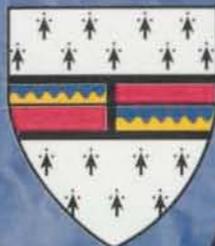


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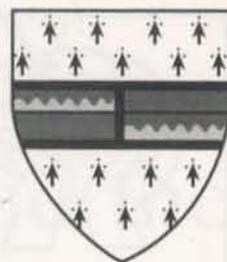
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## The Home of Hurling and the Dower House of Football?



**W**ho fears to speak of ninety-eight? Whatever about 1798, there were some fearsome natural upheavals in the course of 1998. Many of these have been put down to El Nino. This was, until recently, a welcome warm ocean current, which lapped the coastline of Peru around Christmas time. It was christened "El Nino", Spanish for "The Infant", or Christ Child.

For whatever reason, industrial pollution of the atmosphere and the oceans or some other unknown reasons, El Nino became an "enfant terrible" in recent years. The current grew, moved across the Pacific and circled the world causing huge shifts in the climate. The results have been a series of natural disasters world-wide. There were floods and landslides in Papua New Guinea, drought and forest fires in Indonesia, hurricanes in Central America and volcanic explosions in Clare throughout the hurling season.

While we here in Tipperary were fortunate to escape the more extreme manifestations such as hurricane Mitch, nevertheless our climate all year was very disturbed. Rainfall was at record levels and it was regularly accompanied by high winds. It was a very difficult season for farmers; holidaymakers were confined to their caravans most of the time. Training for the games often took place in muddy conditions. Some games were played in very difficult conditions with strong winds and lashing rain. The camogie finals in Croke Park were played in such conditions. Spectators were often drenched and the stands did not always protect their occupants. You will be pleased to hear that I got a good wetting on the Ard Comhairle!

Yet, despite the elements, the games went ahead and there was no lack of excitement and controversy. The senior hurlers went into the first round against Waterford with high hopes of going on to the All-Ireland honours which had so narrowly eluded them last year. History should have cautioned them about first round games against the Decies. Nineteen fifty-nine of the nine goals was a never-to-be-forgotten day of trauma for Tipperary. Nineteen sixty-three was another eye-opener. Also, Waterford had produced some very fine minor and under twenty-one sides in recent years.



*Most Rev. Dermot Cifford, D.D.,  
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And as Gerry Adams said on a famous occasion, "They haven't gone away you know". But while they made some fine showings in the League, they went down rather easily to a young and inexperienced Cork team in the final. Perhaps we underestimated them.

It looked as if Tipperary would coast to victory in Pairc Ui Chaoimh as they took the game to Waterford in the first half. They were playing with great skill and determination. They looked as if they would put Waterford away before half time and they might well have done so had not Liam Cahill's volley struck the cross-bar and Declan Ryan's hit the goal-post only to come back into play and be cleared. Still, a brilliant goal by Eugene O'Neill just before the whistle put Tipp five points up at the interval.

Whatever Gerald McCarthy said at half time, his charges went into overdrive at the restart and quickly evened the scores with powerful mid-field and forward play. They moved ahead by three points and then their backs showed wonderful defensive skills. They tapped the ball away from the forwards with deft strokes. The whole team showed new discipline thanks to the management techniques of Gerald McCarthy. A great goal against the run of play by Brian O'Meara levelled the score but Paul Flynn regained the lead for Waterford. From then on one could

only hope for a Declan Ryan, "special" and he came within centimetres of delivering in the dying minutes but Lady Luck was against us. When Paul Flynn hit the upright the ball went over the bar. "My Mamma never told me there 'd be days like this". But even though Tipp lost they left nobody in doubt, least of all their opponents that they had been in a Munster Championship game - a tough, robust but sporting contest all the way.

For the fifth time in four years, Tipperary came away defeated by one puck of the ball. As one disappointed fan remarked, "Tis a case of deja vu all over again..." Last year at least there was the path to the "back door". Exit the hurlers through the trap door. But all was not lost. Nior dhun Dia doras riamh nar oscal se' ceann Bile. Enter the junior footballers. Where the hurlers had struck wood, the footballers struck gold! They attracted little attention as they progressed through the Munster Championship, overcoming Cork and Clare. Waterford proved their greatest obstacle and the same Lady Luck who had deserted the hurlers came back to smile on the footballers.

And so to the All-Ireland final against Offaly in Portlaoise one fine Saturday in August. The loyal followers, who never lost the faith in our football fortunes, saw a gallant team bridge a seventy-five year gap to bring the first All-Ireland title to the Premier County since 1923 when Eddie Cummins captained his team to a famous victory. There were tears in the eyes of some of the older supporters and joy unbounded among the young. They lingered long on the pitch that evening as they savoured their sweetest victory. If only Bill Ryan of Laha had lived to see it!

What was particularly pleasing about this team was that it came from all four divisions of the county. It was not confined to the football strongholds of south and west. The captain, Kevin George Coonan, is a Nenagh man. There is a Loughmore man with a lion's heart; there are four young hares from the Glen of Aherlow where they train at altitude and a veteran from Anacarty, Anthony Crosse, whom all Tipperary are delighted to see on the winners podium. Then, of course, there were the stouthearts from the south - without whom no Tipperary team would be complete.

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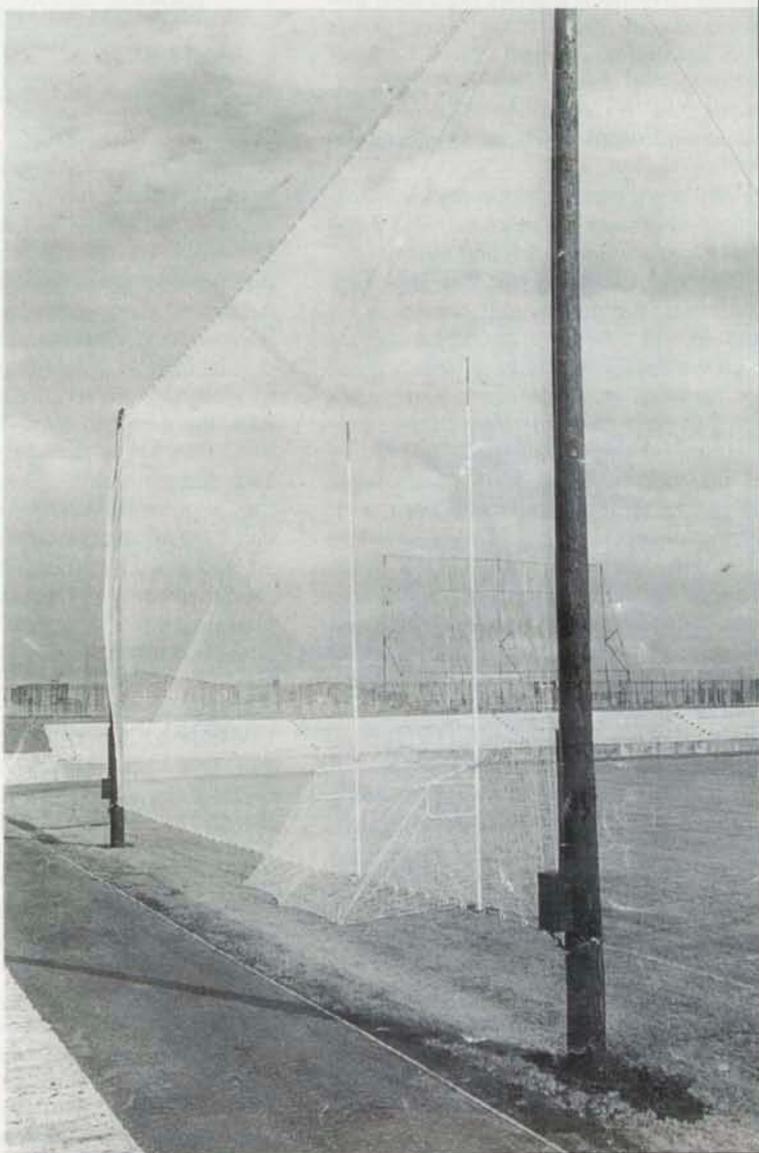
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Since the majority of the team are young - some are still under twenty-one and one was still a minor - we can hope that the senior team will shortly have four or five players which is all they now need to take on the football powers of the land. They put up a very creditable show against Kerry in the Munster final and like Waterford in the hurling this year it is only a matter of time until they challenge for major honours. Tipperary are now competing at the highest level in football and hurling as we approach the new millennium. As Jackie Healy Rae would say, "There is no reason in the wide earthly world why this county should not aim at Objective One status like Galway, Offaly, Clare and Kerry. The outstanding performance of Derry Foley in the Ireland vs Australia series and the nomination of Declan Brown for an All-Stars award underlines Tipperary's present standing in the football world. Tipperary, the Home of Hurling is no longer the Dower House of football!"

I was very impressed by the Tipperary junior camogie team who played against Galway in the All-Ireland final in Croke Park in September. In atrocious conditions they were unlucky to lose narrowly to a more experienced and physically stronger side. They were the most skillful side of the four teams on show that day. Cork and Galway contested the senior final. There were some exceptionally gifted players like Grainne Shanahan, Sheena Howard and Angela Dean while Angela Mc Dermott is in a class apart with players like Anne and Angela Downey.

Camogie has come on by leaps and bounds since it began to receive television coverage. It has been decided to extend the playing pitch to full-size and the team numbers to fifteen next season. I expect to see an All-Ireland coming this way in a year or two!

Ladies' football is also enjoying growing popularity with very exciting All-Ireland finals and replays over the past few years. Neighbouring Waterford took the title in style this year. We must not forget that Tipperary won the very first All-Ireland in this competition back in the seventies. Is it not time that the ladies of Tipperary recaptured their first fervour?

The county championship filled the gap left by the early departure of the hurlers and provided some fine entertainment. The contest between Nenagh and Clonoulty-Rossmore in hurling was the "thriller" of the competition with Declan Ryan's warriors proving to be great survivors yet again. Toomevara, at the other side of the draw, had a relatively easy passage. In the final they withstood a hammer blow from Declan in the third quarter. Clonoulty-Rossmore had used up all their nine lives and the Greyhounds came in for the kill. Toomevara are now the undisputed team of the nineties and they have

already proved their class against the Cork champions.

Moyle Rovers have similarly returned to form and proved to be worthy champions in their victory against Ardfinnan in the county final on a very unpleasant afternoon. They surprised many an expert commentator by beating the Cork champions in the semi-final of the Munster Club Championship. This is another indicator of the standard of football in the Premier County.

The minor titles went to Drom & Inch in hurling and to Aravale Rovers in football. These young men show great promise for the future. In this age group, I must not forget to mention the Abbey C.B.S. who won the All-Ireland B football final and Tipperary Vocational Schools who took the honours in the All-Ireland B final in a spell-binding replay in Sligo. This was Tipperary's first victory in this competition. The victorious captain was a Roscrea man, Trevor Fletcher.

One of the great pleasures of parents is to take a child to his or her first Gaelic game and to watch the reactions. The same is true of taking someone from another culture to their first Gaelic game. A Scottish Presbyterian saw hurling for the first time on the day Clare and Offaly played in the All-Ireland semi-final in Croke Park. His comments were humorous but perceptive. Writing in the *Scotsman* he said, "This was a most colourful spectacular on and off a vast, lovely green pitch. Last time I saw as many flags was on a day in Aberdeen when they were trying to sell them. For me this was the kind of game dreams are made of, if only for the fact that the two teams were prepared to go hell for leather and back in terms of pride and passion".

Here lies the difference between the professionals and the amateurs, between play for pay and play for pleasure. It was pride and passion that inspired the labourer in Knocknagow to make the famous winning throw of the sledge against the officer and gentleman. It is what inspires young men and women in Gaelic fields today to give their all and a bit with it, 'for the credit of the little village', the club or county. Despite the preoccupation with money in most branches of sport, pride and passion are still in plentiful supply among the younger generation. The cynics may say: Only fools and horses and Gaelic players! But then who are the cynics? In Oscar Wilde's words, "they are people who know the price of everything and the value of nothing".

For me, the most outstanding example of sportsmanship I saw in 1998 came at the end of the minor football final. Laois were all set for three in a row. Tyrone, a team who had experienced the tragic loss of Paul McGuire last season and had to cope with the horrific Omagh bomb-

ing in the middle of their preparations were deserving winners. But where the defeated players normally lie down on the pitch while the victors receive the Cup and begin the lap of honour, these young Laois men spontaneously formed a guard of honour for the Tyrone lads. A truly sporting gesture which recalled the Wexford men shouldering Christy Ring off the field after the 1956 final in Croke Park.

The back door system has been sanctioned for a further three years. There are very good reasons for this decision. But the extra games that it involves have put the G.A.A. calendar and my calendar out of kilter. I have run into several clashes of fixtures this year. I used to joke that if Tipperary and Kerry ever met in a Munster final I would organise a pilgrimage to Knock. This year they did meet and as luck would have it, it was on the very day of the Cashel & Emly pilgrimage to Knock which I always lead.

May I conclude by making a suggestion to the Tipperary Gaels. You have a sign on the Dublin/Cork road, outside Urlingford which reads, "Welcome to Tipperary, the Home of Hurling". I am not sure whether the original intention was to annoy the people of Kilkenny and the people of Cork, but I am certain that it has succeeded admirably in doing so! Why not, for a little extra cost, annoy the Kerry people as well by altering it to read, "Tipperary, the Home of Hurling and Football?". "And that's pure true" as the Kerrygold advert put it some years ago. It could be a first salvo in the lead-up to the opening rounds of the two Munster Championships where Tipperary takes on Kerry in both codes.

Naturally, I will have divided loyalties here. But it will not be easy for me to arrange two pilgrimages to Knock in order to avoid taking sides as I did this year. All the Sundays are booked out in Knock as well!

The full account of the year's sport is chronicled in the pages of this Annual. If one picture is worth a thousand words then this story in pictures has saved many a tree and made up in a small way for the ravages of El Nino. We can have a legitimate pride in the Tipperary Yearbook. It is one of the finest in the country. We can be as proud of our sports writers as we are of our hurlers and footballers, handballers and camogie players. It is not only compulsory reading, it is compulsive reading for all true followers of our Gaelic games in the birth place of the Association. It is an ideal Christmas present for Tipperary exiles. "Alone, all alone, by the wave washed shore, alone in the crowded hall".

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# Footballers to the Fore



County Board chairman, Paul O'Neill, chats with special guest, Mary McAleese, Uachtarán na hÉireann, at the Munster senior hurling final in Semple Stadium.

If we look back over the year from the point of view of hurling there isn't much success to be recorded. We failed to make the Munster senior hurling final, going down to Waterford in Cork. At minor and Under-21 level we were, frankly, disappointing. The intermediate side were unlucky to lose to Limerick. Had they won they would more than likely have emulated their victor's achievement and won the All-Ireland.

At a football level our achievements were much greater. The senior team got to the Munster final for the third time in the nineties. Declan Browne made a national impact by being leading scorer for 1998 and as I write this, has a very good chance of becoming our first football All-Star, an honour he most rightly deserves. (In fact, there is a good chance another of our players, albeit past, Brian Lacey, may also achieve that honour). The Minors and Under-21 teams suffered defeat although the latter might have made the breakthrough. This, however, was left to the Juniors who brought the first adult All-Ireland

back to the county since 1923. It was a brilliant achievement and an occasion of great joy to themselves and their supporters when they beat Offaly in the final in Portlaoise. To the team and every member of the panel and the background boys under the leadership of Seamus McCarthy I want to offer my sincerest congratulations. It should also be noted that two other football teams from the county, Tipperary C.B.S. and South Tipperary Vocational Schools won All-Ireland honours in their respective competitions.

There were other achievements worthy of mention Bridget Delaney of the Burgess club won a MaNamee Award for her club media presentation. This was a great tribute to her work and it highlighted the importance of publicising the work we do, whether at club, divisional or county level. She is to be complimented on the excellence of her effort and her dedication to her club.

Another achievement of importance was the formal opening of the new field in Thurles. Now officially known as the Archbishop Thomas

Morris Park it was the result of an inspired decision taken a few years ago to purchase twelve acres of ground close to Semple Stadium and develop them into an alternative training and playing venue for our club and county teams. The development took place in a very short time and the venue has been completed to the highest specifications. For this work we are indebted to many people but none more than county development officer, John Ryan. I can see the new field as a most valuable adjunct to Semple Stadium for years to come.

I welcome the decision of the Special Congress at Wexford on the 31st of October to extend the experimental format for the All-Ireland senior hurling championship for another four years. Hurling has been the winner over the past two years and I look forward to seeing it being even more successful in the future.

Finally, I welcome the publication of the 1999 Yearbook. I compliment the committee on their continued good work of reporting the G.A.A. achievements of the county over the past year. They are doing an outstanding job in recording for posterity the G.A.A. year of 1998.

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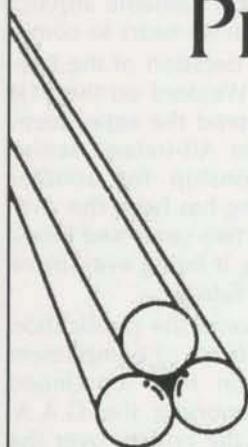
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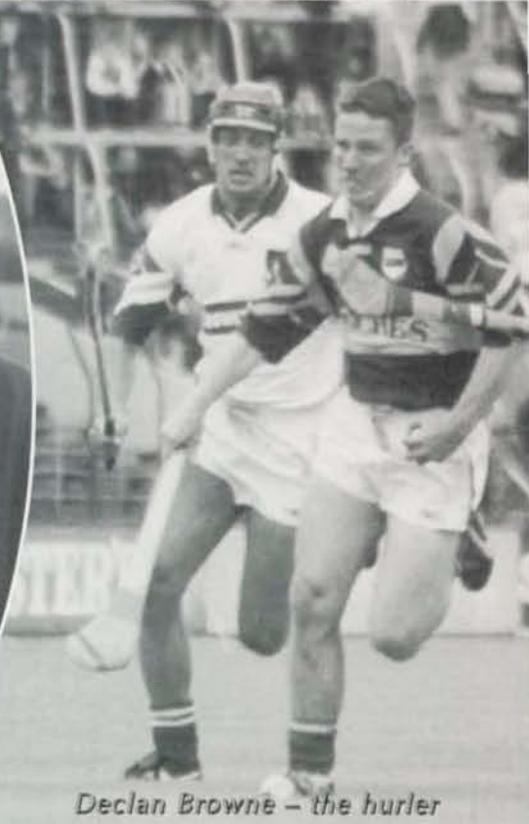
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*The Nationalist*

**A** championship year with a poor yield for Tipperary GAA had one glorious chapter - the stirring victory of the junior footballers who bridged a seventy five year gap by taking the All Ireland title.

The previous win by the juniors in 1923 was also Tipperary's last adult football All Ireland title so not surprisingly the celebrations on that wonderful August evening in Portlaoise - and indeed the celebrations since - were so special.

A campaign that had its stuttering moments ended with the side's most confident display with a nine points win over highly fancied Offaly, 2-9 to 0-6, in the All Ireland final

It was a proud and memorable occasion for Tipperary football and for the seventeen heroes who donned the blue and gold. They achieved a new found respect for the big ball game in the county and thrilled those of the county's Gaels who harbour a special love for football.

So it was no surprise that as dusk settled over a near deserted Portlaoise, none of those involved with the team wanted to go home. Winning an All Ireland title was a unique experience and everyone wanted to savour the atmosphere.

It was a hugely emotional experience, not just for the players but for the people who had done so much to promote the game in the county in recent years. Basking in the glory of a rare Tipp football All Ireland triumph were Football Board chairman Mick Frawley and his predecessors Sean Mockler and Hugh Kennedy; Friends of Tipperary Football chairman Pat Moroney as well as football stalwarts such as Eddie Lonergan, Tom Collum and John Hassett.

There too was Dick Cummins from, Fethard whose brother had captained the Tipp team to win the 1923 title

And all those people were remembered again three months later by GAA president Joe McDonagh when he trav-



Photograph taken after Tipperary's historic victory over Offaly in the junior football All-Ireland final at Portlaoise shows the captain of the team, Kevin Coonan, with some well-known Tipperary football supporters following the presentation of the trophy. Included are (l.-r.): John J. Hassett, Cashel; Con Ryan, Drom, both prominent members of the 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Kevin Coonan, captain; Dick Cummins, Fethard, and Sean Mockler, Castleiney, a member of the 'Friends of Tipperary Football' and a former chairman of the Co. Football Board. Dick Cummins' brother, Ned, was the captain of the last tipperary team to win the junior football All-Ireland when they defeated Carlow in 1923.



Tipperary junior football manager, Seamus McCarthy, photographed with his son, Niall, team captain, Kevin Coonan and the cup following Tipperary's victory over Offaly in the All-Ireland final at Portlaoise.

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Where it all began – Tipperary junior football selectors photographed before their first game against Limerick at Pairc na nGael, Limerick (l. to r.): Conor O'Dwyer, Martin Healy, Pete Savage and Seamus McCarthy (manager). The team went on to create history by winning the All-Ireland with a defeat over Offaly at Portlaoise.

elled to Cahir to present the players with their All Ireland medals. He paid tribute to everyone in the county who had kept the faith in Tipperary football and said they were now reaping the rewards.

The Galway man said the victory represented much more than just a wonderful achievement by the team - it also represented a tangible expression of the great work done in the clubs, schools and colleges and particularly by the Football Board.

The All Ireland victory had put football on a par with hurling in the county and that was a special day for the county, McDonagh said. Those who had kept the faith in the game deserved great credit because they kept the flame alight during the dark times when the game struggled. Tipperary football was now moving on to a new level, the president told the huge gathering which honoured the team at that memorable celebration in Cahir.

While it was the players who did the business on the field, the guiding light and inspiration for the victory was manager Seamus McCarthy who with his fellow selectors Pete Savage, Conor O'Dwyer and Martin Healy had moulded the team into one capable of achieving the ultimate prize - and a team confident in their ability to do so.

The All Ireland title was the Holy Grail for McCarthy - his ambition was to guide a Tipp team to glory at national level and he had finally realised the dream. And it was no less an achievement because it was at junior level and not senior, minor or u-21.

McCarthy views the junior championship in a different light to many people. He sees it as a conveyor belt for the county senior team and not only fashioned a side that could win the junior championship but also play a significant part in the overall development of the game in the county

He achieved both targets - the team had realised its full potential and also given a national stage to some of the most promising football talent in the county.

The undoubted highlights of the campaign were the Munster final victory over Cork, to secure the first provincial title in forty six years, and the All Ireland final itself which ended a seventy-five year famine for Tipp football.

But there were some sticky moments on the way to such glory and the team had to dig deep against both Waterford and Clare in the Munster campaign to ensure progression. But even then the players showed character that was to stand to them in the big games to follow. McCarthy had moulded a team where the players would work for each other and graft hard to dig their way out of trouble.

The campaign started with a facile win away to Limerick on May 10th

when Tipp won by fourteen points, 1-14 to 0-3. The poor quality of the opposition ensured that there wasn't too much hype about Tipp's big win and no great talk of eventual glory.

Team captain Kevin "George" Coonan and that great servant of Tipp football Tommy Sheehan were the star performers on a day when Tipp scored seven unanswered points in twenty one minutes and restricted Limerick to a single point in the second half.

Playing for Tipp that day were the two unluckiest players of the campaign - Benny Walsh from Commercials and Ardfinnan's Albert Keating. They played in the first three games but Walsh was injured before the Munster final and missed out on that great day while Keating was injured ten minutes into the final. Neither played again in the campaign.

Tipperary didn't find Waterford as accommodating as Limerick in the second round at Clonmel on May 30th and might easily have been beaten before eventually coming through by a single point, 0-9 to 1-5. Tipp were well on top in the first half with Mullinahone's Paul Cahill and PJ Lanigan from Grange-mockler in fine form while Willie Morrissey, Paul Ormond, Benny Walsh and Mick O'Mahoney also doing well.

But Waterford rallied in the second and the sides were level into injury time. The Decies had the chance of a winning point from a free but Brian Arrigan's effort dropped short and Tipp broke upfield for Mark O'Shea to score the winner. Waterford had two further scoring chances but both were spurned and Tipp advanced to the Munster semi-final against Clare on June 28th in Limerick.

