

goals of the unfortunate variety were conceded in a matter of minutes. The team in green and red were rocked out of their comfort zone and couldn't regain their composure. However, with five minutes remaining they were still ahead by 1-8 to 2-1, when Joseph's struck for a third time. Three points followed and St. Michael's were beaten. Final score; St. Joseph's 3-4 St. Michael's 1-8.

Defeat is a bitter pill to swallow. The manner of this loss made it even more so. The effects of a hard, and ultimately unfulfilled season, took their toll in 1989. Injuries and loss of form contributed to a poor league showing with relegation only narrowly avoided. Disappointment was also our lot in the championship - failure to make the knockout stages bringing the year to a premature close.

And so to 1990. There was a new management team - Aidan Sheerin was now at the helm - and a determination to deliver championship success at last. A home victory against Boyle was the ideal start to the season and laid the foundation for a highly respectable league campaign with St. Michael's finishing fourth in Division 2. Championship progress was equally impressive as the men from Ardcarne qualified for a Northern Final showdown with Western Gaels. A perfect September evening in Kilmore was the setting for a fiercely contested tie, with the Gaels coming through in the end by 3-24 to 0-6. A far too easy passage to the final had done us no favours when the chips were down.



St. Michael's Team – 1988 Tansey Cup Winners

Back: E. Martin, T. Daly, M. Henry, F. Clancy, M. O'Hara, J. Deane, M. Daly, B. Lee, A. Dowd. **Front:** P. McDermott, P. Simon, S. Sweeney, T. Fallon, B. Coughlan, C. McDermott, P. Daly, T. Bruen

