CRAUGHWELL; LIAM BURCHEAL; JIM MAHONEY; JIM DUFFY; TOMMY HOBAN; HARRY BRACKEN (R.I.P.); PADDY REILLY; JOHN DALY.

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First winners of the Dermot Burke Cup - Clane 1975

Back row (l t r): R. J. Higgins, M. Brosnan, F. Kilcoyne, A. Bracken, J. Fortune, B. Moloney, A. Carew, M. Condon.

Front row: T. Carew, Fr. E. Flood, Pa Connolly (captain), P. Lyons, M. Cooney, D. Weld, C. Dunne