This was another game that could have gone either way. With Albert Keating in superb form, Tipp led 0-4 to 0-2



Savouring the moment – Tipperary junior football manager, Seamus McCarthy (centre) joins in celebration with fellow selector Martin Healy (left) and chairman of Tipperary Football Board, Michael Frawley, following the team's outstanding display in the Munster final victory over Cork at Pairc Uí Rinn, Cork.

at the break and extended the lead to three early in the second half. But Clare responded in determined fashion and four points without reply put them ahead 0-6 to 05 after twelve minutes of the second half.

McCarthy introduced Tommy Sheehan and Anthony Crosse and the game swung again. Kevin Coonan scored the equaliser from a free and then put Tipp into the lead from another free, It was a precarious lead but Mark O'Shea calmed Tipp nerves with the insurance point to put Tipp through to the Munster final against red hot favourites Cork.

It was on a dull Wednesday evening, July 15th, in Cork's own Pairc Uí Rinn that the real character of this team shone through and the potential for All Ireland glory first emerged. The statistics were all against Tipp - they hadn't won the title since 1952; they hadn't beaten Cork in the grade since 1956; they played Cork on twenty five previous occasions and only won four times; and since then Cork had beaten Tipp eleven times in a row, including the finals of 1986, '87, '88 and '93.

Cork had also beaten holders Kerry In the semi-final and a match preview in that day's "Examiner" summed up the mood in the county - if Cork didn't overdo the short passing and used the long ball more often then they should win by a comfortable marginal

As it happened, Tipp played out of their skins to win 0-6 to 0-5 in a game that was much better than that low score might suggest. It was a stirring victory fashioned out of spirit and determination to give the county its sixth Munster title in the grade.

Tipperary had many heroes on the day. At the back Damien Byrne put in a man of the match performance with superb covering and fielding; his Fethard clubmate Willie Morrissey was equally impressive while Fergal Clifford, Derry Peters and Mick O'Mahoney were all in dominant form.

Tipp also had the edge at midfield with Paul Ormond and Mark Leonard playing some of their best football of the championship while in attack Mark O'Shea, Tommy Sheehan and Kevin Coonan stood out.

Remarkably the first score didn't come until the 22nd minute when Jonathan McCarthy pointed a free for Cork. Four minutes later Kevin Coonan pointed a 45 to tie the scores and it remained at 0-1 each to half time.

The sides were also level at 0-2 and 0-3 each with the Tipp scores from O'Shea and Sheehan but when the visitors had points back to back from Sheehan and a Coonan free it gave Tipp a significant psychological advantage at 0-5 to 0-3, the first time there had been two points between the sides. McCarthy from a free brought the margin down to the minimum again but then Tipp



Mark Leonard in action for Tipperary during the All-Ireland junior football final at Portlaoise



Bird's eye view - Young Tommy Sheehan from Fethard celebrates victory of Tipperary as the trophy is presented following the exciting Munster junior football championship final victory over Cork by the narrowest of margins at Pairc Uí Rinn (Cork). Giving him a good view of things on this historic occasion is Tipperary player Damien Byrne.

pulled a masterstroke with the introduction of Anthony Crosse. He won the first ball sent in to him and set up fellow sub Jim McAuliffe to restore Tipp's two point advantage.

Cork brought the margin back to just a single point again but couldn't find any way past an heroic Tipp defence for the equaliser. The jubilation that greeted the final whistle reflected what the result meant to Tipp. Seamus McCarthy was delighted but not surprised. "There is great pedigree in the team".

He also accepted that very few people outside of Tipp had given his team a chance. "We certainly gave ourselves a chance and I knew that if it came down to a close battle that we would win. I knew we had the footballers and I also knew that they would battle to the end".

Nick Frawley was ecstatic. "We have suffered so many disappointments at the hands of Cork so for a county starved of success this victory means an awful lot. To win our first junior title since 1952 means more than words can say" said the Emly man,

The players themselves also saw further potential in the side. Both Willie Morrissey and goalkeeper Seamus Delahunty said in post-match interviews that the team could go all the way to All Ireland glory.

If Tipperary had it easy in their first outing against Limerick, it was nothing to the cakewalk they enjoyed against Warwickshire in the All Ireland semi-final at Ardfinnan on August 15th a day that will be remembered more for the Omagh bomb outrage than any football game.

But the players knew nothing of the tragedy at the time as Tipp romped home by a massive thirty points, 4-22 to 0-4. The English visitors were totally out of their depth and even though they held the Munster champions to 0-2 to 0-1 after ten minutes, the floodgates opened soon after that.

A Jim McAuliffe goal helped them to a 1-7 to 0-1 lead and two Anthony Crosse goals in the first twelve minutes of the second half helped to put Tipp out of sight at 3-10 to 0-2. But worse was to follow for Warwickshire in the final quarter which Tipp used for target practice by adding another unanswered 1-9.

The bright spots for Tipp were the performances of O'Shea, Sheehan and Coonan in attack while Ormond and Leonard were again totally dominant in the centre of the park - Ormond in particular proving to be one of the star performers of the entire championship.

In defence Tipp were watertight with Damien O'Byrne once more impressing in the full line along with Fergal Clifford and Ky Vaughan who came in for Mick O'Mahoney who was on honeymoon. The half line was also on top of its game with PJ Lanigan, Derry Peters and Willie



Tipperary chairman Paul O'Neill makes a presentation to Seosamh Mac Donncha, Uachtarán C.L.G. at Cahir House Hotel

Morrissey not giving an inch to the Warwickshire attack.

Tipp's total dominance in the final quarter was reflected in a plea from a Warwickshire player to the referee to blow up early).

And so on to Portlaoise for the final and Tipperary's attempt to land a third title in the grade. Tipp had won the very first title in 1912 when they beat Louth and the second was also their last to then, when they beat Carlow by eight points. The best they had achieved since 1923 was reaching the "Home" final in 1935 when they lost to Sligo.

Tipp went into the decider as underdogs following Offaly's highly impressive displays in the championship. They had recorded big scores in their three previous games against Leinster champions for the three preceding years Meath; against Kildare in the provincial final; and against a fancied Sligo side in the All Ireland semi-final.

But this Tipperary side was made of sterner stuff than any of those outfits. The side was totally focused for the game. Mick O'Mahoney was back from honeymoon to replace the unlucky Ky Vaughan and the Tipp defence had solid look to it. Aherlow's Mark Leonard had buried his grandfather earlier that day but he joined his team mates - including three colleagues from the Glen club - for his most important game.

Scoring was low in the early stages and with eleven minutes of the first half left, the Faithful County were 0-3 to 0-2 in front. They deserved a bigger lead for their early dominance but the scores wouldn't come their way. Kevin Coonan equalised Offaly's opening score from a free and the captain put Tipp ahead for the first time from a 45. Offaly replied through their top marksman David Connolly and before Darren Quinn put Offaly ahead again, Tipp goalkeeper Seamus Delahunty made a tremendous save from what looked a certain goal.



Tipperary substitutes can afford to relax during the dying minutes of the historic junior football All-Ireland final victory over Offaly at Portlaoise.



Enjoying the medal presentation celebrations at Cahir House on 21st November 1998  
Front Row: Seamus McCarthy, Sean Kelly, Dick Cummins, Kevin Coonan, Joe McDonagh, Dr. Clifford. Back Row: Ml. Power, Tom Cusack, Billy Butler, Paul O'Neill, Ml. Frawley.

But then Tipp moved up a gear. Ormond equalised, Coonan restored Tipp's lead and Leonard extended the lead following superb one-two with Sheehan. Then just before the interval Sheehan struck for the game's crucial score. An Offaly defender dropped a high ball from Leonard and it fell at Sheehan's feet. Seconds later it was planted in the Offaly net and Tipp were five points up at the break, 1-5 to 0-3.

Paul Cahill put Tipp six clear early in the second half and even though Offaly pulled one back, it was all Tipp at this stage and ten minutes into the half further points from O'Shea and a Coonan free made it 1-8 to 0-4

Offaly had another token response but Tipp's second goal sealed the issue - and it was a goal that was Anacorthy conceived and executed. The over industrious Anthony Crosse dispossessed an Offaly player close to the touchline and set up an attack that Mark O'Shea and Paul Cahill continued. The final pass found substitute Damien O'Brien who rattled the Offaly net with a stunning goal.

O'Brien had made his first impression in the semi-final win over Warwickshire when he came on to knock over three points and proved to be a super sub again when introduced for Brian

Maguire in the final. The teenager finished the season with a unique distinction - two All Ireland football medals after he had earlier in the year helped Abbey CBS in Tipperary to the All Ireland Colleges 'B' title.

But O'Brien was one of only seventeen heroes that evening in Portlaoise. This was a team effort in every sense of the word. Seamus Delahunty was his reliable self in goal with another commanding performance that gave tremendous confidence to those in front of him. The full back line was as rock steady as ever with Damien Byrne, Fergal Clifford and Mick O'Mahoney putting in the displays of their lives.

Derry Peters was immaculate at centre back with his wings PJ Lanigan and Willie Morrissey putting in a huge effort to curb the Offaly attacks and set their own forwards moving. The midfield platform was vital for Tipperary throughout the campaign and once again Paul Ormond and Mark Leonard were in superb form Ormond had an unbelievable championship while Leonard's fielding in the final was a joy to watch.

Captain Fantastic Kevin Coonan had one of his best games of the championship in the final and led by example while Tommy Sheehan showed that he

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had lost none of his sharpness and his well taken goal was the crucial score of the game.

Anthony Crosse was the provider for Tipp's second goal as he was for many other scores. One of the characters of the team, he provided the younger players with great encouragement. Mark O'Shea had a great hour at centre forward while Paul Cahill, who had missed the semi-final through injury, returned to give a fine display. Brian Maguire worked hard and got into some good scoring positions before making way for Damien O'Brien who took his big chance with some aplomb. Jim McAuliffe, who had featured in many of the earlier games, replaced Mark Leonard and also showed some neat touches.

But the widest smile on anyone's face following the final whistle belonged to manager Seamus McCarthy. His odyssey with Tipperary football had begun fifteen years earlier and he was delighted to have reached such a milestone after many heartbreaks along the way.

The Bansha man had never made a secret of the fact that it had been his great ambition to win an All Ireland with a Tipp football team. It gave him even greater satisfaction to do so with a team that had been unheralded at the start of the campaign but one which improved with every outing and by the time the All Ireland final arrived, the players were prepared to give everything for the cause.

One of his fortes was getting the team to blend so well together and to work for each other over the hour's play. "I cannot ask anymore of them than that", he said, pointing out that a tremendous camaraderie had built up among the players.

But when did he think that the ultimate prize was within their grasp? He said he started to dream dreams after the Munster final. "That Cork game was a fantastic occasion and a much better game than the 0-6 to 0-5 scoreline would suggest. After we won that I thought that we could go further. Seventy-five years is an awful long time to wait for an All Ireland title so we gave it everything we could" he said after the game.

It was as if the players knew that they were on the verge of something special. McCarthy had a similar view. He said of the final - "This game was like sand on the seashore. If we let it slip then it was gone for ever".

But they didn't let it slip and provided Tipperary GAA supporters with at least one title to celebrate in 1998. It was a long campaign for the players, with many high and lows, but it was all made worthwhile when Joe McDonagh presented them with their coveted Celtic crosses in Cahir on November 21st.

## Tipperary Junior Football Champs of '98

The evening sun from an August sky in splendour it shone down.  
As Tipp played Offaly in Portlaoise for the All-Ireland Junior football crown.  
We had great fans from Shannon's banks to the valleys by the Suir  
They came along in colourful throngs to the parkland of O'Moore.

From the lofty stand the view was grand the perfect Gaelic scene,  
The banners proudly waving, people loudly cheering, just like a Kickham dream.  
I thought of Slievenamon and days long gone, of Arravale and Bohercrowe  
Of Clonmel Shamrocks and the Fethard Blues who upheld your honour Knocknagow.

Amid loud cheers the ball was thrown up to swiftly start the play  
The exciting heart beats grew as the leather flew and went its many ways.  
From Lough Derg's shores to Galtee slopes and down to Slievenamon  
Come gallant young men to restore again, Tipperary, to where Tipperary belongs.

With dash and style that made us smile Tipp had gained control  
The Offaly team attack was held by our backs each man played his role.  
Two heroes of eighty-four won a place in folklore in leading Tipp's attack,  
Mentors on the beat Conor, Martin, Pere and the Manager, Seamus Mac.

The whistle final blow and that winning glow was on every Tipp face,  
Every player on the panel is in Tipp annals since victory in Portlaoise.  
Long years of waiting ended with victories greeting, good on you magnificent Tipp,  
Where words that came forth from lovers of sport on winning the championship.

Men old as history enjoyed the great victory and shed the odd tear,  
Oh what a splendid win what wonderful sportsmen and what a special year.  
We salute the players, manager and mentors, the GAA Boards and Friends,  
God bless you now dear folks of Knocknagow as a new era begins.

*John J. Hassett*



Presentation to Abbey C.B.S. from Friends of Tipperary Football before All-Ireland Final. L. to r.: D. J. Gleeson (Friends of Tipp. Football); Peter Gleeson, Abbey C.B.S. (captain); Tom O'Donoghue, trainer; John Heffernan, Principal Abbey C.B.S.; Seán Crowe (Friends of Tipp Football); Pat Moroney, Chairman (Friends of Tipp. Football); Michael Ryan (Abbey C.B.S.); Michael Frawley, Co. Football Board Chairman. (Jerry Ring)

# Low Profile for Tipp. in Brief Season

by John O'Grady

**W**hat this review needs is an author with the gift of making a short story long! The "year" of '98, in essence, as far as Tipperary hurlers were concerned was of three months duration. It lasted from March 8th to June 7th and it embraced only half-a-dozen matches of competitive character – five in the League, one in the championship. Of the six outings, only one – against Kilkenny in the League – saw the blue and gold come off the pitch as winners. A second produced a draw – against Laois – and the rest were of the negative variety. Small wonder that in the unforgiving manner of modern sport the backroom management did not get re-appointed for '99.

My terse summary reveals one of the Premier County's least satisfying seasons. We won as little in '97 but we were – as Waterford were this year – involved to a high degree from start to finish and a force to be reckoned with via the famous "back door". By comparison, '98 was low profile to the point of outright invisibility. The men with the stick were outshone and outlasted by the boys who came on-field with empty hands.

The activities which yielded nil had been preceded by a long period sparing the autumn-winter of '97 and the first two months of '98 in which nothing whatever occurred, if one excludes the rota of squad gatherings, training and lecturing which went on in the background. The lengthy vacuum clearly was of no benefit compare Tipp's lethargy with Waterford's busy schedule in the same spell.

## BARRED FROM CRYSTAL

Behind the team's absence from competition lay a rather peculiar piece of G.A.A. law-making. We had hurled in the Waterford Crystal event the previous year, reached the final and gained valuable experience in the process, as well as providing Ger Gaynor, Michael Doyle and Murt Duggan with evidence of individual form. We did not take part in the Oireachtas. That competition had always been on an invitational basis, and Tipp, received no plea to participate. Our mentors apparently made a provisional decision in the make of the

last All-Ireland final against Clare that a long rest would be wise, and so things rested until later in the year a change of heart took place – we would enter for the South-East (Waterford Crystal sponsored) League. We were not allowed to do so, because – so it was laid down – we had not gone into the Oireachtas! Elevating the Oireachtas to that status was a more apparently designed to prevent what Tipp were meditating – and at the same time, to discourage new sponsorship from competing with such as Guinness and the Church and General

for public profile. What advance notice of the new order was given to Tipp or to anyone else is far from clear, nor is there any evidence of debate or mandate to support it. Attempting to restore faded lustre to an elderly and declining Oireachtas it parallels the Railway Cup as one time glamour competition – hardly makes as much sense as supporting a bright new and conveniently regional enterprise like the Crystal. But such reasoning found no sympathetic echo among whoever decided upon the official attitude – they just handed down



Limerick manager, Eamonn Cregan (left) shares a few thoughts with Tipperary manager, Nicky English, prior to Sunday's South East League game between the counties at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary goalkeeper, Brendan Cummins (right), about to clear his lines during the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final at Pairc Uí Cahoimh. Also included are l. to r.) – Billy O'Sullivan (JW), Liam Sheedy (T) and Paul Flynn (W).

their restrictive diktat – and Tipp. suffered.

One is not privy to what went on in the winter camp. The modern stress on fitness seems to make bi-weekly – or is it tri-weekly? – gatherings the norm, designed to make players capable of game-long, intense movement and absorption of physical impact. The virtual abandoning of the instant long delivery in favour of the handpass to a nearby colleague has certainly called on the men to do a lot of the work formerly entrusted to the ball. "All the others are doing it" – such would be the answer to any old-time cynic who queried or claimed to see no great sign of the dividend. The current fashion increased the demands on the manager and raises followers' expectations. He has much more contact with his players than the Paddy Leahys of olden days ever had. Not having meaningful matches to monitor progress – the only real hurling is serious hurling – hold the hazard of creating too flattering or impressions based on practice sessions with no "cut" in them. Could it be that too frequent an acquaintance between players and those in charge may lead to inter-personal tensions? In the run-up to the championship the county buzzed with stories of a meeting of players and expression of views in the absence of the management.

### AN INITIAL SHOCK

Tipp's first opponents in the League were Waterford. It was to be a pairing of ill-omen, far removed from the cheerful optimism which greeted the making, in late '97, of the Munster championship draws. "Couldn't ask for better" was the general Tipp reaction to finding ourselves in the "easy" side, kept away from Clare, Cork and Limerick and cosily set to play the winners of Waterford v Kerry. Precisely the same fixture had seen us into the '97 Munster final and Waterford had not defeated Tipp since 1983. It looked like a nice, safe visa to a Munster final and to a guaranteed later action, whether as semi-finalists or quarter-finalists. In Revd. Tom Fogarty's period we had even gone into Walsh Park and survived, and his selection had repeated the result a year later in Cork, though at the cost of Delaney and Michael Ryan.

Early morning was signalled on March 8th at the stadium. The Decies, under Gerald McCarthy, proved to be a fast, fluent and confident side. The final figures of 1-17 against our 4-6 concealed a sound beating for a languid Tipp team which did not live up to some useful tournament form over preceding weeks. That team for the record and for a look back at selectorial thinking at that stage, was: Cummins, Shelly, Gleeson, Ryan, Sheedy, Carroll, Raymie Ryan, Colm Bonner, Butler, McGrath,



*Out of my way! – Determination etched on the face of Tipperary forward, Eugene O'Neill, as he finds his path to goal blocked by Sean Cullinane (Waterford) during the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh*

Lee, Kevin Tucker, Cahill, Declan Ryan, O'Neill. Subs employed were: Kennedy (for Lee), Kelly (for Bonner), Hickey (for Ml. Ryan). Points to remark were the choice of Gleeson for fullback, Noel Sheehy having retired after his long and honourable tenure of number three; Carroll, the Minor All-Ireland centre-back, promoted to the same major position; Lee of Holycross as an unheralded experiment on the "40". No Leahy to be seen; or Dunne, absent in the U.S. Waterford, opening up play and stretching our defences in alarming fashion, were soon eight points to Tipp's three. When Cahill rammed in a goal, Paul Flynn speedily answered it to leave us eight down at the interval and hoping that the visitors had used up most of their energy already. They hadn't! Busy in the Crystal League, they had come to Thurles decidedly sharp. Quite close to the end, they were still eight to the good. Cahill secured his second goal – he had earlier laid on one for Kennedy – and things were petering out when a somewhat amusing episode led to Tipp's fourth. Goalkeeper Brennan – he was to yield the place to the unorthodox but effective Landers – delayed taking a free in order to tighten his boot-laces. The referee deemed it time-wasting and threw in the ball. Declan Ryan collected it and made ground before beating the unfortunate keeper with an angled drive. The affair caused rueful chuckles on a day that needed some light relief. The Gleeson and Carroll experiments had but little success. Waterford had got in a useful psychological blow against future foes, as well as putting Tipp under immediate pressure as regards League qualifying.

### DRAW AT PORTLAOISE

On to Portlaoise. Here again was a fixture normally seen as eminently winnable against a side usually found low down in final tables. Notable in the Tipp choice was the name of John Leahy, chosen at midfield with Raymie Ryan; and the absence of All-Star Shelly, troubled by an appendix and replaced by Boherlahan's young but tidy William Hickey. The starting fifteen: Cummins, Hickey, Gleeson, Ryan, Ger Flanagan, Sheedy, Conal Bonner, Ryan, Leahy, McGrath, O'Connor, Aidan Ryan, Cahill, O'Neill, Kennedy. Subs: Tucker (for O'Connor), Kelly (for Aidan Ryan). Sheedy at centreback reflected the Waterford defeat. Darren O'Connor at centreforward was another hopeful option. The return of experienced Aidan Ryan was welcomed. The absence of Declan Ryan left us with a light young inside attack.

Tipp got to the brink of a win. In the very last minute Declan Conway spoiled things by wiping out a three points margin with a goal off a rebounding Cummins save from Cuddy. Even still, Tipp seemed to have undone the damage when Kennedy found the net. The "goal" was ruled out, not much to the agreement of Tipp followers or mentors who considered it a valid score. The game had promised better than the unsatisfying draw. We were five points ahead at half-time (1-8 to 0-6) the goal coming from Kennedy, source of most goals during the series. But Laois got going well, hitting six points to our two in the third quarter. An incident involving Sheedy and David Cuddy saw Liam sent to the line. Leahy went to centreback, Cahill advancing to midfield as remedial switches, Kennedy, Cahill and Raymie Ryan points apparently steadied the vessel before Connolly disillusioned us and left Tipp with one point from two outings which surely had prospects of more than the minimum. The sight of Leahy limping from the field was an extra concern, since we needed a continuous presence by the Mullinahone player – and his best when he was present.

### A WIN AT LAST!

The dire need to beat Kilkenny at the stadium was plain enough to one and all – the last two round being away to Cork and Wexford. The Thurles game did provide the required result – 3-13 to 1-13 – and lifted spirits somewhat. Our fifteen: Cummins, Hickey, Gleeson, Ryan, Flanagan, Colm Bonner, Conal Bonner, McGrath, Raymie Ryan, Aidan Ryan, Declan Ryan, Kelly, Cahill, O'Neill, Kennedy. Reserves called in: J. Enright (for Aidan Ryan), B. Horgan (for Flanagan). Leahy's Portlaoise limp proved all too ominous, sidelining him once more. Declan Ryan's return was to the forty, leaving the trio of youngsters

to man the front line, as in the drawn game. Shelly had not recovered from his medical session, so Hickey retained right corner.

The front-line contributed a useful 1-10 to the tally. Aidan Ryan, beginning with customary purpose, ran into a heavy tackle and damaged his ribs to the extent of early exit. A Declan Ryan penalty and a further three-pointer from Kennedy helped to build a ice two-goal lead at the intermission. Gleeson seemed more at ease in the fullback berth than in the earlier outings while Hickey, kept Denis Byrne under control. The absence of D.J. Carey still maintain his surprising withdrawal, was no help to Kilkenny's attack. A Niall Malone goal caused tremors in the last quarter Cummins having to bring off some reassuring saves. Paul Kelly got Tipp's third goal. Followers went away moderately encouraged – we had provisionally kept our foot in the door.

That door soon slammed shut as far as qualification was concerned, though the loss at Pairc Uí Rian came after a rally of great spirit from two early and quite softly secured Cork goals. The visiting formation was: Cummins, Hickey, Keane, Ryan, Horgan, Colm Bonner, Conal Bonner, Raymie Ryan, McGrath, Cahill, Declan Ryan, Kelly, Enright, O'Neill, Kennedy. Reserves: Dunne (for Raymie Ryan), Flanagan (for Conal Bonner). Conor Gleeson's "dead" leg rule him out and gave Noel Keane his chance.

### SPIRITED SECOND HALF

Downright bad luck conspired promptly against Tipp. Cork began with swift and alarming runs by Deane from left corner but the heavy damage came oddly. A high lob dropped in on top of Keane and Browne. The forward, from almost on the end-line, got first touch and kicked past Cummins. Worse followed. A free by midfielder Ryan hit the left-hand post over the defenders' heads and fell down against Keane's foot to be diverted in for a second goal. Our own advances kept running into strong work by Corcoran, O h-Alpin and others. When shots did find Cunningham the veteran 'keeper was sharp as ever. Relief came near the interval from Kennedy, again the likeliest goal-scorer, to leave Tipp four points down, and not out of it. Our men fought a brave second half and Cork took on a ruffled look as their following voiced concern. A Paul Kelly goal really threw the issue wide open. We switched Keane and Michael Ryan to match Cork forward changes – the new format worked well for both defenders. When O'Neill levelled from a free it was the Tipp delegation of supporters who were making most noise. But McCormack hit the day's last score and took the points, though Tipp pressed to the finish. Indi-



*Tipperary senior team manager, Len Gaynor, issues instructions to his players during the Munster championship semi-final against Waterford at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.*

vidually the game marked a positive emergence by wingback Brian Horgan. It also saw the re-appearance in the colours of Tommy Dunne.

Our record away to Wexford had not been a healthy one over many seasons, so the fifth and final round demanded that we build on the body showing in the second-half at Cork. We didn't do so and got a sound beating from a team possibly still irate at losing their All-Ireland title to our rear-entrance side in the '97 semi-final.

Tipp fielded: Cummins, Hickey, Shelly, Ryan, Horgan, Gleeson, Conal Bonner, Colm Bonner, Carroll, Kelly, Declan Ryan, Dunne, Cahill, O'Neill, Kennedy. Subs: Sheedy (for Gleeson), Molony (for Colm Bonner), McGrath (for Dunne). Leahy hadn't played since the second round. Shelly came back after missing three games. The full-back position was no nearer solution, the berth assigned to Paul as Hickey's good displays kept the Boherlahan lad at right-corner. John Carroll hadn't been used since the Waterford match and now got a midfield start.

Wexford were altogether the more motivated of the two-taking the fight to the visitors with abandon and delivering two heavy blows from Dempsey and Codd near the interval to go six points clear. Cush and Kehoe were dominant defenders. Tipp did not battle with the zest shown in Crok and subsided tamely on a scoreline of 2-13 to 0-10, their final round as unproductive as the first. If the League is supposed to clarify the picture as regards personnel and positions, as well as building morale, it gave few signs of doing either for Tipp. We

had seven weeks to go before the championship, with no League knockout games to fill the interval or provide further evidence for the mentors. The alternative – a number of tournaments – could never be as meaningful. One of these, indeed, caused demotion for William Hickey, who apparently got a hard time from Kilkenny's Charlie Carter in the last of those preparatory matches.

### WATERFORD'S UPRISE

The Waterford we were to meet were a different Decies in popular estimate from what they'd been before their prominent League campaign – they lost to Cork in the final. They lived up to the promise of March 8th while Tipp had never become credible challengers for the Church and General. Yet, still, the hope was that the championship would alter things. Tipp might improve, Waterford might decline, with perhaps their gallop halted by Cork's victory.

Mark O'Sullivan's luckless part in giving Cork a crucial goal in the League final cost him his place at cornerback. Who should step into it but a player very familiar to Tipp hurlers and fans – Brian Flannery (Mt. Sion and ex-Kildare and ex-Tipp Minor and Under 21). It was a poignant situation, a Tipp discard with all the motivation in the world to display his quality.

It was Tipp's pick, though, that got most of our attention. It had no lack of aspects to provoke discussion, and even surprise. The selection: Cummins, Shelly, Ryan, Sheedy, Horgan, Butler, Conal Bonner, Colm Bonner, Dunne, Cahill, McGrath, Leahy, Declan Ryan, O'Neill, Kennedy. Reserves called in: O'Meara (for Colm Bonner), Gleeson (for Conal Bonner), Kelly (for McGrath). An obvious – and none too hopeful – remark would be: here we were, going into a knockout game, still as speculative about many positions, as at the start of the season. Fullback had been filled by Gleeson, Keane and Shelly – but now the task was handed to Michael Ryan, who had stepped into it for much of the second half at Pairc Uí Rinn. Into the vacated left corner went Sheedy, in an even less predictable move. The keystone berth of centreback went to Butler, little seen in the League though used to number six with champions Clonoulty-Rossmore. The formation smacked of hope rather than assurance, though mentors might plead that such had to be the case when trialists do not lay definite claim.

At least we had Leahy back. As with centreback, so with centreforward – no established tenant of a major and pivotal position. McGrath got the nod, despite not once playing on the "forty" in the entire League series. Declan Ryan, rather dubiously, was allotted right corner, with O'Neill at full-for-

# Toomevara - Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 1998



The Toomevara team that regained the Dan Breen Cup by defeating holders Clonoulty-Rossmore in the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium. Back row: (l. to r.) - Kevin Kennedy, Terry Dunne, Kevin Cummins, Ken Dunne, Pdraig Hackett, Tony Delaney, Tommy Dunne, Pat King. Front row - Paddy O'Brien, George Frend, Aidan Maxwell, Justin Coffrell, Philip Shanahan (captain), Michael Bevans, Rory Brislane.

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ward. It could be argued that a fleet young hurler like Eugene should be given the corner, leaving the stronger man under the drop, or at the receiving end of the ball. Very likely it was form in impromptu practice bouts which influenced several decisions – but it was hard to drum up much confidence in an untried selection. Last minute rumours that Colm Bonner might not start did nothing to cheer up Tipp travellers.

#### A TEMPORARY ADVANTAGE

Tipp won the first half by five points (1-10 to 0-8). The wind towards Blackrock was a considerable factor. So was Waterford's plentiful but erratic shooting – they had more possession than the scoreline suggests. Best moment for Tipp was O'Neill's goal off a well-placed deflection by Kennedy. Worst episodes were shots from Declan Ryan and Liam Cahill which hit the Decies posts. A third chance fell to Liam McGrath whose searing drive whistled just past the angle of bar and post just on the interval. Even one of those hitting the net would have bridged the eventual gap of three points (0-21 to 2-12). So neither Gaynor nor his players could be accused of under good fortune. Still, the mathematics of the second half showed thirteen Waterford scores against Tipp's three – our goal, finished by Brian O'Meara, levelled the game with about eight minutes left and nearer the whistle goalie Landers brought off very smart saves from Kennedy and Cahill; Declan Ryan was close to a saving score on a shot just outside the post – shades of the captain's backless narrow wide against Limerick at the same end of the Pairc in Father Tom's time. Waterford's answer was in line with the freedom and confidence of this hurling and a token of a



The Tipperary senior hurling team which played Waterford in the Munster semi-final at Pairc Uí Chaoimh (Cork).

Back row (l. to r.) – Aidan Butler, Liam McGrath, Brendan Cummins, Biran Horgan, Eugene O'Neill, Tomas Dunne, Conal Bonner, Liam Sheedy. Front row – John Leahy, Paul Shelly, Declan Ryan (captain), Michael Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Colm Bonner, Liam Cahill.

new self-belief under Gerald "Mac" Flynn and McGrath stretched them three points ahead and good winners. Swinging halfback play by Frampton and Hartley; solid inside work in which Flannery took a creditable share; mid-field pace and fast-hitting by Browne; defence-splitting combination and fine accuracy by such as Shanahan, McGrath, Flynn and Sullivan – all these aspects adorned a display we could not match. Horgan was our most comfortable defender on a day of little comfort. Dunne's first half at midfield was another plus.

The loss was intensified by its finality under the championship system. An immediate reaction from the Co. Board Chairman was that "the dust would be let settle" before anything was done

about the future management. When the air cleared, some months later, a different threesome had taken over – Nicky English, Ken Hogan and Jack Bergin. Len and partners had held the same two-year lease as Fr. Tom and acolyte. We'll be wishing the new men enough success to gain them more than that apparent maximum for those who don't deliver. A provisional comment would be that they have sought on-field activity in both Oireachtas and South East League, avoiding last year's damaging vacuum. Tús maith, ar aon chuma! The Munster draw has thrown up a prospect to concentrate minds – the more or less definite semi-final against Clare will be a desperate battle for survival.



The Tipperary Masters (over-40) panel that played Kilkenny in the All-Ireland final at Semple Stadium. Back Row (l. to r.) – Pat McCormack, Joe Minogue, John Treacy, Ger Ryan, Leo Crampton, Liam Keogh, Timmy Stapleton, John Sullivan, Aidan Bourke, Michael Stapleton, Mike Harrington, Tom McGrath, John Stone, Joe Hannigan, J.J. Ryan. Front Row – Sean Ryan, Pat Looby, Michael McGrath, John Stokes, Stephen Hennessy, Kevin Fox, Pat McLoughnery (Capt.), Eamonn Maher, Gerry Stapleton, Seamus Bourke, Philip Quinlan, Larry Mackey (Manager). Missing from photo – Timmy Floyd.

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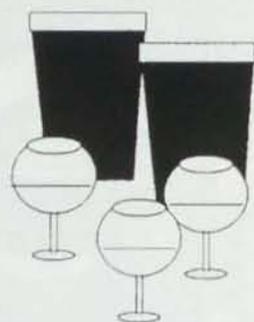
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# SENIOR RELEGATION

By SEAMUS J. KING

One of the major developments in the 1998 county senior hurling championship was the introduction of relegation at divisional level. The brainchild of the Games Development Committee, the intention behind it was to reduce the number of senior teams in the county: there were too many and the result was doing the standard of senior hurling no good.

It was decided that one team would go down in each of the four divisions in 1998 and 1999. With the winning team in the intermediate championship getting promotion to senior status in each of these years, the result would be a reduction of six in the number of senior teams, from 32 to 26, over the period.

The divisions were given freedom to decide their method of relegation and the chief one used was a play-off among teams defeated in the first round of the championship. In the south, where the championship was played on a league basis, a decision was taken that the lowest team at the end of the league stage would be relegated. Cahir found themselves in that position and were relegated after two years at senior grade.

The relegated teams in the other divisions were Lorrha in the north, Gortnahoe in the mid and Arravale Rovers in the west. They were beaten by Borrisokane, Drom-Inch and Éire Óg respectively.

## LOSS OF STATUS

Of the four teams to be relegated probably the greatest heartache was felt in Lorrha. Whereas the other teams have oscillated between senior and intermediate status over the decades, Lorrha has enjoyed uninterrupted senior status since 1946 and won five divisional finals. In contrast, Arravale won west divisional honours twice in 1966 and 1970, while Gortnahoe and Cahir have never achieved senior success.

Lorrha gained senior status as a result of winning the intermediate title of 1946.



A young hurling fan heads off for 'a few pucks' during the half-time break in a Mid hurling championship game played at The Ragg between Holycross-Ballycahill and Loughmore-Castleiney.

The north final was played in November of that year but the county semi-final and final weren't played until the end of 1947. In the semi-final Lorrha beat Galtee St. Pecauns at Thurles on November 16 and the final, against Moycarkey-Borris, was played at Gaile on the first Sunday in December. The choice of venue was very interesting, only a mile from the parish of Moycarkey-Borris. It was as close as it was possible to get to Moycarkey without actually being in it!

## INJURIES

No report of the match was published in any of the local papers. Probably the result didn't please the powers that were in control in the county at the time. As far as has been discovered the result was 4-4 to 3-4 in favour of Lorrha. The referee let everything run its course in a fairly tough game. The Lorrha centre-back, Paddy O'Sullivan, retired with an injury five minutes into the second half. When he went

into a doctor in Thurles to have attention the doctor, on hearing of the match, said: 'I can expect more so!' He was unnecessarily pessimistic as Billy Hogan, who had to get a few stitches in the mouth, was the only other casualty.

As a result of winning the north final the team went senior in 1947, getting to the semi-final before going down to Borrisileigh. Of course, the team got a great new recruit in February of that year when Tony Reddan came across the bridge of Portumna from Mullagh. He was to make a name for himself with Lorrha and Tipperary over the next decade. His presence on the Lorrha team in 1948 was most responsible for the team's success in the north final and qualification for the county final in which they went down to Holycross-Ballycahill.

## THE FUTURE

All of that was fifty years and more ago and it returned the club to the status it has held from the foundation of the G.A.A. until 1940. In the latter year it had been relegated to intermediate and it remained in that status until winning the championship in 1946. It is hoped that the club's present relegation is for an even shorter period. There may even be some good to come from a stay in the intermediate ranks, an opportunity to rejuvenate the club and put it on a stronger footing. Probably the greatest motivation will be a determination to get back to senior status.

For the record then, and not something to be proud of, as Ken Hogan pointed out to me at the Toome-Blackrock game, the Lorrha team which was defeated 2-7 to 0-9 by Borrisokane in the relegation play-off at Cloughjordan on September 6 was as follows: Ken Hogan, Cathal McIntyre, Tom Madden, Martin Younge, Stephen Hogan, John McIntyre, David Haughton, John Madden, Enda Moran, Barry Moran, Declan O'Meara, Noel Hogan, Pat Kennedy, Aidan McIntyre, Rory Coen. Subs: John Sherlock for B. Moran, Padraic Madden for A. McIntyre, Donal O'Donoghue for Kennedy.

## TWENTY-ONE RAGG BOYS AND I

(An attempted translation from the Gaelic)

I

Twenty-one Ragg Boys And I  
Echo the cheers of the day  
We hurled the sliotar across the Suir  
'Twas on the ninth of May.  
The land was bright with lush May flowers.  
The oat-cakes fresh and sweet  
With uisce-beatha to wash them down  
The world was at our feet.

II

The meithils dug the crop that year  
We danced the nights away  
That was before the scattering came  
And the stench that cursed the clay.  
Next Harvest came, we edged the scythes  
And saved the perfumed hay  
But in the Spring the cows were sold  
We had the rent to pay.

III

We tracked the hares across the snow  
In the fields around Magherareagh  
Our once-swift hounds were weak and slow  
But we had meat that day  
And soup to fight the killing wind  
That blew across Dovea.

IV

In sunny March we snared the pike  
When furze fresh fires had kindled  
We ate fresh cress but all in vain  
The Mass-Bank throngs had dwindled.  
And Tadhg and Con and Diarmuid gone  
Shipped o'er the friendless tide  
Because they took a sheep for food  
On the night the children died.

V

Then followed hopeless, frozen days  
The biers going to and fro  
And the chapel almost empty  
At the Masses in Monroe  
And twenty gone of twenty-one  
Who brought the ball that day  
Are buried in the coffin ships  
Or Inch's sacred clay.

Tom Breen of Ballypatrick in the parish of Inch and one of the last native Irish speakers passed this Famine poem to my grandmother, Catherine Tynan (Née Ryan) who in turn taught it to my aunt, Josie Tynan (Née Butler). Although originally written in Irish, this is the only version we have. - P. De Buítléir.

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# A BLEAK HURLING YEAR ALL ROUND

By J.J. KENNEDY

**T**HE defeat of our senior hurlers by Waterford was the big item in '98, but when you couple that with the fate of our minors, U-21s and intermediates, the canvas was indeed bleak. The hurling cupboard is bare but worse still, apart from the intermediates' brave effort, we weren't even close in the other grades.

The minors crashed at the first hurdle and the U21s crumbled in a provincial final – no near misses there to leave us bemoaning the might-have-beens. Instead, we're left to mourn a year when our under-age stock slumped despairingly, leaving us fretful for the future. Judged on the evidence of '98 the horizon is gloomy.

## U-21S HUMBLLED

On a disappointing year for hurling generally, the U-21 side drew most flak after their heavy defeat by Cork in the Munster Final. It was a side well stocked with seniors and would-be seniors and the sight of several of them being brushed aside at Páirc Ui Chaoimh was too much for many Tipp fans, several of whom left the arena before the end. It was a humbling defeat, although Cork's subsequent All-Ireland success might have softened the censure somewhat.

But first back to the beginning. The U-21 campaign was certainly one of extremes, routing Kerry and Limerick and then being, in turn, routed by Cork. Kerry came to the Stadium in late June and were sent packing after a 7-15 to 1-3 drubbing. It was a pointless exercise, doing little for Tipp and nothing for Kerry and gains inclusion here simply for record purposes. And for that record Tipp opened their season as follows: Fergal Horgan (Kickhams); William Hickey (Boherlahan), Philip Maher (Borrisoleigh), Seamus Hickey (Boherlahan); Thomas Costello (Cappawhite), David Fogarty (Golden), Eamonn Corcoran (J.K. Bracken's); William Maher (Ballingarry), John Carroll (Roscrea); Paul Kelly (Mullinahone), Mark O'Leary (Kilruane), Ken Dunne (Toomevara); Johnny Enright (Sarsfields), Eugene O'Neill (Cappawhite), Michael Kennedy (Clonoulty/Rossmore). *Subs used:* Philip Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh) for William Maher, Eddie Carey (Mullinahone) for Eugene O'Neill and Fergal Heaney for Philip Maher.



Under-21 selectors (L-R) – Gerry O'Brien, Paddy McCormack, Donal McGilligan.



Minor hurling selectors (left to right) – Paudie Butler (manager), Denis Ryan, Noel Russell, Eugene Ryan.



Tipperary intermediate hurling selectors photographed before the Munster final against Limerick at Páirc na nGael, Limerick. Included are (L-R) – Jerry McKeogh (Ballina), Richard Looby (Moyle Rovers) and Brendan Bonnar (Cashel King Cormacs).



*What do we have to do to win?  
A thoughtful expression on the face  
of Tipperary intermediate hurling manager,  
Brendan Bonnar, during the Munster  
championship final against Limerick  
at Páirc na nGael, Limerick.*



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On to the semi-final then against Limerick and the game acted as an opener to the replayed Clare/Waterford Munster senior final at the Stadium on July 19th. Seamus Hickey was omitted from the defence and in his absence Thomas Costello fell back to corner, David Fogarty went wing and John Carroll slotted in at No. 6. Philip Rabbitte was on at midfield in Carroll's place and in attack Mark O'Leary lost out at No. 11 with the return of Liam Cahill.

Rumours in advance from Limerick suggested that their side was poor – the extent of that poverty became immediately evident. It was one of the weakest Limerick U-21 sides ever and they slumped to a 4-16 to 1-8 defeat. It was 2-10 to 1-4 at half-time and with all the Tipp forwards hitting the target, and Johnny Enright topping the lot on 1-8, it was something of a turkey shoot. Goalie Fergal Horgan was injured in the first half and his place was filled by Toomevara's Justin Cottrell. Seamus Hickey came on for Eamonn Corcoran, another injury victim, and St. Mary's Donncha Fahey replaced Thomas Costello.

Tipp were in a Munster final but had learned little from the Kerry or Limerick games. In fact, the chosen fifteen to face Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh on August 23rd suggested selectorial uncertainty. They wrung the changes starting with the full-back line where Seamus Hickey went full and Loughmore's Paul Ormonde came on at corner to the exclusion of Borrisoleigh's Philip Maher. Donncha Fahy was now centre-back with John Carroll back at midfield to partner Philip Rabbitte. In attack there was an enforced replacement with Paul Kelly out through injury. Back came Mark O'Leary to No. 11 with

Liam Cahill moving aside to No. 12.

If Tipp were uncertain about their formation, there was little doubt about Cork's. They had 'stolen' a Munster final the previous year at the Stadium and here they were hot favourites for a repeat with a side of all the skills. It could only be a Cork win, we thought, but sure we'd have a lash at them anyway and make it awkward.

Tipp went south more in hope than optimism, but even those modest expectations were dashed in a game that Cork won by 3-18 to 1-10. It was a display that drew harsh criticism from many quarters. County P.R.O. Liz Howard was most trenchant. Expressing herself as 'bitterly disappointed' (weren't we all?), she questioned the commitment of the players and described our liking for alcohol in the county as a major problem. The divisional structure in the county was another target of the P.R.O.'s fire, although the relevance of that isn't very clear. The overall message, though, was clear – the players had failed to show a pride in the county jersey although the P.R.O. expressed herself as very fond of them all individually.

County Chairman Paul O'Neill, too, expressed major disappointment although his words were less direct and more general in nature. The team had played below its standards, he said, hurling was lacking compared to Cork and it was all very disappointing. In all of the giving-out, though, the selectors – manager Gerry O'Brien (Portroe), together with Donal McGettigan (Kilenaule) and Paddy McCormack (Sarsfields) – escaped censure.

It was a game where Tipp got a bad run in the first half and subsequently never regained balance. The forwards

missed chances and the backs were hit by slick forward movements that they couldn't handle. A great save by the Cork goalie from Eugene O'Neill was followed at the other end by a penalty goal for Cork when William Hickey was judged (harshly in the eyes of some) to have fouled Joe Deane and the Cork full-back, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, came upfield to lash home the free. Deane sailed through for a second goal and Tipp trailed 0-9 to Cork's 2-6 at half-time despite having played with the wind.

It was still winnable at that stage but the second half saw Tipp heads drop and Cork hammered home a big win, 3-18 to 1-10. Tipp players all over were repeatedly beaten for possession and Mark O'Leary alone of the side escaped the malaise. By the end they were routed and dispirited, the earlier big wins over Kerry and Limerick taking on an even greater irrelevance now. Cork were a class apart and they duly went on to retain their title and hammer out a warning for the future. The eclipse of the senior element in our side was probably particularly worrying for Tipperary and leaves unanswered questions for the future. Declan Browne came on for Ken Dunne and scored our only goal in the game. William Maher replaced Eamonn Corcoran and Paddy O'Brien (Toomevara) took the place of Michael Kennedy.

#### MINOR FAILURE

Nor was there any solace from Tipperary's minor hurling campaign of '98. It was a season that can be easily summed up: one game and one very disappointing defeat. It's a grade we tend to look to as an omen of future senior strength and recent years had been promising. The All-Ireland of '96



The Tipperary team that played Cork in the Munster Under-21 hurling championship final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. **Back row** (L-R) – Seamus Hickey, Donncha Fahy, John Enright, Fergal Horgan, Ken Dunne, Mark O'Leary, David Fogarty. **Front row** – William Hickey, Eugene O'Neill, John Carroll, Philip Rabbitte (captain), Eamonn Corcoran, Paul Ormond, Michael Kennedy, Liam Cahill.



#### TIPPERARY MINOR HURLING PANEL 1998

**Seated (L-R)** – Donal Shelley, Philip Loughman, Michael Carroll, Adrian Cleere, Trevor Fletcher, Tommy Connors, Paul McGrath, Seamus Butler, Liam Manton. **Middle (L-R)** – Paul Stapleton, Kevin McCarthy, Dermot Gleeson, Eoin Kelly, Alan Kennedy, Niall Curran, Brian Duggan, Colin Ryan, Trevor O'Connor, Colin Morrissey. **Back (L-R)** – Darragh Rabbitte, Diarmuid O'Halloran, Paul Curran, Kevin Cummins, Kevin Mulryan, Damian Young, Joe Keane, Stephen Mason, Kevin Dempsey, Padraig Butler.

hadn't been retained in '97, but the provincial crown had. Alas, '98 saw our fortunes nosedive as the side crashed out to Clare, a Clare team that subsequently won neither Munster nor All-Ireland crowns.

The year began with a new manager in Paudie Butler and together with his fellow selectors, Denis Ryan (Clonoulty), Eugene Ryan (Moneygall) and Noel Russell (Carrick Swans), the normal rounds of trials and inter-divisionals were played out before a panel was put together. Then there were the rounds of challenge games and it was off to the Gaelic Grounds in early July for a showdown with Clare – the side we had snatched Munster victory from the previous year before the Banner entered the back door to claim the All-Ireland.

It was a game Tipp lost by six points and few followers could quibble with that outcome. It started even enough in the first quarter but then a melee interrupted matters and the Kerry referee banished Tipp's Colin Morrissey and Clare's John Casey. (Video evidence at Munster Council later refuted the referee's version and the players escaped with a one month suspension each when they might have been banned for three months if the ref's account had been accepted). Clare went on to lead by 0-10 to 0-7 at half time and consolidated that position in the second half. A Seamus Butler goal briefly revived Tipp's hopes near the end but Clare had the final clinching points and in truth they worthy masters on the day.

For the record, Tipp's team on the day was: Damian Young (Drom-Inch); Colin Morrissey (Galtee Rvs), Kevin Dempsey (St. Mary's), Niall Curran (Mullinahone);

Colin Ryan (Moycarkey), Kevin McCarthy (Golden-Kilfeacle), Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Darragh Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh), Donal Shelly (Ballingarry); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone), Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Alan Kennedy (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Seamus Butler (Drom-Inch), Kevin Cummins (capt., Toomevara), Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea). **Subs used** – Paul Stapleton (Drom-Inch) for Darragh Rabbitte, Adrian Cleere (Ballingarry) for Kevin Dempsey and Paul McGrath (Toomevara) for Alan Kennedy.

#### NEAR-MISS FOR INTERMEDIATES

Although not the most glamorous of grades, the intermediates came closest to relieving a dismal year for Tipperary hurling. Cashel's Brendan Bonnar again took charge and with co-selectors Dick Looby (Moyle Rovers) and Jerry McKeogh (Ballina) they put together a panel of around thirty and played challenge games with Clare, Cork and Kilkenny in preparation for their Munster campaign.

In the shadow of the seniors, Tipperary's intermediates went to Páirc Uí Chaoimh on June 7th to open their campaign as curtain-raiser in a double-header against Waterford. Unlike the seniors, though, they put on a rampant display that crushed a weak Decies side. It was a point-prolific performance relished by the Tipp following. Goalless it may have been but 25 points went up on the board for Tipp with Waterford lagging hopelessly behind on a mere five. So comprehensive was Tipperary's win that they could afford the luxury of 19 wides, 13 in the second half, after they had led at half-time

by 0-11 to 0-4 despite having faced the wind in that opening half.

The side that opened the campaign fielded as follows: Seamus Butler (Sean Treacys); Tommy Hogan (Shannon Rovers), Michael Ryan (Fethard), William Larkin (Kilsheelan); Thomas Keane (Carrick Swans), Eamonn Corcoran (J.K. Brackens), Michael Ryan (Templeberry); Sean O'Meara (Shannon Rovers), Jim McGrath (Ballina); Declan Corcoran (Silvermines), Kieran Maguire (Carrick Swans), Seamus McKeogh (Ballina); Aidan Doyle (J.K. Brackens), Kevin McCormack (Toomevara), Declan Browne (Moyle Rovers). Jim McGrath had to retire injured and was replaced by Michael Spillane (Fethard). Tomás Gleeson (Gortnahoe) replaced Thomas Keane.

After such a landslide against Waterford, it was down to more serious business in the provincial semi-final where Tipperary faced Kerry's senior side. The game was put on midweek in Limerick as part of a double bill with the Tipp v. Clare Munster minor hurling clash. Tipp fielded the same side as that which lined-out against Waterford and led 1-9 to 1-5 at half-time.

It was a lively, see-saw affair with the sides level on six occasions in the hour. But, crucially, Tipp got in the strongest finish to win by six points, 2-21 to 3-12. Entering the last quarter the sides were level, 1-15 for Tipperary and 3-8 for Kerry. Then, however, Tipp snatched the initiative. Declan Browne pointed twice, Declan Corcoran added a third and even though Kerry got one back, Kevin McCormack goaled for Tipp to push the lead out further and they were never caught thereafter.

It was a heartening win for Tipperary. Declan Browne, Summer-long hero with the footballers, was, by now, establishing himself as a hurler of considerable capacity too, hitting Kerry for eight points. The predatory instincts of Toomevara's full-forward, Kevin McCormack, who notched 2-2 from play, was also widely acclaimed after this success. But there were many heroes on a side that now held out strong hopes of Munster glory for '98. Knockshegowna's Ray Killeen replaced Seamus McKeogh, Niall Sherlock (Silvermines) came on for Tommy Hogan and Michael Spillane again entered as a sub., this time for Aidan Doyle.

The final was set for Friday, July 24th. Limerick had scored an impressive win over Cork and now Tipp had to bear the Limerick lion in his den, travelling to the Gaelic Grounds for a decider in which they would be rated outsiders. There was pre-match speculation about whether Declan Brown would field ahead of the Munster senior football final but in the event he trotted out to take his place at No. 15 although there was disappointing news when Eamonn Corcoran lost out to injury, his centre-back slot going to Gortnahoe's Tomás Gleeson. It was to be Tipp's best chance of a Munster crown, but sadly the hurling cupboard was to remain bare for '98.

The statistics will show a two-point defeat for Tipperary, 2-11 to 0-15, but behind that scoreline lies the story of a gutsy and luckless Tipp effort. They started badly, going five-nil down after ten minutes. Worse was to follow when

wing forward Declan Corcoran was sent off midway through the half after what was reckoned to be a dangerous pull. Yet, through all this adversity Tipp turned in a storming second half, pulling back a seven-point interval lead and possibly deserving a draw at the end.

It was a defeat, but a defeat with credit. Tipperary's slow start proved very damaging in front of an attendance of 3,200. They went five-nil down and didn't score until the 11th minute of the first half. Limerick then goaled and it was 1-7 to 0-2 but there were signs before the interval that Tipp were made of sterner stuff as they clawed their way back to 1-8 to 0-7. The game was in the third minute of injury time when Limerick's Owen O'Neill batted in their second goal, psychologically crucial, leaving the Shannonsiders 2-8 to 1-7 in control at half-time.

However, Tipp can take great satisfaction from their second-half display. The defence batted down the hatches, Sean O'Meara opened his shoulders at midfield and Declan Browne stroked over some classic points in attack. The lead began to dwindle despite the unchallenged presence of Ger Galvin as extra man in Limerick's defence. Ultimately, the lead came back to a single point but in a hectic finish we narrowly failed to level it, Andrew Ryan getting a sealing point for Limerick.

It's some consolation to Tipp that they lost to the All-Ireland champions because Limerick went on to take the top honour against Kilkenny on a poignant day when the late and loved

Tommy Quaid passed away. He had coached the side before his tragic accident a week earlier. Some things are more important than hurling and now that the disappointment of defeat has faded I'm sure Tipp won't begrudge this one to Limerick as a lasting memorial to that fine, and sporting, goalie.

A fruitless year then in minor, U-21 and intermediate. The intermediates showed some sterling qualities in failing so narrowly but there were few redeeming qualities about the minors and U-21s. When we lost, we at least expect to go down fighting. The sight of U-21 players in particular giving up the chase at Páirc Uí Chaoimh was disturbing for many fans. It was especially disturbing because many of these same players will carry our senior hopes in the years ahead.

Yet, the above results have produced no change in selection committees for next year, which some see as surprising. Len Gaynor, Cyril Farrell, Kevin Fennelly and others were not so lucky. It does seem odd to confine blame exclusively to the players and yet that seems to be the case here.

There will, I suspect, be less tolerance of failure in the year ahead. The minor crop of '96 will be expected to graduate to U-21 honours in '99. The burden of expectation is already on their shoulders. And whatever about our minors of '99, who are relatively unknown until put together, the intermediate side will be expected to advance on last year. Expectations are high that we'll end the century on a more fruitful note.



The Tipperary intermediate hurling team that played Limerick in the Munster championship final at Páirc na nGael, Limerick. **Back row** (L-R) - Tomás Gleeson, Aidan Doyle, Kieran Maguire, Seamus Butler, Kevin McCormack, Declan Corcoran, Jim McGrath, Sean O'Meara. **Front row** - Seamus McKeogh, William Larkin, Declan Browne, Michael Ryan (F) captain, Tommy Hogan, Michael Ryan (T), Thomas Keane.

# The Nenagh Co-op County Senior Hurling Championship

by Seamus J. King

**T**oomevara returned to the pinnacle of Tipperary hurling on November 1 when they regained the Dan Breen Cup after a three year absence.

They defeated the 1997 champions, Clonoulty-Rossmore, by 0-16 to 1-10 and in doing so re-established themselves as the premier club of the nineties, with four victories out of five final appearances. Although only three points separated the sides at the final whistle, this was an emphatic Toomevara victory fashioned out of a wide spread of hurling talent from a tight and composed backline to a versatile set of forwards. It was a sweet victory for a club which, after the promises of the early nineties, had to suffer the frustration of failure over the past three years.

Although county hurling success was negligible, the divisional championships fell well behind. This was partly explained by the success of the senior footballers who reached the Munster final, played at Thurles on August 2, and the juniors, who surprised everyone except themselves in bringing the first football All-Ireland to the county since 1934. All four divisional finals were played on the first weekend of September and, what may well be unique, new champions were declared in all cases.

## DIVISIONAL FINALS

The mid final was played on Saturday evening at Semple Stadium and it will be remembered not for the quality of the hurling but rather for a great-hearted display by Loughmore-Castleiney who, with limited resources, beat a much more talented Boherlahan-Dualla side by 0-10 to 1-5. The west final, on the following day, was played in atrocious conditions at Emly. Clonoulty-Rossmore were the favourites and they won, perhaps none too convincingly, by 0-12 to 0-8, against a very spirited Golden-Kilfeacle side, which lacked effective fire power up front. On the same afternoon at Monroe, Ballingarry proved too good for Carrick Swans and their victory by 1-14 to 1-7 was thoroughly deserved. There was a surprise in store for patrons of the north final at Cloughjordan. Firm favourites and unbeaten-to-date Toomevara were shocked by a Nenagh side, which gave an outstanding display and defeated the champions by 1-11 to 0-11.

## QUARTER FINALS

The line up for the quarter finals was north v south and mid v west. The north-south contests were played in Sean Treacy Park, Tipperary on September 20. In the first game Eire Og, Nenagh were on song

against a Carrick Swan side which failed to do themselves justice on the occasion. In fine hurling conditions the north champions had effectively brushed aside the Swan challenge by the interval, when they led by 1-12 to 0-4. The second half dragged its slow length along to an inevitable conclusion, when the score stood at 2-21 to 0-5. The highlight of the game was an exceptional performance by Nenagh's, John Kennedy, who scored 1-10 of his side's total.

The second game was a much better contest. Toomevara got off to a blistering start and were ahead by 1-7 to 0-2 after twenty minutes but Ballingarry fought back and were 2-8 to 1-6 in arrears at the interval. However, the north men were a bridge too far for the south champions and, try as they might, they could not overcome the deficit and were still five points behind at the final whistle on a scoreline of 3-14 to 3-9. The most telling statistic of the game was the number of wides shot by Toomevara. To their fourteen points they added fifteen wides whereas Ballingarry struck only five in the course of the hour. It was a good indication of the overall dominance of the Toom men.

The third of the quarter-finals was played at Cashel on September 27. The game was eagerly awaited as Clonoulty-Rossmore had snatched victory from the jaws of defeat in their previous meeting in the 1997 county semi-final. On this occasion it was the reigning county champions who controlled the game all the way and it was Boherlahan-Dualla who made the late surge, but in vain. The west champions led by 0-9 to 0-6 at the interval and had three points to spare on a scoreline of 2-11 to 1-11 at the final whistle.

The last of the quarter-finals was delayed because of the need to have the play-off between the west runners-up and the Crosco Cup winners. Golden-Kilfeacle and Kickhams played at Cashel on September 27 and the result of an exciting encounter was a victory for Kickhams by 3-16 to 2-15. They played Loughmore-Castleiney at Cashel on October 4. In a tough, tense battle Kickhams gave one of their better displays to come out on top by 1-8 to 0-10. Going into the game as underdogs, their display might have justified a better margin of victory but their supporters were quite happy with a result which put them into a county semi-final for the first time since the 1950's. It was also a sweet achievement for a team which had failed to reach its own divisional final.

## THE SEMI-FINALS

The semi-finals were played at Semple Stadium on October 18. For Toomevara it was an easy victory. They had eighteen points to spare over a thoroughly disappointing Kickhams side in a poor game. The story is simply told. Kickhams started off well but a goal by Tommy Dunne in the eighth minute established the north side's dominance. They led by 1-11 to 0-5 at the interval and were in front by 4-19 to 0-13 at the final whistle. They showed themselves a skilful bunch of players with a bit of toughness thrown in and their display established them as favourites for the final.



Captain of Toomevara, Philip Shanahan, holds the Dan Breen Cup aloft after his team's exciting victory over Clonoulty-Rossmore in the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium.

The second game was a more exciting contest. Nenagh came into the match as the team of all the talents. They had beaten Toomevara in the north final and annihilated the hapless Swans in the quarter-final. They had the advantage over Clonoulty-Rossmore in the first half but allowed them back into contention. The concession of an own goal early in the second-half was a disaster. However, they fought back and were three points in front with ten minutes remaining. But that lead was gradually whittled away and the sides were level with five minutes to go. In the remaining period it was the determination

and spirit of Clonoulty-Rossmore, aided by poor shooting on the part of Nenagh, that gave the west champions victory. The shot that scored the winning point came from Declan Ryan, who spied half a chance from the old stand sideline, and took it to give his side a place in the final

Toomevara went into the game as favourites but there were some, influenced no doubt by Clonoulty-Rossmore's survival experiences en route, who believed that the west men would create a surprise. The big men of the west and the heavy going would combine to reduce



Goal! - Toomevara defenders in a spot of bother as Declan Ryan scores from a semi-penalty during the county senior hurling final at Semple Stadium. Unlucky defenders are (1. to r.) - Tony Delaney, Justin Cottrell and Philip Shanahan.

by 3-11 to 1-16. For Nenagh it was a most disappointing performance, the memory of which will send shivers of irritation through the system. They played some beautiful hurling which came to nought through woeful inaccuracy.

#### THE FINAL

The traditional venue, Semple Stadium, hosted the county final on November 1. A week's rain beforehand was hardly the proper preparation for the premier event in county hurling. The poor conditions gave way to a dry, blustery day but a disappointing crowd of only 9,000 spectators turned up for the occasion.



All the Ryans - Thoughtful expressions on the faces of former Limerick manager, Tom Ryan (left) and Roger Ryan, members of the Toomevara management team, photographed at Semple Stadium during the county final.

Toom's potential and give the red and green victory.

Such was not to be. It was a close final but the closeness belied Toom's superiority. The sides were level six times in a hard fought first half but it was significant that after dropping a two-point advantage, they regained it and deservedly led by three points at the interval,

0-10 to 0-7. It could be argued that Clonoulty-Rossmore were unlucky not to score two goals during this period and there's a point in the argument. But equally valuable is the contention that it was the brilliance of the Toomevara backs which deprived them of the goals and that is borne out by the splendid display of the same backs in the second half, particularly the half-back line spearheaded by Tony Delaney.

The Toom dominance continued after the break and within ten minutes they were six points in front. Then came Clonoulty-Rossmore's great moment, a goal

from a penalty by Declan Ryan. It was a superb shot, striking the back of the net before the defenders knew it had passed them. It should have lifted the west men but instead it brought one of the finest scores of the hour, a point from Tommy Dunne almost from the puck out. It was a swift retort and restored

the four point lead. For the remainder of the game Clonoulty-Rossmore tried very hard to reduce the deficit but could never get it below three points and so it remained until the final whistle. It was a happy and deserved return to the top for Toomevara. They are a well co-ordinated side with talent all over the field and plenty on the sideline as well. We wish them well in Munster as they have unfinished business in the club championship. There is no substitute for victory but Clonoulty-Rossmore can look back on a year during which they gave great satisfaction to their supporters and revealed that they have young players of great potential in Liam Kearney, Michael Heffernan and Kevin Lanigan-Ryan and Bonny Kennedy.

**Toomevara:** J. Cottrell, G. Frend, R. Brislane, A. Maxwell, P. Hackett, T. Delaney, P. Shanahan (capt.), P. King, Terry Dunne, P. O'Brien, Tommy Dunne, K. Dunne, M. Bevans, K. Kennedy, K. Cummins.

**Subs:** D. Kelly for K. Kennedy; Paul McGrath for P. King.

**Clonoulty-Rossmore:** A. Fryday (capt.), M. Ryan, P. Brennan, R. Ahearn, M. Heffernan, A. Butler, L. Kearney, M. Brennan, K. Lanigan-Ryan, M. Quirke, K. Ryan, M. Kennedy, D. Quirke, D. Ryan, M. 'Shiner' Heffernan. Subs: J. Hayes for M. Quirke; A. Kennedy for M. 'Shiner' Heffernan; L. Manton for M. Ryan.

**Referee:** Willie Barrett (Arcfinnan)

**Man of the Match award:** Tony Delaney (Toomevara).

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE

### COUNTY FINAL

Nov. 1, 1998 at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 0-16 Clonoulty-Rossmore 1-10

Referee: Willie Barrett (Arcfinnan)

### SEMI-FINALS

Oct. 18, 1998 at Semple Stadium

Toomevara 4-19 Kickhams 0-13

Referee: Tommy Lonergan (Kilsheelan)

Clonoulty-Rossmore 3-11 Nenagh Eire Og 1-16

Referee: Willie Clohessy (Drom Inch)

### QUARTER-FINALS

October 4, 1998 at Leahy Park

Kickhams 1-8 Loughmore-Castleiney 0-10

Referee: Michael Cahill (Kilruane-MacDonaghs)

September 20, 1998 at Sean Treacy Park

Toomevara 3-14 Ballingarry 3-9

Referee: John Ryan (Cashel King Cormacs)

Nenagh Eire Og 2-21 Carrick Swans 0-5

Referee: Richard Barry (Cappawhite)

September 27, 1998 at Leahy Park

Clonoulty-Rossmore 2-11 Boherlahan-Dualla 1-1

Referee: Johnny McDonnell (Roscrea)

# TIPPERARY FOOTBALL BOARD

BY Billy Butler P.R.O.



*Tipperary senior football – The Tipperary senior football team that played Kerry in the Munster final at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Niall Kelly, Sean Maher, John Costelloe, Brian Burke (captain), Brendan Cummins, Michael Spillane, Mark Sheahan, Conor O'Dwyer. Front row: Peter Lambert, Bernard Hahessy, Philly Ryan, Declan Browne, Sean Collum, Liam Cronin, Davy Hogan.*

**T**he year is once again drawing to a close so we take time out to reflect on what we achieved and indeed on what we might have had during the past 12 months. There were marvellous displays from our U-21s and seniors in their respective Munster finals. Of course pride of place has to go to our junior squad who brought All-Ireland honours to the Premier county after a lapse of 75 years.

We will mention in the forthcoming paragraphs the performances of our Minors, U-21 and Seniors. The junior achievements will be dealt with elsewhere in this Yearbook.

The National Football League first round saw us commence our preparation for the championship of 1998. This was the programme or plan of management to be in strong challenging position at the end of the league campaign to gain promotion to Div. 3 as it was then and be in serious championship contention of course. Our first game was against Cork which we lost on a score of 4-17 to 3-7. A visit to Down was no more comforting as we were defeated by six points.

The third round opposition was Kildare and here we were unlucky not to at least share the points, losing out on a scoreline of 2-9 to 1-11. The visit of Roscommon to Ardfinnan brought us our first success with a victory by one goal 1-7 to 0-7. We continued on our winning way defeating Waterford at Stradbally, by seven points. We were less impressive in our next game at Cashel, losing to Wicklow by 3-7 to 11 points. The final league game, was away to Clare and a great display here gave us valuable points winning this

one on the score 1-7 to 0-7. This win gave us promotion to Div. 3 but the new League structure has changed that situation.

Colm Browne and his two selectors Pat Moroney and Colm Flaherty now set their sights firmly on the championship. Tipperary travelled to Limerick for their first game in Munster championship on the 10th of May. The Shannonsiders proved to be tough opposition and we were glad to come away with a point win 1-13 to 1-12. On the next occasion Waterford travelled to Clonmel and proved a weak challenge enough Tipp won on a 1-17 to 0-7 scoreline. The Munster final was now there to be contested with the mighty Kingdom provid-

ing the opposition, or of course Cork.

However, of course, the matter of Clare had to be dealt with and this was going to be a real test. This game was played at Limerick and Tipperary gave a great display in defeating the Banner by 1-16 to 12 points.

## A MARVELLOUS OCCASION

It is surely a marvellous occasion for any footballer to have the opportunity of playing in a Munster Final, especially when you get the chance of playing against the men from Kerry in your own backyard. This was then a challenge for our seniors which was going to tell us if we could again seriously take on the "Big Boys". The Tipp side prepared well



*Davy Hogan gets the better of this tussle during the Munster senior football final at Semple Stadium.*

and felt they were in there with a real chance of upsetting the champions. On final day which was a momentous occasion in Semple Stadium, Tipperary gave as good as they got for most of 70 minutes but eventually had to give way to more polished Paudie O'Shea's side. However, some great individual displays proved to all that the gap is narrowing all the time between the Corks and Kerrys and ourselves. The final score Kerry 0-17 to Tipp 1-10.

### THE UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP

The U-21 championship kicked off with a first round game against Limerick. The general consensus here was this team could do well and indeed this they proved with improved performances in each game. Tipperary defeated Limerick by three points on 14/3 at Limerick. The next game which was the semi-final of the Munster Championship saw the Tipp boys give another wholehearted display in overcoming Cork to reach the Munster Final against Kerry. This game was played in Tralee on 11th of April. This was surely one of the near misses after a very shaky start and the misfortune of conceding some early goals, we found ourselves well behind at half-time. However, the second half saw a spirited and workmanlike comeback by Tipperary which brought us within striking distance of Kerry. Then in the concluding minutes we had the misfortune of having a goal surely some of the finest football we have seen played by Tipp teams was served up in that second half. To all the panel and of course to manager S. McCarthy, selectors Pete Savage, John Phelan and Anthony Crosse you can be proud of this display, especially when you consider this Kerry side are now All-Ireland champions.

### MINOR FOOTBALL

The management team of Keith Rickin, coach, selectors Michael Power,



The Tipperary Under-21 football team that put up a courageous display against holders Kerry in the Munster final a Tralee in April. Back row (l. to r.): Niall Kelly, David Fogarty, Liam England, Andrew Lacey, Paul Fitzgerald, Tommy Galvin, Paul Ormond (captain), Mark Cummins. Front row: Brian Maguire, Paul Cahill, David Burke, John Carroll, Ben Walsh, Mark O'Shea, Declan Browne.

Tommy Toomey, Tom Kirwan, Dominic Everard set about the task of preparing a team for the championship at an early stage. Many coaching sessions were held and a large number of players brought in. Tipperary organised a four-county league with Roscommon, Offaly and Westmeath.

The championships was played on League basis with Waterford, Clare and Limerick in our group. The U-18s had their first game in championship v Limerick on 15th April. Expectations were high of a good run by this team, however, I'm afraid we got off to a bad start, losing this first game by a disappointingly big margin. The score - Limerick 17pts, Tipp 1-8. We travelled to play Waterford next, drawing on this occasion on a score of 1-12 to 2-9. We had to win our last game to stay in contention. This did not happen as Clare

defeated us on a score of 2-7 to 1-8. The final of the four county league was played at Templemore against Roscommon. The fact that the team was now out of the championship seemed to make this exercise totally worthless. The players did not seem to have any interest in the result. Roscommon won comfortably in the end. So it was not a great year for our U-18s but we can take consolation from the fact a great many of the panel are again eligible for the coming campaign.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to thank all management committees of various teams for their co-operation during the year. To the media, local radio and press I am very grateful for your help at all times. Thanks too to fellow County Board officers and to all clubs for your much appreciated assistance.



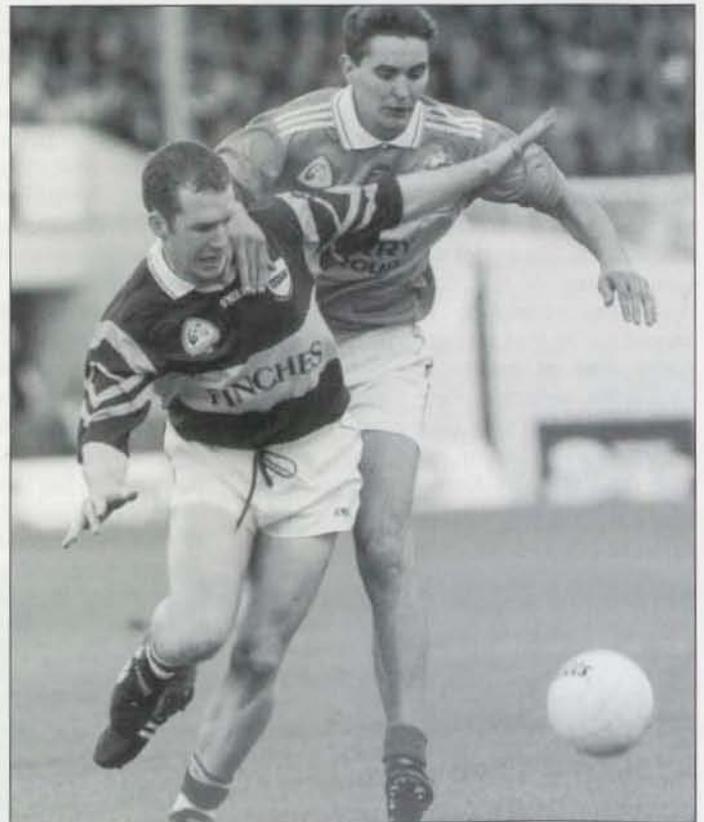
The Tipperary minor football panel that played Limerick in the first round of the Munster Championship at Limerick. Back row (l. to r.): Conor O'Donnell, John Morrissey, Mark Hanly, Tommy Russell, Kevin Mulryan, Derek Breen, Ger Stapleton (captain), Eoin O'Connor, Paul Curran, Aidan Fitzgerald, Johnny Walsh, Shane Maher, Don Maher. Front row: Brian Duggan, Tommy Connors, Fergal Condon, Michael Cahill, Tom Fitzgerald, Damien O'Brien, Pat Duggan, Colin Hayes, John Walsh, Colm O'Brien, John O'Halloran.



Officers and committee members of the 'Friends of Tipperary Football' photographed at a meeting at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles. Included are: (seated, l. to r.): Michael Frawley, also chairman Co. Football Board; Pat Moroney, chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Tom Collum, secretary 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Eddie Lonergan, also secretary Co. Football Board; Pete Savage. Standing: Tom Cusack; D. J. Gleeson; P. J. Leahy; Noel Morris, vice-chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Con Ryan, vice-chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; John Hassett, P.R.O. 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Larry O'Connor, vice-chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football'. Inset: Michael Power, treasurer 'Friends of Tipperary Football'.



Seán Maher leaves Pa Laide on the ground as he heads for the Kerry goal during the Munster senior football final at Semple Stadium.



Conor O'Dwyer in action against Maurice Fitzgerald in the Munster senior football final at Semple Stadium.



Declan Browne finds the going tough against Kerry in the Munster senior football final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary senior football management team photographed at Ardlinnan before the McGrath Cup match between Tipperary and Waterford. Included are (l. to r.): Pat Moroney, Colm Browne (manager) and Colm O'Flaherty.

Senior football selector, Colm O'Flaherty, in demand during the Press Night prior to the Munster final against Kerry.



Tipperary Under-21 football selectors photographed before the team's first game against Limerick at Kilmallock (l. to r.) Pete Savage, John Phelan, Seamus McCarthy (manager) and Anthony Crosse.



Tipperary Minor football selectors photographed before the Munster championship (first round) encounter with Limerick at Páirc na nGael, Limerick. Included are (l. to r.) Michael Power (Newcastle); Dominic Everard (Moyne-Templetuohy); Keith Ricken (St. Vincent's, Cork); manager; Tommy Toomey (Arravale Rovers) and Tom Kirwan (Kildangan).



Senior football manager, Colm Browne, issues instructions to his players during the Munster senior football final at Semple Stadium.



Tipperary centre-forward Eoin O'Connor (right) manages to hold on to the ball under pressure from Limerick's William Kealy during the Munster Minor football championship (1st round) game between the sides at Páirc na nGael, Limerick.

Officers elected at the Co. Football Board Annual Convention at Hayes' Hotel, Thurles. Included are (seated - l. to r.): Pat Moroney, Chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football' Paul O'Neill, chairman Co. G.A.A. Board; Michael Frawley, chairman Co. Football Board; Eddie Lonergan, secretary Co. Football Board; Archbishop Dermot Clifford, Patron of the G.A.A. Standing: Tom Collum, secretary Games Development Committee and secretary 'Friends of Tipperary Football'; Tom Cusack, treasurer Co. Football Board; Tom O'Donnell, treasurer Co. G.A.A. Board; Billy Butler, P.R.O., Co. Football Board; Pete Savage, vice-chairman Co. Football Board; Michael Power, vice-chairman Co. Football Board.



Tipperary forward, Paul Cahill maintains a firm grip on the ball as he is closely watched by Kerry defender, Niall Beckett, during the Munster Under-21 football final at Tralee.

# Moyle Rovers GAA Club's OUTSTANDING YEAR

SEAMUS NORRIS

The year 1998 will be fondly remembered by everyone associated with Moyle Rovers club. Not alone did we regain the South and County championships, we have also qualified for the Munster A.I.B. Club final. The club was successful also in the South Junior "A" football, Minor "B" football, Junior "A" hurling championships and our Under-16 footballers won South and County titles. Members of our Senior football panel brought honour to themselves and our club. Seamus Delahunty who was elected chairman of our club in January went on to win Munster and All-Ireland Junior football medals with Tipperary. Derry Foley represented his club, county and country in the International Rules series against Australia with distinction. Declan Browne was top scorer in the Bank of Ireland All-Ireland football championship and has earned himself an All-Star award in football, a reward he richly deserves for his outstanding performances with his county during the league and championship.

This trio along with Liam Cronin and James Williams were members of the Tipperary Senior football panel that played Kerry in the Munster final at Thurles.



*Jimmy Dunne - on his knees - weighs up the options*

Pride of place must go to our Senior footballers who regained the South and County trophies. After a lapse of twelve months. The decision of our selectors

John Keating, Dick Looby and Jim Cahill to continue as the selectors at the players request was received in the club with great approval.

From February all our endeavours were geared towards this achievement. At training Donal Foley and John Owens made it as varied as possible to avoid boredom and staleness. The response from the players during the season to this gruelling schedule was excellent and the appointment of Liam Cronin as captain had a very positive impact on the team. Even at an early stage they were playing well and winning all their games.

## EARLY GAMES

Our championship campaign started on April 19th when we defeated Commercials at Kilsheelan. Playing against the wind we were one point up at the break and a man down. In the second half our slick and accurate passing had the Commercial's backs in trouble whilst our solid defence gave little away. In the end we were six point winners. We played Fethard next and a hat-trick of penalty goals from Declan



*A fine action study of Derry Foley*

Browne helped us to a ten point victory. In the concluding game of our group we defeated Ardfinnan in a close contest. After this game the Butcher O'Brien trophy was presented to captain Liam Cronin as our team had finished top of the group. This trophy was to the memory of a great Ardfinnan gael.

In the South semi-final we were drawn against Fethard, our old rivals and county champions. This game was played a full three months after the Ardfinnan game. At the start of the game Fethard scored a goal and our players had to work hard to lead by three points at the break. In the second half both teams matched each other score for score with the Rovers holding on to the three points until the finish.

The South final took place on Sunday August the 30th at 7 p.m. This proved to be a busy day for our club officials and members as the South Senior hurling semi-finals were also played at Monroe that afternoon. The final itself proved to be one sided as Ardfinnan never rose to the occasion and we were champions

for the fourth time in seven years.

#### COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

In the County Championship we played Inare Rovers/Borrisoleigh in a completely one-sided quarter-final before facing Loughmore/Castleiny in the semi-final.

Loughmore were probably the toughest opponents our team faced in the championship. A man down after nine minutes and facing the wind in the second half, things looked bad, but the players dug deep and deservedly reached the County final. The County final was a repeat of the South final against Ardfinnan and again we triumphed by ten points on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-8. In the lead up to the final the players had decided, if successful, that Donal Foley would accept the O'Dwyer Cup on the teams behalf. This was a fitting tribute for the effort Donal had made training the team over the past number of years. Donal also received the Man of the Match Award for his outstanding display.

In the A.I.B. Munster Club championship we were drawn away to the Cork champions Bantry Blues. This game was played in Dunmanway having being switched from Bantry. On the day our supporters from our parish and outside travelled in great numbers. In the game we wore the county colours, blue and gold. We received an early setback when we lost John Owens through injury, even so we were only three points adrift at the break. We received a further setback in the second-half when Robbie Boland was sidelined for a second bookable offence. For the third time this year our players showed their true character and put in a marvellous finish to win by a goal on the scoreline of 1-7 to 0-7. There were great scenes of jubilation after the game as well-wishers swarmed everywhere with their words of congratulations. As we write we are preparing for the Munster final against Doonbeg of Clare and we wish all concerned the best of luck in their efforts to bring our club and Tipperary their first club championship.

## BORD na nÓg - South

#### JUVENILE BREAKTHROUGH FOR MARLFIELD.

1998 marked a breakthrough for Marlfield and its sister club, St Martins when they won the South Under 12 C hurling and football double.

#### Marlfield Hurling South U12C Champions 1998

Mentors: Maurice Kennedy, Gerry McDonnell, Noel Cosgrave, Paul Kennedy, Dominic Hanly. Back Row L to R: Con Power, Keith Cashman, Chloe Kennedy, Colm O'Sullivan, Kieran Moriarty, David Cosgrave, Barry O'Brien, Paul Johnson, Kevin O'Callaghan, Neil O'Brien, Evan O'Meara. Front Row L to R: Tim O'Donnell, Joey Pyne, Niall Hassett, Anthony O'Sullivan, Brian McDonnell, Colin Burke, James Sweeney, Ian Kavanagh, David Slevin, Shane West, Adam MacSherry, Shane Wall.

These successes resulted from close co-operation between the Club, St Oliver's Primary School and the Clonmel/Carrick-on-Suir special development programme.



#### St Martins Football South U12C Champions 1998

Mentors: Gerry McDonnell, Noel Cosgrave, Dominic Hanly, Con Hogan, Maurice Kennedy, Paul Kennedy. Back Row L to R: Barry O'Brien, David Cosgrave, Brian MacDonnell, Andrew Lawlor, Anthony O'Sullivan, Colin O'Sullivan, Kieran Moriarty, Paul Sweeney, Jason Coburn, Joey Pyne, Niall Hassett, Kieth Cashman, Mark Phillips. Front Row L to R: Paul Johnson, Ian Kavanagh, Neil O'Brien, David Slevin, Kevin O'Callaghan, Con Power, Christopher Maxwell, Chloe Kennedy, Colin Burke, Shane Wall, Kevin Dahill, Kieran Murray, Michael Burke.

# Nollaig Shona dáR Léitheoirí

# Damian O'Brien - Eire Óg Annacarty



Left to Right: Leonard Fitzgerald and Damian O'Brien.

By: Leonard Fitzgerald

An auspicious year of magical proportions can only describe the season past, experienced by the youthful Damian O'Brien. The growth of his potential in such a short period is truly remarkable. No player in the county has surpassed the success he has achieved in the past months, with Declan Browne probably the solitary exception in question.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, the summer of 1998 has been good to him. While having a great interest in hurling, Gaelic Football is his first priority. At club-level his prolific scoring power and electric pace was vital to Eire Og trial of glory. His leadership qualities have been crucial to his teammates around him. After Eire Og Anacarty's 112 year famine, Damian captained the minor footballers to their very first underage county championship title. The baron streak has finally ended. After two hours of end to end football, Eire Og held out for a precious one point win. With younger brother Ronan a constant threat in attack, it was a proud day for the entire O'Brien household.

Now amidst the blackness of another winter period, Damian can relax and reflect on a hugely eventful season with a hidden smile of satisfaction. The proud recipient of two All-Ireland medals from a county not renowned for its football greatness makes him quite unique.

All season long, his commitment has been nothing short of 100%. In every

game he adopted a direct approach and positive frame of mind and fortunately this paid dividends at almost all grades. At schools level, he began to show encouraging signs of a promising footballer. Last spring Abbey C.B.S Tipperary Town claimed a Munster and All-Ireland colleges "B" title. Damian was one of their first choice attackers at wing forward and their principal free-taker. All through the competition he was their scorer-in-chief. In the final on the Croke Park Sod, his seven point demolition proved the exact tonic to a most fruitful campaign for the deserving

winners. If one All-Ireland medal didn't suffice, the best was yet to come.

Playing for your native county is the prime accolade in every player's career. At the tender age of eighteen, the Annacarty student has already reached that summit, however his ultimate ambition is to graduate at senior inter-county level. With recent admission to the senior squad, this feat has edged closer than anticipated. Despite having an unsuccessful term with the Tipp minors in not reaching the knock-out stages, the call-up to the Juniors was unexpected.

Tipperary captured their first Munster title since the minors dethroned the same rebel opposition in July 1995. However, it wasn't until the All-Ireland series that O'Brien entered the limelight. What Davy Dalton was to Kildare and Jody Devine to Meath, Damian was the substitute that proved the master-stroke for the county Juniors. Against Warwickshire in the semi-final and the faithful county in the decider, the U.L fresher student gave a valuable contribution when introduced at the crucial moments.

After the historical 2-09 to 0-06 scoring victory, the first in 75 years, that Friday evening in O'Moore Park in Portlaoise will forever live in his memory as an emotional moment and lifelong achievement to savour. All the O'Brien family and various friends were present to rejoice in his triumph. Long may the good times continue.



Damian O'Brien with his family.

# Tipperary G.A.A. Co. Convention at The Anner Hotel, Dúrlas Éile, January 25th, 1998



All re-elected – Officers re-elected at the Co. G.A.A. Board Convention at the Anner Hotel. Included are (seated – l. to r.) Liz Howard PRO; Paul O'Neill, chairman; Tommy Barrett, secretary; Tom O'Donnell, treasurer; Maria Morrissey, Youth Officer. Standing – John Ryan, Development Officer, Liam O'Dwyer, Munster Council Delegate; Conor Ryan, Oifigeach na Gaeilge; Michael Nolan, Assistant Treasurer; Noel Morris, Central Council Delegate; Seán Fogarty, Munster Council Delegate.



Delegates at the Co. Convention at the Anner Hotel, Thurles, in January, were (l. to r.): Larry O'Keefe, Solohead, also chairman of West Tipperary Bord na nÓg; Paddy Beatty, Solohead; Nicholas Lonergan, Solohead; Jack Flannery, Newport.



Delegates from Nenagh Éire Óg at the Co. G.A.A. Board Convention at the Anner Hotel, Thurles (l. to r.): Jack Kennedy, Jimmy Morris and Ger Gavin.



North Tipperary G.A.A. Board officers photographed at the Co. Board Convention at the Anner Hotel, Thurles. Included are (l. to r.): Michael O'Brien, secretary; Donal Shanahan, chairman and Michael Nolan, treasurer.



County G.A.A. Board chairman, Paul O'Neill, presents the Tipperaryman's Cup to Dick Fitzgerald (Fethard) at the Board's Convention for the winners of the county senior football championship.

There's an absolute dearth of club publications in the county this year. No club has gone to print! Talking to Seamus McCarthy recently about Tipperary's All-Ireland Junior Football victory and his own receipt of the Tipperary Sport Star award, I asked him about the Bansa book. This was promised a few years ago. According to him he is hoping to close the final chapter in the New Year. Galtee Rovers' achievements have been outstanding this year and their victories would make a fine closing chapter, plus, of course, his own impressive achievements.

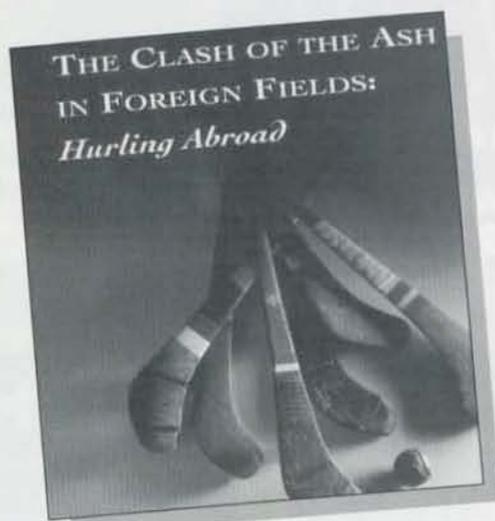
If no club published a history in 1998, one club P.R.O. got the highest recognition. Bridget Delaney of the Burgess G.A.A. Club won a McNamee Award for her club media presentation. As club P.R.O. since 1992, she has produced the club notes for the *Guardian* every week, fifty-two weeks in the year. She received her award for the comprehensiveness and completeness of her effort, offering a weekly diet of news of matches, events, functions, obituaries, any club activity worthy of mention. She supplements her notes with appropriate photographs and so convinced is she of the value of the picture to draw attention to the text that she is presently pursuing a photography course in Cork. As well as her P.R.O. work, Bridget is also working assiduously on the club history. Much work has been completed, many photographs have been collected. In fact, progress has been so good that, if she acquired a sponsor to cover the cost of publication, she would be in print in the not-too-distant future.

A number of books, published during the past year, are worthy of mention. *Sport, Culture, Politics and Scottish Society - Irish Immigrants and the G.A.A.* by Joseph M. Bradley (Edinburgh, 1998) traces the history of Gaelic sport in Scotland from its beginnings in 1897 up to the present. It puts the sport in the context of Scottish nationalism and shows how national identification tended to be with Glasgow Celtic rather than with the G.A.A. The book is about much more than sport, being a commentary on the historical, social and political development of the Irish in Scotland.

*For Love of Town and Village* by Jack Mahon (Dublin, 1997) explores the exciting success of the AIB G.A.A. Club All-Ireland championships. The club unit has always been the bedrock of the G.A.A. In the early days the All-Irelands were contested between clubs representing counties, with the first ever titles of 1887 won by Thurles and Limerick Commercials. This practice continued right up to the 1920s. From then onwards counties were represented by selections from all the clubs in the counties and the club unit tended to count for less. The revival of the club championship in 1970 gave the clubs back something precious and something that has proven enduring. It is the one 'modern' competition that has caught the imagination of the public. The Oireachtas and the Railway Cup may have declined but the club championship goes from strength to strength. It gives supporters the opportunity to see some top class hurling and football and meaningful competition during the winter months. The book not only tells the story of the victorious sides but highlights some of the personalities who played. Two chapters of particular Tipperary interest are titled *Roscrea: First in Hurling and Lovely Fair Ileigh*. It's a welcome addition to the G.A.A. library.

# Recent Publications

By SEAMUS KING



*Sambo: All or Nothing* by Terence McNaughton (Dublin, 1998) tells the story of Antrim hurling through the experiences of the writer. It's a lively read and Tipperary don't come very well out of it. Writing about the aftermath of the 1989 All-Ireland and the banquet for the All-Ireland teams at Kilmainham, the following day, he has this to say: 'We didn't want to be at that banquet - we wanted to be home with our families. It wasn't a question of bad sportsmanship. We were hurt and humiliated. We had been beaten by a better side, beaten by 18 points. If we didn't deserve to win, neither did we deserve the insults of a few - and I'd emphasise a few - of the Tipperary players. One made a comment about my 'hairstyle'. If I'd a penny for every time I'd had someone slag me about my dome, I'd be rich. It was the manner in which it was said that day. Offence was intended and it wasn't just that we were raw

from losing. They tried to rub our noses in it. They showed us no respect whatsoever and lacked manners. One said he 'didn't rate winning the All-Ireland because we only beat Antrim'. Another said: 'We'll have to win another All-Ireland medal because this one won't count.' One of them subsequently refused me an autograph for my son. When I asked, he turned and said, 'Why, who are you?' And there is more!

*Wexford Old Gaels' Story, 1982-1997* compiled by Larry Larkin (Enniscorthy, 1997, is a totally different kind of book. It is about an organisation, founded in Wexford in 1982, to ensure that the work of dedicated G.A.A. people is recognised and remembered. Hundreds of testimonial awards have been presented in the past fifteen years. Those who scaled the heights in their playing days and those who attained the top official posts have been included. But, more importantly, many of those who have played and worked for their clubs with dedication without ever achieving major success have also been recognised and honoured. The motto of the organisation is that 'it is important that we do not forget to remember.' Maybe there's room for a similar organisation in this county.

On a personal note, *The Clash of the Ash in Foreign Fields: Hurling Abroad* (Cashel, 1998), was published during the year. It completes the work begun in *A History of Hurling*. In fact, the work began as a chapter in the latter book but, because the book had gone beyond the limits laid down by the publishers, had to be withdrawn. It was just as well because what I had tried to cram into one chapter was too much. To attempt to cover the history of hurling in the U.K., North America, Argentina, South Africa, Australia and other places in a chapter was not on. It deserved a book and has got just that (200 pages in A4 size) in *The Clash of the Ash in Foreign Fields*. The book covers the attempts made by the G.A.A. to spread the gospel of hurling abroad by sending top teams of hurlers on promotional trips to foreign places, beginning with the American 'Invasion' in 1888 and continuing right down to the All-Star trips of modern times. It also relates the efforts of the Irish diaspora to organise the game in a meaningful way wherever they found themselves in large numbers.



Bridget Delaney, P.R.O., Burgess, receives her McNamee Award from Joe McDonagh, Uachtarán, C.L.G.

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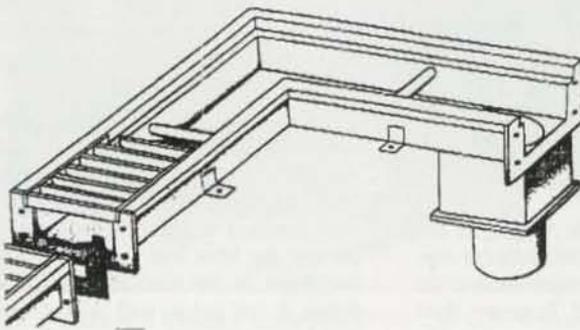
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# MID TIPPERARY REVIEW '98



Mid Tipperary Senior Board officers, referees, who officiated at Mid finals throughout last year and guests photographed at a function for referees at the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (seated, l. to r.): Philly Ryan, referee; John O'Donovan, Mid Board treasurer; P. J. Hewitt, referee; Harry Ryan, Mid Board chairman; Paul O'Neill, Co. Board chairman; Matty Connolly, Mid Board secretary; Willie Robinson, Co. Referees Co-ordinator; Martin Treacy, referee. Standing - Jimmy Meighan, Mid-Board vice-chairman; P. J. Leahy, J. P. Stakelum, John Kelly, Brinsley Lowth, Denis Curtis, Michael Greene, Jim O'Shea, Jimmy Sweeney, Michael Jordan, Rody Lowry, Pat Cullen, all referees; Michael Burke, Mid Board vice-chairman.



Chairman of Co. G.A.A. Board, Paul O'Neill, photographed with officers of Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board following the Board's Annual Convention at Sarsfields Social Centre, Thurles. Included are (seated, l. to r.) Michael Bourke, vice-chairman and Co. Board Junior Club Rep.; Paul O'Neill, Co. Board chairman; Harry Ryan, Mid Board chairman; Matty Connolly, secretary; Bob Stakelum, president; John O'Donovan, treasurer. Standing: Tom Collum, secretary Games Development Committee; John Moloughney, Co. Junior Board Rep.; John Ryan, Co. Development Officer; Jimmy Meighan, vice-chairman; Pat Cullen, Co. Board Trustee; Andy O'Gorman, Youth Officer; Jim Max, Thurles Sportsfield Rep.

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Competition	Teams	Score	Competition	Teams	Score
Senior Hurling	Loughmore-Castleiney	0-10	Senior Football	Loughmore-Castleiney	3-10
Final	Boherlahan-Dualla	1-5		J. K. Brackens	1-5
Inter. Hurling	Upperchurch-Drombane	1-12	Int. Football	Boherlahan-Dualla	1-7
Final	Thurles Sarsfields	0-14		Holycross-Ballycahill	1-2
Junior A	J. K. Brackens	3-5	Junior A	Thurles Sarsfields	0-3
Hurling	Drom-Inch	0-8	Football	J. K. Brackens	0-2
Junior B	Thurles Fennellys	0-13	Junior B		
Hurling	Killea	0-5	Football		
U-21 A	Boherlahan-Dualla	2-11	U-21 A	J. K. Brackens	2-5
Hurling	Thurles Sarsfields	0-13	Football	Moyne-Templetuohy	0-5
U-21 B	Loughmore-Castleiney	1-15	U-21 B	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	1-5
Hurling	Moycarkey-Borris	2-8	Football	Upperchurch-Drombane	0-4
Minor A	Drom-Inch	0-15	Minor A	J. K. Brackens	4-14
Hurling	Thurles Sarsfields	0-12	Football	Moyne-Templetuohy	1-8
Minor B	Moycarkey-Borris	3-12	Minor B	Boherlahan-Dualla	2-7
Hurling	J. K. Brackens	1-9	Football	Loughmore-Castleiney	1-9
Minor C	Clonakenny	2-7	Cahill Cup	Holycross-Ballycahill	2-11
Hurling	Loughmore-Castleiney	1-3	Final	Drom-Inch	1-12
Junior Hurling	Boherlahan-Dualla	2-11	<i>Sponsors 1998:</i>	Roadstone Provinces	
League Final Div. 1	Drom-Inch	0-11		MacLochlainn Road Markings	
Junior Hurling	Gortnahoe-Glengoole	3-8		Bank of Ireland (Thurles)	
League Div. 2	Moyne-Templetuohy	1-9		Thurles Credit Union	
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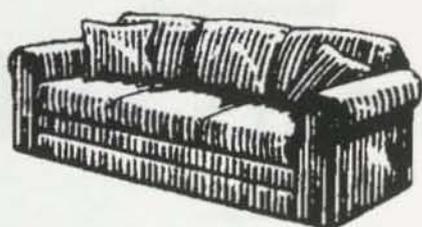
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The Holycross-Ballycahill team that brought the Cahill Cup (Mid S.H.L.) back home by defeating Drom-Inch at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.) Michael Ferncombe, Declan Quinlan, William Ryan, Michael Lee, Philip Ryan, Donal Ryan, P. J. Lanigan, John Butler. Front row: David Burke, Thomas Fogarty, Phil Dwyer (captain), John Ferncombe, Richard Doyle, Tony Lanigan, Timmy Gleeson.



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Champions once more – The Loughmore-Castleiney senior football panel that retained its title in emphatic fashion by defeating J. Brackens in a delayed Mid final played at The Ragg. back row (l. to r.): Noel Kennedy, Tom King, David Kennedy, Declan Laffan (captain), Philip Kennedy, Dominic Brennan, Ned Ryan, Mick McGrath (K.), Pat McGrath, Noel Morris, Tom McGrath. Front row: Micheál Webster, Tim Cullen, Noel Cahill, Paul Ormond, Seamie Bohan, Michael McGrath, Alvy Stapleton, John Kennedy, Gary Sweeney, Michael Brennan. In front are team mascots (l. to r.) Liam, Aidan, Tomás and Noel McGrath.

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The Loughmore-Castleiney team that regained the MacLochlainn Roadmarkings Mid senior hurling title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at Semple Stadium. Back row (l. to r.): Noel Kennedy, Tom King, Philip Kennedy, Tom Foy, Declan Laffan, Ned Ryan, Pat McGrath, Noel Morris. Front row: Paul Ormond, Michael McGrath, Mick McGrath (K.) captain, Tim Cullen, Noel Cahill, Seamie Bohan, Alvy Stapleton.



The Upperchurch-Drombane panel that won the Mid Intermediate hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Alan Tierney, Seamus Ryan, Tony Burke, Tim Ryan (F.), Pat Carey, Seamus Armstrong, Pdraig Bourke, Darren Keane, L. T. Ryan, John Ryan, Pádraig Hayes, Tomás Ryan. Front row: Jim Ryan, Gerry Quinn, John Ryan 'C', Seamus Griffin, Paddy Brennan, Brian Phelan, Michael Ryan, Jerry Ryan, John Keane, Michael Dwyer, Seán Purcell (captain)



The J. K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Minor 'A' football title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Clonakenny. Back row (l. to r.): Ian Delahunty, Jason McLoughlin, Killian O'Neill, Stephen Owens, Philip Ryan, Brendan Guider, Evan Byrne, Kevin Mulryan, Benny Fogarty, Aidan Ivers, Ian Kilroy, Eoghan O'Doherty. Front row: John Dunne, Ger Mullally, Kevin Ivers, David McLoughlin, Paddy Kirwan, Michael Cahill (captain), Paul O'Brien, David Ryan, Denis Carroll, James Farrell.



The J. K. Brackens panel and selectors that won the Mid Under-21 'A' football title by defeating Moyne-Templetuohy at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Doyle, Michael Henderson, Kevin Ivers, James Maher, Stephen Owens, Adrian Moynihan, Philly Ryan, Kevin Mulryan, Joe Cusack, Brendan Guider, Benny Fogarty, Jim Moynihan (selector); Mick Keely (selector). Front row: Paul O'Brien, Willie Fogarty, Paddy Kirwan, David Maher, David Burke (captain), Michael Cahill, Evan Byrne, Damien McBride, Aidan Ivers, Tom Maher (selector)



The Moycarkey-Borris minor hurling panel that won the Mid Minor B title by defeating J. K. Brackens at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Liam Flanagan, Michael Healy, Eamonn Ryan, John Paul Leahy, Eoin Butler (captain), Conor Butler, Donncha Hennessy, Paul Dempsey, Kevin Shortall, P. J. Flanagan, Matthew Shortall, Kevin O'Regan. Front row: Phillip Maher, John Butler, John Kelly, Paudie Doran, Colm Ryan, William Dempsey, Colm Ryan, Patrick Carey, Tomás Ryan, Richard Fanning, Rick Quigley



The Thurles Fennelly's panel that won the Irish Pride Bakeries Mid Tipperary Junior 'B' hurling title by defeating Killea at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Tom O'Sullivan, James Callanan, Seán O'Connell, Joe Cleere, Kieran Kennedy, Pat Lawlor, Paddy O'Mahoney, Lar Barrett, Ger O'Grady, John Lawlor, Philip Lawlor, Francis Molumby, Jim Woodlock, John Walsh. Front row: John Collins, John Connors, Michael Kenehan, Raymond O'Dowd, Mark Loughnane, Raymond Carey (captain), Thomas Jordan, Pat Gleeson, Philip Butler, Kieran O'Dwyer. Mascot: David Kenehan.

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The Loughmore-Castleiney panel that won the Mid Under-21 B hurling title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris in an entertaining final at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Paul Maher, Declan Bolger, Niall Hackett, Andrew Long, David O'Connell, Alvy Stapleton, Simon Murphy, Johnny Gleeson, Tom King, Micheál Webster, Paul Ormond, John Paul Russell, James Connolly. Front row: Jonathan Cullen, Barry Hennessy, Oliver Ryan, Pat Donnellan, John Paul Foy, Murtagh Brennan, Jody Sweeney, Gary Sweeney (captain), Tommy Long, Michael Walsh, Liam Brennan, Martin Gleeson.



The Thurles Sarsfields panel that proved too strong for a gallant J. K. Brackens side in a low-scoring Mid junior 'A' football final played at Castleiney, Sarsfields winning by 0-3 to 0-2. Back row (l. to r.): Stephen Mason, Jamie Barrett, Mark Wade, Eddie Enright, Brendan Carroll, Peter Broderick, Colm Maher, Liam Duggan (captain), Tony O'Mara, Gary Memagh, Eugene McAree, Conor O'Dwyer (manager). Front row: Larry Corbett, Thomas Ryan, Frank Molloy, Colm O'Rourke, Tommy Maher, Noel Dundon, Wayne McLeish, John Hussey, Trevor Cooke, Philip Hayes.



The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Thurles Credit Union Mid Under-21 A hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Holycross. Back row (l. to r.): Patrick Maher, Karl Walsh, Edmond O'Dwyer, Noel O'Connor, Laurence Hickey, Declan Donnelly, John Maher, Barry Crosse, Eoin O'Connor, Seamus Hickey (captain), Justin Cunningham, David Maher. Front row: John Maher, Michael Maher, Michael O'Dwyer, John Paul Ferncombe, Joss Tobin, David Burke, William Hickey, Barry Maher, Stephen Patterson, Declan Moylan.



The Clonakenny panel that won the Mid Tipperary minor C hurling title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney in the final at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.): Damien Coonan, Aidan O'Keefe, Derek Ryan, Garrett Ryan, Gearóid Byrne, Mark Talbot, John Stapleton (captain), Joe Crampton, David Crampton. Front row: Andrew Crampton, James Mullally, Brendan Murray, Martin Joe Murray, Walter Byrne, Donncha Murray, Alan Abbott, Michael Bourke, John Higgins.



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 The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that retained the Mid Intermediate football title by defeating Holycross-Ballycahill for the second year in a row in the final at Ballycahill. Back row (l. to r.): Declan Moylan, Barry Maher, William Hickey, Eoin O'Connor, Edmond Dwyer, Conor Gleeson, John Wardick, John Maher, Seamus Hickey, T. J. Donnelly, J. J. McGrath, Thomas Quirke. Front row: Joss Tobin, John Maher, John Ferncombe, David Ryan, Seamus Murphy (captain), Philip Ryan, Tommy Dwyer, Declan Donnelly, Garret McLoughlin, Philip O'Dwyer, Adrian O'Dwyer.

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 The Boherlahan-Dualla panel that won the Mid Tipperary Minor B football final by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney by the narrowest of margins at Páirc na nÓg (Thurles). Back row (l. to r.): K. Walsh, J. E. O'Connor, E. O'Connor (captain), D. Leamy, L. Hickey, R. Wade, P. Ryan, G. Kearney, D. Flanagan, Ml. Cregan, P. Hickey, D. Maher. Front row: M. Power, D. Burke, J. P. Ferncombe, J. Maher, E. Ryan, Ml. Maher, P. J. Coman, J. O'Dwyer, Philip Coman, J. Sweeney. Missing from photograph: Diarmuid O'Connor.



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 The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary Under-21 B football title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at Littleton. Back row (l. to r.): George Webster (selector); Liam Cleary, Ronan Stanley (captain), Leo Dufficey, Stuart Perry, Damien Healy, David Skehan, Philip Breen, Keith Corbett, Paul Phelan, Ned Slattery (selector), Billy Perry (selector). Front row: Darren Kenny, Mark Ryan, John Teehan, Trevor Webster, Vincent Ryan, Michael Dooley, William Cahill, Jonathan Guilfoyle, Nigel Kenny, Gearóid Maher.



The J. K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Tipperary junior A hurling title at Holycross by defeating Drom-Inch in the final. Back row (l. to r.): Ray Burke, Jack O'Shea, John Fitzpatrick, Damien Harkin, Seán Scully, P. J. Corcoran, James Maher, Aidan Ivers, Benny Fogarty, John Maher, Seán Percy (captain), Brendan Guider, Aidan Russell. Front row; Seán Scully, David Maher, Kevin Ivers, Michael Cahill, Seamus Bourke, Jimmy Queally, John Fitzgerald, Seamus Delaney, Peter Burke, David Burke, Seán Cashman, Richard Grimes.

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You may talk about legends and heroes  
And of men of great fame and renown  
But come listen well to the story I tell  
Of the hurlers of Galbertstown.  
Their names are not heard in high places  
And they're not in the Hall of Fame  
They were solid and strong and they seldom did wrong  
When they played the Great Hurling Game.

This is the first verse of a song composed by Margaret Heaphy to commemorate the hurlers of Galbertstown on the occasion of the unveiling of a memorial to their memories at Volkes Cross in Galbertstown on September 6, 1998. Not only did she write the song but she also sang it splendidly on the occasion. It was in fact her first venture into song writing and she wrote it in a fortnight. She had a personal interest in the commemoration as a number of her brothers were involved with the club.

The impressive monument is of Kilmough limestone, on which are cut the names of the officers and players of the club, and it is set in a wall built with stones taken from the house of Molly, and the late Bill, Flanagan, which was used by the players for togging out. The unique stonework is a tribute to Galbertstown native, Donie Fogarty, now living in Ballagh.

The club had its origins at a meeting of local people after a Stations Mass in 1954. At that stage Galbertstown was in the parish of Moycarkey-Borris (it transferred to Holycross-Ballycahill in the early seventies) and it was a long distance to the G.A.A. pitch in Littleton. There were a lot of hurlers in the area and it was believed that a separate club was necessary to cater for their needs. The club was affiliated to the mid board in the same year and the players met for the first year in the late Bill Flanagan's field and for the remaining six years of their existence in the field of the late Johnny Shanahan (Ann). The founding



L to R: Niabh Murphy, James Flanagan, Margaret Shanahan, Patricia Flanagan

members were Michael McCormack, John Flanagan (M), Brian Shanahan, Michael Spillane, Johnny Shanahan and John Maher.

The colour chosen by the club was white and it was known as the lily white of Galbertstown. It was remarked on the evening of the unveiling how significant it was that the real Lily Whites should be making history when Galbertstown was being remembered. The club didn't have any success. Its best achievement was getting to a mid junior final. Two players from the club did achieve success with the county. Michael Lonergan was on the county All-Ireland panel in 1964 and John Flanagan won a medal in 1971. One team photograph was taken and it was incorporated in the memorial.

The monument was the culmination of about twelve months' work by the local organising committee of some forty enthusiasts. The officers are - Chairman: Johnny Flanagan; Secretary:

Raymond Flanagan; Treasurer: Conor Spillane; Assistant Treasurer: Donie Shanahan; Vice-chairman: Jim Flanagan; Assistant Secretary: Peggy Shanahan. In fact so great was the enthusiasm and so successful the fund-raising that the job was completed much more quickly than originally envisaged. Much research was done into the history of the club and the committee hope to bring this out in book form in the near future.

It was a great occasion for the people of Galbertstown and an opportunity for them to reveal pride in their place and their history. The guest speaker was Tomas O Baroid, Runai, Tipperary County Board. The chief concelebrant of the Mass was Fr. Liam Ryan, whose brother, Michael, had played with Galbertstown. He was assisted by Fr. Tom Breen, Fr. Richard Ryan and Fr. Paudie Moloughney. To commemorate the great occasion the Offertory Procession was a special one. Many items associated with the club, which are preserved to this day, were presented. The monument was unveiled by Jim Cormack, the oldest man in Galbertstown, and John Shanahan, son of Peggy and the late John Joe Shanahan. The Master of Ceremonies was Raymond Flanagan and the Moycarkey-Borris Pipe Band were on duty and concluded the proceedings with Amhran na bhFiann. At a function in Kevin Ryan's of Holycross afterwards, plaques were presented to former members and players or their representatives.



L to R: Liam Shanahan, Liam Flanagan, Michael Flanagan, James Flanagan, Jack Caesar, Aine Flanagan, Johnny Flanagan, Tommy Lonergan, Gerry Caesar, Patricia Flanagan, Peggy Flanagan, Martine Murphy, Conor Spillane, Margaret Shanahan, Donie Shanahan, Niabh Murphy, Jim Flanagan, James Flanagan. Infront: Dan and Edward Murphy.

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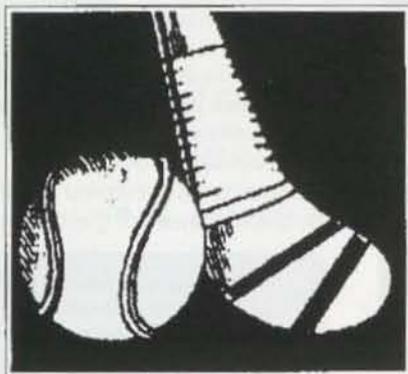
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# Drom-Inch Will Remember '98

**S**ATURDAY, October 24: Drom-Inch 3-7, Toomevara 1-8, will remain etched in the minds of hurling people in Drom-Inch for many a long day. We will never forget the scenes of unfettered joy as the final whistle sounded. Every supporter raced to their heroes, county minor hurling champions for the very first time.

For those glorious minutes in the aftermath of a mammoth struggle, in which Drom-Inch defeated '97 champions Toomevara, people forgot the howling gale and lashing rain. It may have been the game of the year in Tipperary hurling. Certainly it was real Tipperary spirit, pride, passion, hip to hip and great ground hurling from two game and gallant teams. Happiness that day, that great and wonderful day, was to belong to Drom-Inch.

Like other great days of '74 and '84 when Senior Mid titles were won, the same old parish names are there – Butlers, Costelloes, Ryans, Kennedys, McGraths, Cahills, Stapleton and Hicks. Add in Buckley with Church connections, McLoughlin of Borrisokane Sars, O'Connor of Limerick and Walsh of Nenagh and you have a mighty modern Irish unit. All joined now since childhood into a great team, years of training in Drom or The Ragg. Friendships forged through schools and in training and in travel to far-flung hurling fields of Galway, Limerick, Kilkenny and Cork will stand many a test.

There was a sense of purpose about this team that set them apart. For those close to the team it was a tangible thing. Lessons learned in the '97 campaign put to good use. Having tasted the bitter cup of defeat in the county semi-final of 1997, everyone was determined that no effort would be spared this year. Thirteen of the team were eligible again and the experience gained would be invaluable.

## THE MID CHAMPIONSHIP

In the Mid Tipperary championship we were drawn in the "Group of Death" against Moycarkey, J.K. Brackens and Boherlahan. It was, in fact, a knock-out situation. If you lost a game you were consigned to B hurling for the year.

Our match with Moycarkey turned out to be a classic. These teams have built up a great rivalry since they were under 10. Both teams bring out the best in each other in every game. Conditions were perfect that summer evening in Littleton. Drom prevailed on the fast ground but it was a close-run thing and we were well pleased that our dreams were intact.



Chairman of Mid Tipperary GAA Board, Harry Ryan (left), presents the trophy to Matty Ryan, captain of the Drom-Inch panel that won the Mid minor "A" hurling title by defeating Thurles Sarsfields at Semple Stadium. On right is Matty Connolly, secretary of Mid GAA Board.

J.K. Brackens, another great nursery of young hurlers and great rivals, were next in line. Brackens had title ambitions themselves, having drawn with Moycarkey earlier. The game was tight and only a point separated the teams in the end, but it was a precious point.

Three wins away from home had raised confidence as we prepared to meet The Blues in the Mid Final. We were going for three in a row – an unbelievable feeling. Sarsfields played well on a beautiful evening in the Stadium and almost brought it off. A magnificent display by Trevor O'Connor, aided by Liam Brett, steered the ship and in the absence of the injured Paul Stapleton, Matty Ryan walked up the hallowed steps of Ardán Uí Riain to receive the cup. Many of us hoped we'd be back on those same steps to accept the County Cup in October. The only damper was a bad knee injury to Liam Brett late in the game.

By the time county semi-final came our captain was back but Matty Ryan had gone to America. Would we cope? Robert Hicks went full to mark county minor Alan Ryan, and what a day he had, strongly supported by Eamonn Buckley and Paul Stapleton. Fergal McLoughlin controlled the play at centre-back. Willie Ryan and Liam Kennedy, plagued all year with injury, sealed off every danger. John Cahill and Brian Costello held sway in the middle.

Trevor led the scoring with 1-9, Seamus Butler was flying at full-forward and Alan was on song on his left. Kier-

an McGrath was giving his all on the wing – Macdara Butler, suffering a heavy 'flu, played the right corner cleverly. But it was Pádraig Butler at centre-forward who "made" the play for his team-mates. Drom showed fierce determination and discipline that day. Those who saw them favoured them to take the county title.

## THE COUNTY FINAL

How the parish rallied to their team! Money flowed in to the training fund. The team were decked out in style. Training was sharp and exciting, would Matty be back from the States?

Would star forward Liam Brett make it from injury? Well, Matty came and in good time. Willie and Shane came from Limerick and Pádraig came from Cork. As the day drew near and as excitement mounted the team became ever more focused. Destiny was calling.

Friday night and Saturday morning were wet and windy. Would it be on at all? The pitch was inspected at noon. It was just perfect. Everything was set for one mighty effort.

Drom-Inch were first to burst from the dressing rooms in Tipperary colours. Toome came in yellow. The crowd crammed the stand or braved the elements. As Richie Barry threw in the ball the tension was unbearable on the line. Toome took an early lead by Drom levelled. Then a glorious goal with a lift and strike by Alan Ryan sent Drom supporters wild, another by Willie Ryan sent hopes soaring. Seamus Butler was

on fire and Matty was so solid at the back. At half-time we led by five points. The wind was strong and shifting.

The first 20 minutes of the second half was as fine a display ever witnessed by Drom supporters. Every man held his corner, no one flinched in the tackle. Damien's puck-outs were of immense help now as limbs began to tire. Robert and Eamon came on strong. The half-line of Fergal McLoughlin, Paul Stapleton and Macdara Butlere were hurling their hearts out. John Cahill was like a tiger and Brian Costelloe, despite injury, was winning vital ball. Kieran was tearing into everything. Scores were at a premium but still five up.

Then Toome began to exert pressure. A couple of long-range frees and a couple from play left nothing in it. Nerves were frayed, fear mounted,

hearts in the stand missed a beat. Fresh legs were wanted. Liam Kennedy came on, Trevor went to centre-field. Another score would seal it. Pdraig Butler in a glorious moment lashed an Alan Ryan pass to the Toome net. All heaven broke loose. Time must be up. Brian Costello's good shot is wave wide but no one minds. Liam Kennedy is fouled. Seamus Butler scores the free in injury time. The final whistle. Unbelievable - we'd done it! History was made.

Hurling has been the main pastime in Drom and Inch and Barnane since people first lived there. Household names like Seamus Bannon, Mick Kennedy (Limerick), the Farrells with Dublin and All-Star Tommy Butler have brought glory to the parish. Now a whole new crop of players are coming together and the future is so promising.

Martin Butler, team manager, has brought a Minor B title in '95, Mid titles in '96, '97 and county in '98. His selectors were Paudie Butler (coach), Matty Ryan, Matt McGrath and Pakie Boyle. Sally Young was in charge of First Aid.

Paul O'Neill, Co. Chairman, presented the cup to a very proud and tired Paul Stapleton. How we wished his father, Paul - one of Tipp's greatest hurling men - would have been there. The wind raged around us but who cared now. Celebrations began in Eddie Joe's and onto The Ragg for a meal. Rain and high wind ruled out bonfires but didn't dampen spirits. Martin Everard, club chairman, and John O'Connor, juvenile chairman, were proud men. A great team have arrived - fit, eager and confident but, above all else, a team.

## Re-Opening of Páirc Uí Riain (Lacken Park), Newport



Guests photographed following the official Re-opening of new facilities at Páirc Uí Riain (Lacken Park), Newport, in February. Included are (seated l. to r.) - Paul O'Neill, chairman Tipperary Co. GAA Board, Joe McDonagh president of the GAA; Denis Floyd, chairman Newport GAA Club. Standing - Donie Nealon, secretary Munster GAA Council; Seamus McMahan (FAS Instructor); Donal Griffin (FAS Community Services Manager); Michael O'Brien, secretary North Tipperary GAA Board; John Ryan, Co. GAA Board Development Officer.

Stars of Yesteryear - At the Re-opening of Páirc Uí Riain were three well-known former inter-county hurlers (l. to r.) - Jimmy 'Butler' Coffey, Newport, who won All-Ireland medals with Tipperary and club championship medals with Tipperary and Limerick clubs; Dr Dick Stokes, an All-Ireland medal winner with Limerick and who played for Limerick against Tipperary in May 1950 when Lacken Park was originally opened, Michael 'Rattler' Byrne, a well-known and popular personality both on and off the field, winner of numerous medals including All-Ireland and county championships with Tipperary and Thurles Sarsfields.



The Re-opening of Páirc Uí Riain (Lacken Park), Newport, in February, shows Mick Ryan (Lacken), nephew of the late Paddy Ryan (Lacken), after whom the ground is named (centre) with Mick Joe O'Dwyer (left) and Phil Maher, two former players from the Borrisileigh club who played for Tipperary against Limerick at the original opening of the field in May 1950.



# TIPPERARY SUPPORTERS CLUB

The Tipperary Supporters Club is now entering its 13th year and it is heartening to report our committee is as committed as ever to our fund raising on behalf of our team panel and management.

Our 11th AGM held at the Eire Og GAA complex in Nenagh saw two people who had given sterling service as officers in the club step down namely John English and Secretary Conor Davitt. They both had been involved since the formation of the Supporters Club. We owe them both a great debt for the time they gave to support Tipperary hurling. Thankfully, both remain as committee members.

The new Chairman is Louis Fitzgerald, a former Tipperary Person of the Year award winner and Secretary is Thurles native, Denis Finn. The Treasurer of the County Board, Tom O'Donnell is automatically as a representative of the County Board also Supporters Club Treasurer. The financial affairs of the club are controlled and reported by our Assistant Treasurer Brendan Sheridan, who hails from Boherlahan. The Public Relations Officer is Gerry Ryan who also handles matters in relation to Club Membership, Gerry being from Templederry. The club have plans to form a special sub-committee of people who will be strategically located throughout the county so as to promote support for our fund-raising. This committee will, of course, be backed by existing members Andy Lacy from the Royal Hotel, Tipperary where the club was originally launched and Nenagh Solicitor, Phil Ryan. The other members of our present committee are Michael Berkery, Dan Coughlan, Nicholas English, Matt Gleeson, Ailbe O'Connell, Francis O'Dwyer, Don O'Mahony, Kieran O'Meara, Frank Purcell and Ger Ryan.

The club membership is being made very attractive next year and a concerted drive for support is being launched.

*Happy  
Christmas to  
all our members*



*John English retires as Chairman of the Tipperary Supporters Club at the A.G.M. in Nenagh in March and hands over to Louis Fitzgerald.*



*At Tipperary Supporters Club Golf Classic - (l.to r.) Paul O'Neill, Co. Chairman; Louis Fitzgerald, Chairman Supporters Club; Pat Barnes of Bulmers, sponsors of Golf Classic; Nicky English, Senior team manager.*



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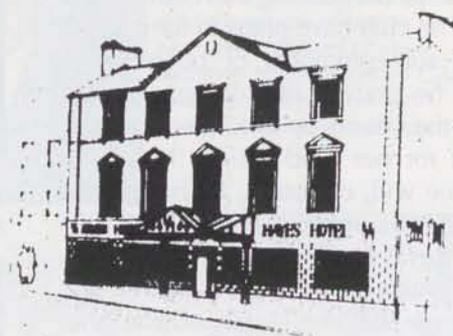
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# Recalling the All-Ireland Triumph of '58

Recall the All-Ireland victory of 1958, please. So ran the directive from the Yearbook's editor. Would I? My attitude would be like that of the little old lady in a story heard from an American-Irish priest friend. She turned up in the confession box, told a number of fairly trivial sins and then paused, "Is there something else?", the priest asked, encouragingly. "Well yes, there is. I misbehaved". "In what way?" "Well, there was this young man..." The priest was taken aback and puzzled. "How long ago did this happen?" "About fifty years", she answered. "But why are you telling me now?" "Because to tell the truth, Father, I like to talk about it".

So I'll talk about it. That championship maybe needs identifying and placing in the scale of our hurling history, and the fortieth anniversary provides reason and excuse to attempt to do so. It stands out in an isolated way, the odd one between the heady years of the three-in-a-row of 1949-51, and the acknowledged golden spell of the early to mid-'60s, when four were won in five years – seven All-Irelands were contested in the whole decade.

The importance of 1958 was that it ended a six-year barren period and the renowned Tipp morale gained by it carried on after the bizarre "bleep" of 1959 and the hammering by Waterford, to place the county at the pinnacle of the game through many of the same players when Tony Wall led in the breakthrough season.

"And who did ye beat in that final? I'm asked the question now and then by people who happen to know I was on the team (that pen-name on *The Star* has a wonderful preservative effect). "Galway", I say. "Oh, I see. They wouldn't be great, would they?" I begin to sense a triumph diminished; we hadn't beaten a lot! I hasten to mention Galway's great men and teams of more recent times and to state that they were always to be taken very seriously by Tipp, Cork, Kilkenny or anyone else.

## A LOT OF WINNING

So just in case modern readers don't know it, the '58 title took a great deal of winning from first to last in a five-match sequence. We beat the existing champions, Kilkenny; and the team that was to win in the following year, Waterford. And Limerick, runners-up to Wexford in

BY JOHN O'GRADY

a classic League final. And Cork, never less than a major obstacle – Tipp. had lost to them in five of the previous six years. And, of course, Galway, who came into the All-Ireland without a championship game on their "CV" for the year. It was after this that Galway spent some years in Munster, without winning a match before they went back to isolation.

The gloss of the three-in-a-row had faded severely as the '50s came towards the final years of that decade. Cork had matched our threesome. Clare popped up in '55, and Cork were back to beat Tipp in '56 and '57 without going on to win either of those two All-Irelands. It wasn't only on the pitch that Tipp. had drawn few plaudits. Even Paddy Leahy and his touchline allies were in for criticism of a sort unimaginable in the years of glory – choice of players, placings, substitutions – all came in for comment. Final games between County and "rest" had been held in some of these seasons, never a sign of a settled or satisfactory state of affairs. I took part in one in '57. Despite having a very good hour against Paddy Kenny and company, it didn't impress enough for promotion. I'd been in Cork from 1948 to 1955, the years of Tony Reddan the master. Michael (Blackie) Keane kept goal in the two seasons after Tony's exit, yielding to Eddie Moloughney for the second half of the Cork game in the latter year.

Then, at the mature age of twenty-seven, I got my chance.

## BIG NAMES MISS OUT

Among those of the 1957 selection who did not feature in '58 were great hurlers like Phil Shanahan, Pat Stakelum and Paddy Kenny, though none of them was of an age to make a selector see them as too old – Pat would have been the "senior" of them at 31. An inter-divisional series early in '58 saw a Mid v North final in Nenagh. It proved to be a beneficial trial. I did well enough to please the mentors – Paddy Leahy, Martin Kennedy, Jim Stapleton, Paddy Kenny (Carrick) and Philly O'Dwyer – and Kieran Carey of Roscrea and Donie Nealon of Burgess impressed for the North; a team was coming together. After a tournament in Cashel against Waterford, Paddy Leahy asked me what I thought of Carey. "He's just the kind you want", I answered about the cool, tough Kieran (I don't know if he'd asked Carey about me!).

It came to round one of the real thing. Limerick were favourites. The League final in which they lost to Wexford had been hailed by such writers as John D. Hickey (*Irish Independent*) as one of the best ever. The absence of Mick Maher caused our selectors to give the full-back position to the debutant Kieran Carey between Mickey Byrne and John Doyle. Outside were Noel Murphy of Sarsfields – another "beginner" – Tony Wall and Jimmy Finn. The Hough-English midfield was automatic. The six forwards were Jimmy Doyle, Liam Connol-



Tipperary captain Tony wall with team members, selectors and supporters at King's Bridge, Dublin, Monday 8th September, 1958

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# Moyle Rovers – Tipperary Senior Football Champions 1998

Back Row: (l. to r.) – Niall Fitzgedrald, Noel Wall, Ger McCarthy, Michael McGrath, Kevin O'Connor, Derry Foley, Seamus Delahunty, Jimmy Dunne, Tom Lane, Paul Boland, Donal Foley, Keith Delahunty, Paul O'Connor, Kevin Condon, Fr. Sean Nugent P.P. Front Row: Pat Brett, T.J. Wall, John McGrath, Liam Cronin (capt.), James Williams, Denis McGrath (mascot), Robbie Boland, Gordon Hughes, John Owens, Declan Browne, Pdraig Foley, John Shanahan. Absent from photo: E. Power, R. Norris, R. English.

ly, Donie Nealon, Johnny Murphy, "Musha" Maher and Leo Dooley – it was a sector to be constantly revised in the cause of the championship. Limerick led into the last quarter but a Jimmy Doyle goal off a free and the introduction of Liam Devaney and Tom Larkin transformed the game in a few minutes for a "double scores" win (2-10 to 1-5). How nice it felt to have beaten the odds and set up a semi-final with Cork. The defence as a whole had done extremely well. I was happy to re-appear in Cork before my former team-mates and supporters from Blackrock – the odd friendly shout of "Up the Rockies" could be heard from the crowd behind the posts.

Two spectators died at Limerick and I was alleged to some to have been an "accessory before the fact" in at least one of those unfortunate demises – I don't think the charge was based on getting blocked down by Liam Dowling for Cork's second goal (at that time they hadn't invented the modern short hand-pass to a "free" defender!). With Mick Maher back, the defence took the formation it was to retain the rest of the campaign: O'Grady, Byrne, Maher, Carey, Finn, Wall, Doyle. To say that the men outside me were a strong sextet would be a large understatement. For a "keeper", it was the hurling equivalent of a comprehensive insurance policy! Few forwards were going to get in from front or side, to nail you under a dropping ball. Willie John Daly of Cork – he had retired by 1958 – has famously been quoted by the "Rattler" – "if you didn't get it going in, you got it going out". John Hough – he took sore ribs into the first round – yielded to Ray Reidy as English's partner. Selectors' worries about the attack were reflected in the choice of Larry Keane for centre-forward and Johnny McGrath of Nenagh and Tom Larkin (Kilsheelan) at left-corner.

#### A DAUNTING START

Two goals to Cork within a quarter of an hour didn't look like promising a first win for Tipp, since 1951 but the team battled on and stayed well in the hunt. They key to the ultimate triumph was a cracking goal by Larry Keane, beating Mick Cashman, an old Blackrock team-mate of mine, in the city end posts. Larry was a deadly shot off his left. We held out against Ring, Barry, Dowling and the rest. I was more than glad to stop a drive from Dowling and double clear as Paddy Barry tore in. Mikey Byrne stuck close to Christy Ring after a few early alarms. The small scoring – 2-6 to 2-4 – showed the backs winning most of the arguments.

Tipp's rating had risen a good deal with those two successes but Waterford were considered a real threat. After all they had more or less thrown away the 1957 All-Ireland by conceding a rush of



Tipperary All-Ireland Champions 1958

Back Row: Noel Murphy, John McGrath, Michael Maher, Kieran Carey, Larry Keane, John Hough, Liam Devaney, John Doyle, Jimmy Finn, Mick Burns, Ray Reidy. Front Row: Musha Maher, Liam Connolly, Jimmy Doyle, Tom Larkin, Theo English, Tony Wall, John O'Grady, Mickey Byrne, Donie Nealon, Terry Moloney.

late scores to Kilkenny. The final was in Thurles and it wasn't even close. Shrugging off a quick Decies goal – I had to do some personal shrugging over that one – we raced to a twelve-point half-time lead. The attack had again been redrafted: Nealon, Larkin, Doyle, Keane, McGrath, Conolly. The "Man of the Match" was probably John Doyle, revelling in his place on the wing from which he launched many an attack. The final tally as 4-12 to 1-5, a thorough drilling for Waterford. Who would have dreamed that only a year later a game featuring money of the same hurlers would reach half-time with eight Waterford goals in the Tipperary net? – I hasten to state that I wasn't guarding that particular well-fitted net!

So, a Munster title won by a side unheralded at the start but displaying unity and spirit of a kind unseen for several years. Next the real test – Kilkenny, National Champions, rather lopsidedly set to meet the Munster winners while Galway got a handy visa to the final. We got back to training in right good frame of mind, a title under our belts and the comfort of Tipp's much-publicised record against Kilkenny since the early '20s. Training became very good fun, a good deal of it due to the dressing-room wit of the "Rattler". We had a loveable character in the camp in the rotund, ruddy-faced shape of the masseur, Tom Fanning. One thing I remember is the sunny evening we left the pitch to listen to an event that had the country's attention – the mile race at Santry Stadium. The big name was Herb Elliot, and sure enough, he broke the world record.

#### WORK IN PROGRESS

Croke Park had a strange look about it on the day of semi-final that had the feel of a final. There wasn't a spectator on the side now occupied by the Hogan

Stand, but there was a semi-final record of about 55,000 on the other three sides. Building operations ruled out the vacant sector. It spilled rain that tense and crucial day. A tremendous first-half of pace and quality had Tipp a point up at the break. Kilkenny got in their blow first, Dick Rockett slamming across me to the net after a cute tap-down by Mickey Kelly. Four points up, Kilkenny had their followers in expectant mood. Jimmy Doyle's previous displays had been quiet enough, causing some to declare that the senior grade would be too tough and close-marking for the slightly-built ballplayer. In the next five minutes Doyle emerged. He beat Ollie Walsh and a line of defenders off a "21", and whipped over a levelling point, Paddy Buggy, later a G.A.A. President, could not cope with him. His starting colleagues were Nealon, Devaney, Keane, McGrath and Connolly. The champions midfield, Sutton and Brophy, had a strong first-half against English and Hough. Tom Larkin and "Musha" Maher replaced Haugh and McGrath in a second-half which Tipp gradually and purposefully dominated. I was happy to turn a hot one from Rockett outside the left-hand post when we led by three points. Mickey Kelly tried lobbing frees to the square, but this only suited the likes of Byrne, Maher and Carey. John McGovern on Nealon and Sean Clohosey on Finn, were probably Kilkenny's best on a day that must have left them, and their followers, very deflated indeed. AT the last whistle Ollie Walsh came all the way to shake hands with me, a very nice gesture at that lovely moment for me and a "downbeat" one for the great goalkeeper. Jimmy's personal 1-8 exactly matched Kilkenny's total in the 1-13 to 1-8 tally. He and namesake John had hurled brilliant games. The "no-hope" team had climbed to a position of warm



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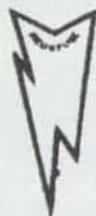
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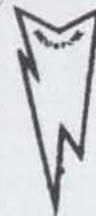
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favourites for the All-Ireland. That was some happy Croke Park dressing-room when we got there through the back-slapping supporters.

Tipp. had to be short-priced favourites for the final, despite cautionary talk on the lines of "you never know" and *The Star* printed a piece from a Galway paper predicting that Galway would give Tipp. no end of a drop and maintaining that the standard in Munster had fallen; that Tipp. were a "one forward" team with only a great half-back line to give it class.

#### STILL CHANGING ATTACK

Again the mentors rang the changes with the forward set-up. The chosen formation was: Nealon, Larkin, Doyle, Keane, Devaney, Connolly. Galway needed a decent start. They got a disastrous one. They had big Mike Sweeney

in goal, a player more used to the out-field, and the poor fellow conceded four goals in thirty minutes, two of them decidedly soft ones in the first ten. Conway pulled back one that I got a stick to but couldn't control. At the interval they decided to put wing-back Fergus Benson between the posts. He did well, but they were too far behind for an improved second half – you could say they had the better of it – to get them closer than ten points (4-9 to 2-5). Ironically enough, within a few weeks, in an Oireachtas game in Thurles, Benson gave one of the best goalkeeping displays I ever saw.

Tony Wall, first-class centre-back and captain, took the McCarthy Cup. The mission had been accomplished. The county appreciated the come-back to the top with the usual delighted home-

coming – speeches from the back of a lorry in the Square and all that. Personally, I took some time to have it sink in that I'd been lucky enough to share in a triumph equal to what I'd read about as a boy from the record books and from the sports journalists who recorded the deeds of Tipp. from 1888 onwards. My father, great follower and fine judge of the game, must have been thrilled, but he wasn't the sort to say all that much about what was so satisfying to him. Within a few months I told him that it might be no bad decision by a goalkeeper whose sight required the artificial aid of glasses to leave it so as far as inter-county hurling was concerned and then I told Co. Secretary Phil Purcell to pass on the decision to Paddy Leahy and company. Played one championship, won one championship – now, how could I have improved on that?

## Tipperary Stone Throwers v Kilkenny Cats 1848 Commemorative Tournament



the Tipperary 'Stonethrowers' panel that played the Kilkenny 'Cats' in a tournament in Gortnahoe to commemorate the Young Irelanders Rebellion of 1848. The players were drawn from clubs in the Slieveardagh region with guest players.



Renewing old acquaintances - Photograph taken at the old-style hurling tournament in Gortnahoe to commemorate the Young Irelanders rebellion of 1848 between the Tipperary 'Stonethrowers' and the Kilkenny 'Cats' shows "from L to R: "Fr." Eddie Keher (Manager of the Kilkenny 'Cats'), John Moloney (Referee) and "Archbishop" Tommy Barrett (Manager of the Tipperary 'Stonethrowers').



Renewing old acquaintances - Photograph taken at the old-style hurling tournament in Gortnahoe to commemorate the Young Irelanders rebellion of 1848 shows L to R: Christy Heffernan, Captain of the Kilkenny 'Cats' and Nicky English, Captain of the Tipperary 'Stonethrowers' team.

# SOUNDING OFF!

By SEAMUS J. KING

**T**HE headline on the Sunday paper of November 1 said it all: 'Back door open for four more years'. It was heading the report of the G.A.A. Special Congress at Rosslare the previous day which had voted to extend the experiment of the 'back door' for another four years. It did make one change. The runners-up in Leinster and Munster will no longer be protected. Henceforth they will go into the hat with the Connacht and Ulster champions in order to decide the pairings.

At the end of almost 90 minutes of debate, the experimental format brought in for a two-year period in 1997, received an overwhelming vote of confidence from the delegates, with the exception of Offaly. The delegates, however, refrained from enshrining it permanently in the rule book. Offaly, in spite of benefiting from it in a spectacular fashion in 1998, remained opposed to it as they had when it was advocated two years previously. The county delegate, Andy Gallagher, argued that the experiment had not raised standards at under-age level, had not done anything for the weaker counties and was damaging the game at club level. Con Murphy agreed with the latter point, the marginalisation of the game at club level, while more and more hype was being focused on it at the very top. 'We don't want an elite association at one end and an association dying at the other,' remarked the former president of the G.A.A.

Those in favour of the new format showed how hurling had enjoyed an unprecedented rise in popularity, both in the numbers attending games and in the television audience watching at home. The substantial increases in revenue meant that Croke Park was able to invest £2.5 million over a three-year period into the development of the game at grass-roots level.

## THE FUTURE

At the moment there is no need to speculate on what will happen at the end of the four years when the second 'experimental' period comes to an end. This second period of assessment may be a sop to the traditionalists and/or a way of retaining the freedom to adjust to new thinking at the end of the four-year period. Whatever happens then it is most unlikely that we shall ever revert to the pre-1997 situation.

In assessing the situation it is important to recall the reasons why the experiment was brought in in the first place. It was an attempt to increase the number of hurling games available in the championship and to take into consideration the state of the game in Connacht and Ulster. Central Council was trying to ensure that the best hurling teams in the country qualified for the All-Ireland semi-finals. Over and above all these aims was the hope that more games would mean more T.V. coverage and that such exposure would increase the profile of the game and help to propagate it to a wider audience.

So far, so good. The experiment has worked. The game has got a great shot in the arm and the best teams are making it to the All-Ireland. Not only have the numbers attending hurling games increased but so also has the audience watching it on television. There is a hype about the game and its enormous attractiveness as a spectator sport is being more widely recognised.

## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE NOW?

I believe much more needs to be done and much more can be done. The new format has given us two extra games, the two quarter finals. Not a great number by any means and of concern and value only to



A thoughtful Tom O'Donnell (County Board treasurer) watches the Munster senior hurling semi-final against Waterford at Páirc Uí Chaoimh, Cork.

the runners-up in the Munster and Leinster championships. More games are needed in order to make a bigger impact and propagate still more the game of hurling. If we follow the philosophy of advertising the name of the game is as much exposure as possible.

How can we do that? The most obvious way would be through an open draw for the All-Ireland championship, a competition which would become independent of the provincial championships. As it is we have really abandoned the provincial championship as a qualifier for the All-Ireland by ignoring the status of the provincial winners: runners-up as well as winners qualify under the present system. Why discriminate against teams that don't qualify for the finals of provincial championships? Why not let all teams into the All-Ireland series?

Such a development would be a logical conclusion of the present system. All teams would get a crack at the All-Ireland championship. Remember that Kerry haven't got a shot at that championship since the boys from Ballyduff won it in 1891 and other counties haven't got an opportunity since the open draw was abolished in 1888. The open draw would increase the number of hurling games. Under the present system there is an increase of two. In an open draw with twelve teams there would be an increase of eleven games. This would be a dramatic increase in the exposure of the game with the possibility of mid-week games for some of the opening rounds. This scheme of things would generate interest through unusual pairings, bringing together teams that would never have a chance of meeting each other.

Of course there would be an added bonus in this for the traditionalists in that it would bring back the strict knock-out system, which some believe has

been sacrificed under the present experiment. There would be no backdoor since the championship would stand on its own two feet.

## THE PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

And what of the provincial championship? It would continue as it is and need not be diminished in any way, at least no more or less than it is diminished under the present system. At the moment its winners are not recognised. There is no reason to doubt that the desire in counties to win a Munster or a Leinster championship would grow any less. The championship would run concurrently with the All-Ireland and it would give teams, knocked out in one, the opportunity to fall back on the other.

So, roll on 2002 and another Special Congress to decide what to do with the well-tested 'experimental format'. Understandably there will be voices raised for a return to the old certitudes. There will be apocalyptic visions of the effect on club hurling. (On that matter it is interesting to recall the club situation in Tipperary this year and we were beaten in the semi-final of the Munster championship. Our divisional championship finals weren't played until the first Sunday in September and our county final not till the first Sunday in November! Were we any better off by being knocked out at an early stage? But I hope whoever is decision-making on that occasion will grasp the nettle and introduce the open draw, the logical outcome and a progression from the present situation.

## ANOTHER MATTER

This piece is called sounding off, so I can jump at this stage to a totally different matter, the throw-in in hurling. I'm more and more convinced it needs to be abolished. The solution is simple. Whichever team loses the toss at the start of a game pucks out the ball. It's so simple and look what it will avoid. Recall the throw-in between Waterford and Clare in Thurles in the replay! And that incident wasn't a lone swallow. Again and again you find referees delaying the throw-in for various reasons. They have the players lined up too early. They are waiting for the time to be right? They are revelling in their positions of power, fussing that everything is so-so, sending balletic gestures to their linesmen and umpires, re-checking their watches for the fourth time. And all the time the four midfield players are getting hyper and more hyper as the pep talk from the dressing room drums in their ears and the proximity of the enemy drives them to frenzy.

It could all be avoided by starting the game with a puck out. And, when I'm at it the throw-in at the sideline should also be ended for good. It does nobody any good and is conducive to injury. How can that be eliminated? By getting the linesman to make up his mind and decide who should get the puck instead of taking the easy option of a throw-in. Do you ever see a throw-in in soccer or rugby? Never! The decision is always made. Why should it be different in hurling or football?



County Chairman Paul O'Neill and Football Chairman Mick Frawley visited Mgr. O'Sullivan, California, while he was home on holidays during the summer. Mgr. O'Sullivan is a long-time benefactor of Tipperary County G.A.A.

# NORTH TIPPERARY G.A.A. RESULTS 1998

Grade	Date	Winner	Score	Loser	Score	Venue	Referee
T.S.B. (Nenagh) SHC	6/9	Nenagh	1-11	Toomevara	0-11	Cloughjordan	M Cahill
S.H.L.	10/5	Toomevara	0-15	Portroe	0-9	Nenagh	J. McDonnell
Nenagh Guardian I.H.C.	8/11	Silvermines	4-11	Toomevara	3-8	Nenagh	J. Collins
I.H.L.	14/6	Silvermines	2-16	Knockshewgowna	0-16	Nenagh	G. McKeogh
Watch Centre J.H.C. A	17/10	Kilruane	3-10	Moneygall	1-8	Nenagh	M. Griffin
Watch Centre J.H.C. B	31/10	Portroe	0-5	Toomevara	0-3	Puckane	M. Ahearne
J.H.L. A	4/7	Nenagh	0-10	Kilruane	0-10	Cloughjordan	S. Hogan
**Replay	1/8	Nenagh	2-13	Kilruane	2-9	Nenagh	S. Hogan
J.H.L. B	3/8	Templederry	1-8	Borrisokane	1-6	Nenagh	P.J. O'Rourke
Tom Walsh U-21 H.C. A		Roscrea v. Moneygall or Toomevara					
Tom Walsh U21 H.C. B		Newport v. Burgess or Kildangan					
Ger Gavin M.H.C. A	11/9	Toomevara	2-26	Nenagh	1-7	Cloughjordan	J. Collins
Ger Gavin M.H.C. B	26/9	Kildangan	2-10	Portroe	1-5	Toomevara	D. Darcy
S.F.C.	5/7	Nenagh	3-17	Borris/Inane	2-4	Toomevara	M. Cahill
I.F.C.	26/10	Inane Rovers	2-15	Borrisokane	3-4	Moneygall	J. Kissane
J.F.C. A		Portroe v. Templederry or Kildangan					
J.F.C. B		Shannon Rovers or Burgess v. Ballinahinch, Newport or Silvermines					
Under-21 F.C. A	13/4	Borrisoleigh	0-9	Kildangan	0-6	Dolla	M. Griffin
Under-21 F.C. B	10/4	Kilruane	1-10	Ballina	1-3	Dolla	J. Kissane
M.F.C. A	7/8	Inane Rovers	1-8	Nenagh	1-8	Moneygall	P.J. O'Rourke
**Replay	12/8	Inane Rovers	0-9	Nenagh	0-3	Moneygall	M. Cahill
M.F.C. B	17/8	Borrisokane	1-9	Borrisoleigh	0-3	Dolla	L. Hogan

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**Nenagh Éire Óg – North Senior Football Champions**

**Back row (L-R)** – John Kissane (S), Leonard Ryan, John Heffernan (capt.), Eddie Tucker, Liam Delaney, Killian O'Shea, Hugh Flannery, Kevin Coonan, Ken Barry, Fr. Brendan Kyne and Jimmy Morris (Chairman). **Front** – Eddie Kennedy, Shane Connolly, Michael Cleary, Greg Browne, Kevin Tucker, John Kennedy and Michael Hackett.



**Templetuohy – North Tipp Junior 'B' League Champions**

**Back row (L-R)** – Cathal Kennedy (capt.), Michael Kennedy, Tommy Phelan, Paddy Kennedy, Donal Gleeson, Michael Harrington, Cathal Ryan, Pat Phelan, Phil Collins, Patrick McLoughney, Tommy Kennedy, Daniel Madden, Bernard Looby, Seamus Power (mentor). **Front** – Michael Stapleton, Pat Gleeson, John Rohan, Thomas Stapleton (mascot), Paddy Maher, Mark Ryan, Patrick Ryan, Pdraig Gleeson (mascot), Noel Manning, John Collins, Timmy Minogue, John Murphy, Murty McMahon.



**Portroe – North Junior 'B' Champions and County Champions**

**Back row (L-R)** – Joe Quinn, Pdraig Conroy, Finbarr Ward, John Sheedy, Tim O'Halloran, Ger Powr, John Hogan, Michael Gleeson, Andrew Boland, Eddie Lawlor, Jim Madden (S). **Front row (L-R)** – Michael Delahunty, Anthony Freeman, Richard Freeman, Pdraig Quinn (capt.), John Gleeson, Pat Power, Mark Shinnors, Andrey Murray.

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**Nenagh Éire Óg – Junior A League Winners**

**Back row** (L-R) – Ken Barry, Alan Kissane, Joe Sheedy, Martin Donnellan, Noel Coffey, Frank Moran, Gearóid Cleary, Donie O'Brien. **Front row** (L-R) – Robbie Tomlinson, Cyril Bailey, Brendan Shanahan, Brian Fitzgibbon, Noel Tomlinson, Billy Flannery, Tom Conroy.



**Toomevara – North Tipperary Minor A Champions 1998**

**Back row** (L-R) – Kevin Cummins, Athony O'Neill, Brendan Boland, Thomas Hassett, Aidan Slattery, Andrew Ryan, Michael Kelly (capt.), Brian McGrath. **Front row** (L-R) – Brendan Dunne, John O'Brien, Tomás O'Meara, Bill Duff, Paul McGrath, Alan Coffey, Eoin Brislane.



**Kilruane McDonaghs – North Junior A Champions**

**Back row** (L-R) – Des Gaynor (manager), Noel Fogarty (masseur), Finbarr Moloughney, Niall England, Cathal Moloughney, Matt Cleary, George O'Leary, Declan Troy, Joe Whelan, Bernard Naughnane, Shane Morkan, William Percy (S). **Second row** – Tom Killackey (S), William Brennan, Dermot Troy, Dermot O'Leary, Paddy White, Michael Haverty, Tommy McDonald, Eugene Cleary, Brendan Ryan, Michael Brennan. **Front** – Edwin Morkan, Martin Cahalan, Liam Gleeson (captain), Richie Darcy.



**Burgess – North Under-21 B Champions**

**Back row** (L-R) – Colm McDonnell (S), Donal Hogan, Garrett Howard, Kevin McDonnell, J.P. McDonnell (S), Fergal Hanrahan, Brian Hogan, Paul Seymour, Shane Maher, Peter Connolly, Paul Hogan, Timmy Hogan, Kevin Nealon, Garry Howard, John Ryan. **Kneeling** – Donie Nealon (S), Brian McGrath, Niall McGrath, Colm O'Brien, John Gleeson, Liam Hogan, Fergal McDonnell, Sean Hogan, Brian Duggan, Keelan Howard (capt), Padriag McDonnell, John Flannery.



**Éire Óg – North Tipperary Senior Hurling Champions 1998**

The Nenagh Éire Óg team which regained the North Tipperary senior hurling title by defeating Toomevara at Cloughjordan. **Back row** (L-R) – Con Howard, John Heffernan, Noel Coffey, Conor O'Donovan, Richie Flannery, Christy McLoughlin, Eddie Tucker (captain), Declan O'Meara, Hugh Flannery. **Front row** – Michael Cleary, Robbie Tomlinson, Kevin Tucker, Michael Hackett, John Kennedy, John Slattery.

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**Silvermines – North Tipperary “Nenagh Guardian” Intermediate Champions 1998**

**Front (L-R) –** Mike Murphy, Brendan Timmons, Tom Cunneen, Ger Gleeson, Michael Cunneen, Joe Harrington, Donnacha Dorney (captain).  
**Back –** Sean Quigley, Noel Sheehy, Declan Corcoran, Anthony McGrath, Donal Keogh, Ger Ryan, Jimmy Murphy, Liam Keogh.



**The Victorious Kildangan Minor B County Champions**

**Front –** Dan Hackett, William Whyte, Ger Slattery (captain), Denis Slattery, Noel McGrath, Tommy Connors, John Collins. **Back –** Tomás Clarke, Hugh Flannery, Liam Slattery, Paul Kirwan, Graham Finch, Liam Kelly, Sean Gleeson, Pat Lynch.

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# Passing of Toomevara hurling legend

**O**NE of the greats of Toomevara hurling, three times All-Ireland medal winner John Haugh, passed away in November after a short illness.

John won All-Ireland medals in 1951, 1958, 1961, and won county medals with his native Toomevara in 1960, and with Holycross in 1954.

Donal Shanahan, Chairman, North Tipp GAA, gave the graveside oration. He said that when news of his death spread on Wednesday morning it sent shock waves through the parish and the hurling world. Few had thought that a man such as he would pass away so quickly.

"Jack was a great man in every sense of the word. His greatness shone through his humility and his modesty. He was unassuming in every way and was always reluctant to speak of himself and his exploits and feats on the hurling field.

He was a very friendly and generous man, loved by everyone and he loved everyone in return. To meet him and to talk with him was a great experience as he could talk about and discuss any subject, but he was especially enlightening on the game of hurling. His head and brain were an encyclopaedia on hurling.

He went on to say that Jack's hurling career began to blossom in the late 'Forties with Toomevara. "His talent was quickly recognised by the Tipperary selectors and



he first appeared on the Tipperary team of 1951 which defeated Wexford in the All-Ireland final. It was a great honour for the club that both he and Phil Shanahan played at centrefield on that occasion.

His inter-county career lasted eleven years, during that period he won National Hurling League and Oireachtas medals and also collected a Railway Cup medal with Munster in 1955, and he won further All-Ireland medals in 1958 and 1961. The All-Ireland of 1961 holds special memories for all Toomevara people because Matt Hassett as captain of Tipperary brought the McCarthy Cup back to the village for the first time ever on a never-to-be-forgotten

occasion. Jack is widely credited as playing a major part in that victory when introduced as a sub to curb the efforts of a rampant Des Foley.

"In the early 'Fifties he played his club hurling with Holycross, with whom he won a county senior championship medal in 1954. In 1956 he threw in his lot again with his native Toomevara. He won his first North Tipperary senior medal in 1958, and three more in 1960, '61 and '62. One of Toomevara's most famous victories was achieved in 1960 when Toomevara defeated Thurles Sarsfields who had been champions of Tipperary for the previous five years. This victory gave Jack more satisfaction than any other. He continued to play for Toomevara and finally left the playing fields in 1968.

During his playing days he was recognised as one of the great players of the 'Fifties and 'Sixties. He was a tough opponent, he played the game in a manly way, his honesty and his courage endeared him to all true, genuine followers. He used these attributes in a very fair way and was never one to take an unfair advantage.

"His hurling brain was second to none and his ability as a tactician contributed to many great victories for his beloved Toomevara".

Ar dheis Dé go raibh sé.

## 1955 Tipperary Minor Footballers Reunion



1955 MINORS REUNION

Sean Hayes, selector; Donie Nealon, Munster Council Secretary; Michael Moloney, Liam Boland.



Munster Council Reunion  
for Tipperary's 1955 Minor  
Footballers.

Front (L-R) - Sean Hayes, Donie Nealon, Paul O'Neill, Liam Boland, Sean Kelly, Mick Frawley. Back (L-R) - Michael Moroney, Eddie Casey, John Brennan, Sean Moloney, Sean Connolly, Alan Britton, Pat Burke, Pat Nolan, Ted Dillon, Leo Dooley.

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# BRIAN LACEY

**S**CARCELY KNOWN OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL CIRCLES IN TIPPERARY, **BRIAN LACEY** DONNED THE KILDARE JERSEY AND BECAME A HOUSEHOLD NAME IN 1998. HE HAD AN OUTSTANDING CHAMPIONSHIP, PLAYING AT RIGHT CORNER BACK. HE POLICED SOME OF THE BEST FORWARDS IN THE GAME, AMONG THEM, JASON SHERLOCK, TOMMY O'DOWD AND MAURICE FITZGERALD.

BRIAN'S LEAVING THE BLUE AND GOLD OF HIS NATIVE TIPPERARY, STARTED A STRING OF RUMOURS. THERE WERE STORIES OF MONEY BEING PAID TO BRIAN TO MOVE TO THE LILY WHITES AND HIGH PROFILE TIPPERARY PEOPLE WERE SAID TO BE BEHIND THE MOVE ALSO. THESE STORIES WERE HARD ON BRIAN. I MET HIM RECENTLY AND GAVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PUT THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND TALK ABOUT HIS CAREER.

**Liz:** Brian, you probably have heard all the rumours as to why you left Tipperary. Number one, were you paid money to move to Kildare?

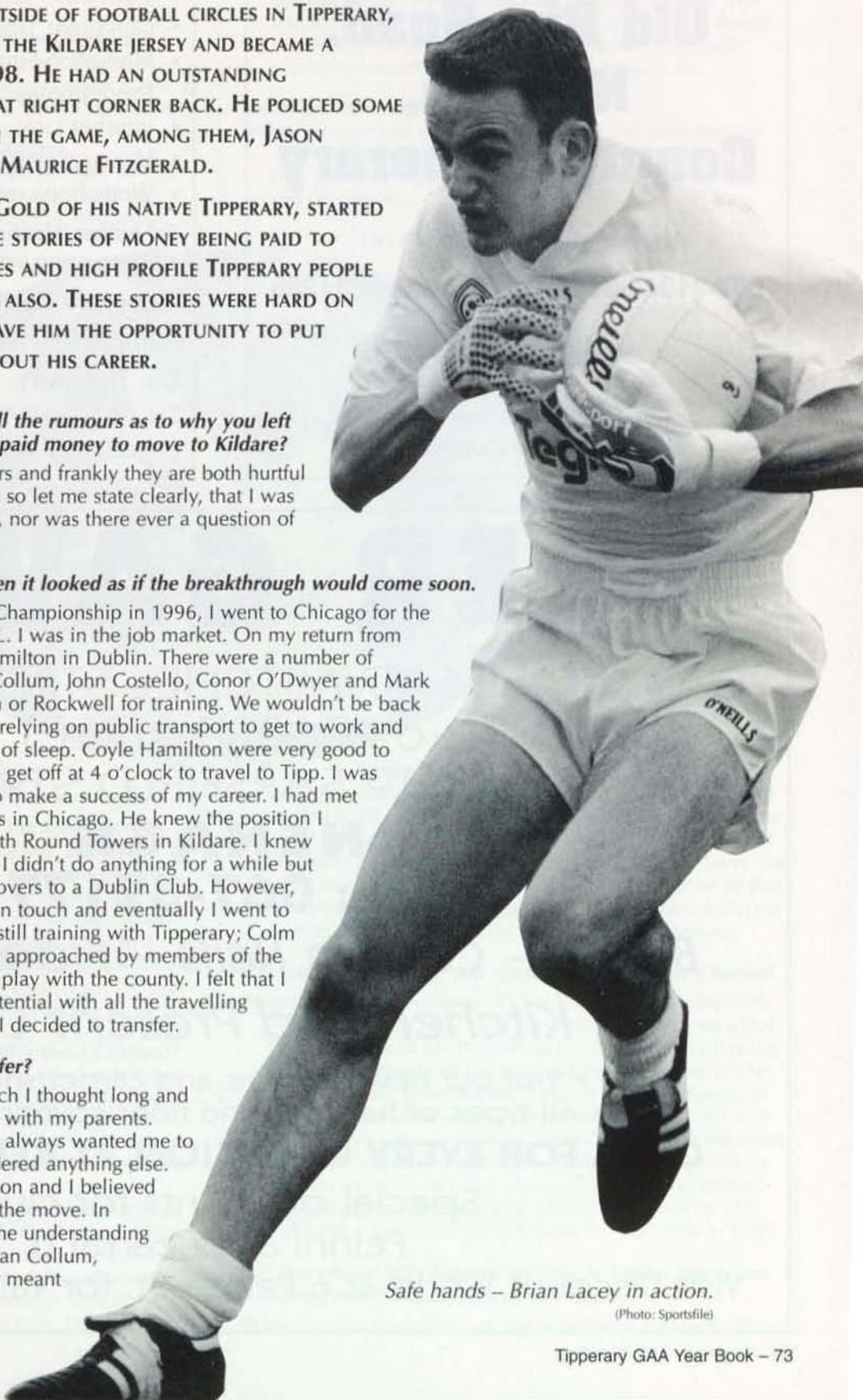
**Brian:** Yes Liz, I have heard the rumours and frankly they are both hurtful and upsetting to me and my family, so let me state clearly, that I was not paid money to move to Kildare, nor was there ever a question of money being offered.

**Liz:** Why did you leave Tipperary, when it looked as if the breakthrough would come soon.

**Brian:** When Tipperary lost out in the Championship in 1996, I went to Chicago for the summer, having graduated from U.L. I was in the job market. On my return from Chicago I started work in Coyle Hamilton in Dublin. There were a number of Tipperary players in Dublin, Sean Collum, John Costello, Conor O'Dwyer and Mark Sheehan. We travelled to Ardfinnan or Rockwell for training. We wouldn't be back in Dublin until nearly 1 a.m. I was relying on public transport to get to work and often had only six and a half hours of sleep. Coyle Hamilton were very good to me, but it was difficult expecting to get off at 4 o'clock to travel to Tipp. I was new in the company and wanted to make a success of my career. I had met Niall Buckley of Kildare while I was in Chicago. He knew the position I was in and suggested that I train with Round Towers in Kildare. I knew Kildare well, I have relations there. I didn't do anything for a while but decided to change from Arravale Rovers to a Dublin Club. However, Niall Buckley and Glen Ryan kept in touch and eventually I went to Round Towers. At that stage, I was still training with Tipperary; Colm Browne had taken over. Then I was approached by members of the Kildare County Board and asked to play with the county. I felt that I wasn't capable of playing to my potential with all the travelling and getting established at work, so I decided to transfer.

**Liz:** Was it a difficult decision to transfer?

**Brian:** Yes, a big decision and one which I thought long and hard about. There were discussions with my parents. Initially my father was shocked. He always wanted me to play for Tipperary and never considered anything else. Eventually, I had to make my decision and I believed that my game would improve with the move. In many ways I was sad to leave but the understanding of the players like John Costello, Sean Collum, Mark Sheehan and Conor O'Dwyer meant a lot to me.



Safe hands – Brian Lacey in action.

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**Liz:** Rumour number two, that Babs Keating and Christy Roche were behind the scenes, encouraging you to move. What's the story there?

**Brian:** Again, no truth in that rumour, both are Tipperary people and friends of my parents. When I did move, Christy Roche, who lives only a short distance from Kildare Town, has been very supportive. I meet Babs also, but I know him since I was a small child.

**Liz:** Now that we have put the rumours to rest, what about the reception you received in Kildare. Any resentment there?

**Brian:** My first game was against Down in Newry, so only the true supporters travelled. They are always fair minded and will judge in an objective way.

**Liz:** What about the players, did any of them resent you?

**Brian:** Realistically, when you have 35 players, it is only natural that an outside player coming in is under scrutiny, but they understand Mick O'Dwyer's "open door" policy.

**Liz:** Karl O'Dwyer got some "stick" in Kildare.

**Brian:** I suppose that Karl took some of the pressure off me, having said that, some supporters were quite critical when Kildare played Cork in the League in Newbridge. You learn to cope with that criticism, otherwise you are not going to survive. Karl and I share a house in Kildare and get on well. As the year progressed and Kildare won, there was huge support for all the players from the supporters.

**Liz:** Talk to me about Mick O'Dwyer.

**Brian:** Mick is passionate about football, he speaks his mind but is very much a players man, yet he doesn't get too close to anyone. He encouraged me, some people were saying that I didn't kick the ball as much as other backs, however, Mick reminded me that neither did Jimmy Deenihan, the great Kerry corner-back.

**Liz:** Some people would say that when the Kildare short passing game didn't work against Galway, that Mick O'Dwyer hadn't a Plan B in place – comment on that.

**Brian:** I wouldn't agree, Liz, we lost the All-Ireland due to a number of factors, we had a number of injuries. I know that I wasn't 100% fit as I hadn't trained for over two weeks due to a torn muscle. We went into the All-Ireland as favourites; up to that we were the underdogs. On the day, we didn't play as well as we were capable of.

**Liz:** What was the dressing-room like after the All-Ireland?

**Brian:** Total dejection, because we felt that we should have played better. Now we have to do it all again next year, but I feel that we will have matured from the defeat.

**Liz:** Does it feel different playing for Kildare than it did for your native Tipperary?

**Brian:** Yes, playing for Tipperary was my goal since I was a small boy and the sight of a Blue and Gold jersey brings out a special feeling. It's about family, friends and love of county. Playing with Kildare, I am a member of a team and will do my best, but the same emotion isn't there, however, when I stepped onto Croke Park, I will never

forget the atmosphere and buzz of excitement. It would be lovely to see Tipperary there.

**Liz:** What are your views on Tipperary football?

**Brian:** To be honest, Tipperary football was the Cinderella sport in Tipperary, compared to hurling. Yet, there are so many people who continued to believe that the breakthrough would come, Seamus McCarthy, Michael Frawley, Eddie Lonergan, Pat Moroney and Paddy Morrissey and many more. The players are there but they must believe in themselves more. I see that in Kildare. More sacrifices must be made in relation to training. You might say, that I opted out, but now I know that I am playing to my potential, my game has improved, I'm quicker off the mark and mentally better prepared. The training we did in Kildare was tough, particularly during the winter, the gym work and stamina building, each player had an individual programme to work to.

**Liz:** What other systems were in place?

**Brian:** We watched videos of each game and analysed our own performance, very effective in correcting mistakes. Our diet was looked at and we had every medical and physio support.

**Liz:** Did you drink alcohol during the Championship?

**Brian:** You have to realise that alcohol and training don't mix well. I gave it up in February, not that I drink much anyway, you can't if you want to play well at any level. We had a few drinks on the evening of an inter-county Championship game but very few. I'd advise any young player to go easy on the drink. You only get a few years to play – make the most of it.

**Liz:** What were your thoughts before you faced Maurice Fitzgerald, the Prince of Forwards, Footballer of the Year 1997.

**Brian:** I was never as well prepared, mentally and physically, going into a game. I kept to myself, went to bed at 10 p.m. on Saturday, got up, drank lots of water, went to Mass, prepared to travel to Croke Park. Karl was in a difficult situation, playing against his native Kerry, we gave one another support in a quiet way. I was lucky that everything went well for me, it was important to keep my concentration and keep the ball away from Maurice.

**Liz:** Back to Tipperary, you started your career as a hurler?

**Brian:** I won an All-Ireland "B" Hurling Championship with Abbey C.B.S. in 1992, and was honoured to captain that team. You could say that we were 15 average hurlers but we wanted to win and epitomised the great spirit of the Abbey. Paddy Kelly (former Limerick hurler) believed in us and made us believe in ourselves. Michael Ryan and Tom O'Donoghue, as well as Paddy had a great influence on us, as had Br. Moloughney. I played with Tipp Minor Hurlers in 1992 also, but we were beaten by Waterford by two points. The backbone of that team won an U21 All-Ireland in 1995. I got a trial for the U21 side in 1995.

**Liz:** You played U21 football for Tipp in 1995 – talk to me about your football career from there.

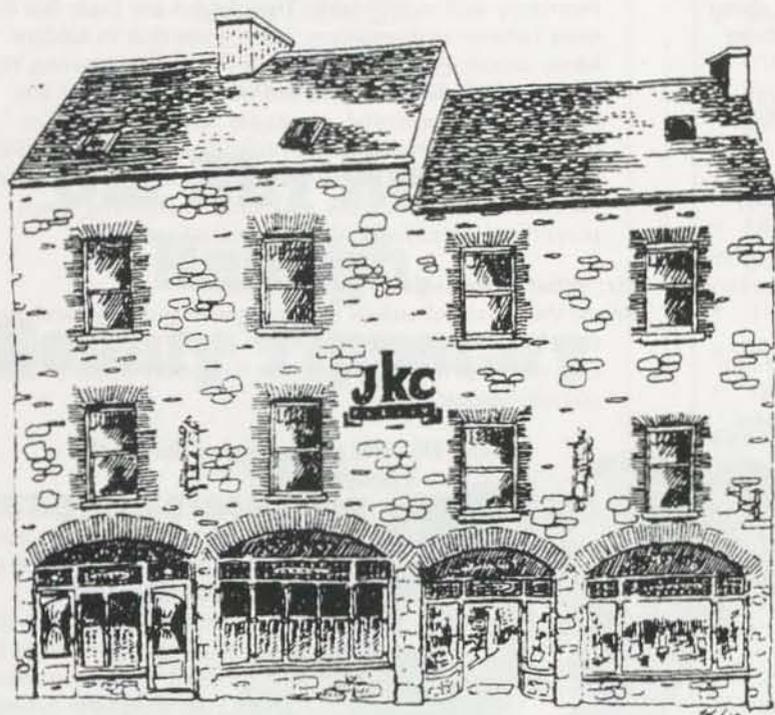
**Brian:** Yes, we beat Cork but lost to Waterford a week later,



The Lacey Brothers – Brian (left) and Andrew – at the Minor Hurling Semi-Final in Croke Park in 1997.

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then I was called onto the Tipperary Senior side in April 1995 and played against Kerry in the Championship. Seamus McCarthy was the Manager, he introduced a number of young players, blending them with the experience already there. Seamus is an inspirational person, great with people and knowledgeable about football, he deserved greater success, yet never lost interest. I was delighted to see the Tipperary juniors win the All-Ireland under his management.

**Liz:** *Your brother Andrew is now on the Tipperary Senior Football Panel and brother, John, playing top class rugby with Shannon and Munster.*

**Brian:** It is great to see Andrew on the Tipperary panel and it shows that the Tipperary people involved in football are generous in spirit. Yes, John is doing well at the rugby. There is more loyalty in the G.A.A. I think that rugby has lost some of its gloss since it became professional. The G.A.A. is more appealing to young people, the Association has moved forward in many ways and the games have become faster and more demanding.

**Liz:** *Should G.A.A. inter-county players be paid?*

**Brian:** No, not paid, but there should be a pool, from which players would get some reward, obviously as county teams progress, their share of the pool should also increase. The Supporters Club in successful counties have given great back-up, in terms of gear and support structure in medical terms, meals etc. That aspect is excellent in Kildare, as it has been in Tipperary hurling. I know that the football scene has more support now, with the Friends of Tipperary Football and Michael Frawley's drive to make sure that football is put on an equal footing as hurling. I would like to see the Tipperary supporters get behind the football, like they do with hurling. The crowd at the Munster Final was disappointing.

**Liz:** *You've always said that you prefer hurling.*

**Brian:** Yes, it is more skillful to play and watch, but I think

that football has made great strides, faster and less fouling now. It is demanding and I think that the career span of players will be shorter. It's a young man's game. Maybe, I'll play club hurling in Kildare, they've asked me.

**Liz:** *Tell me about your job.*

**Brian:** I'm a Pensions Consultant with Coyle Hamilton. I studied Insurance and Business Studies in U.L. Coyle Hamilton handle the G.A.A. Insurance Scheme. Conor O'Dwyer was with Coyle Hamilton also. The company handles Tegral, the Kildare sponsors and Kildangan Stud, great supporters of Kildare football.

**Liz:** *Another story doing the rounds at present, that Declan Browne is being coaxed to Kildare?*

**Brian:** Yes, I hear that everywhere I go, but doubt that there is any truth in it.

**Liz:** *It looks like both Declan and yourself will be All-Stars in 1998.*

**Brian:** Declan is sure to get one, he is so talented, it is great to see Moyle Rovers beating Bantry Blues. I wish them well in the Munster Final. It would be a great honour to get an All-Star Award, but you never know.

**Liz:** *Finally, any message for Tipperary footballers and hurlers?*

**Brian:** I wish every player who wears the Blue and Gold the very best, it was a good year for Tipperary football. I hope that 1999 will see more success. The players are good enough. It's great to see Nicky take over the hurlers, my childhood hurling hero and an Abbey C.B.S. man as well. Tipperary is still my home. Maybe some day I'll be back in the Blue and Gold.

I enjoyed my chat with Brian Lacey, an impressive and thoroughly likeable young man. There is a Blue and Gold heart underneath that Kildare jersey. Maybe some day he will be back. I hope so.

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# After 42 years, referee John bows out

By Noel Dundon

**O**ne of Tipperary's most celebrated knights of the whistle has brought the curtain down on a career that spanned five decades, during which he officiated at six All-Ireland senior finals.

The name of John Moloney will always be associated with refereeing and the Bansa man has been taking charge of games for forty-two years in the Premier County where he is very highly respected and is acknowledged as an authority on the game.

John Moloney took charge of his first game in West Tipperary in 1956 and since then he established himself as the premier referee in the country. His authoritative approach and direct manner appealed to very many people and his ability to use common sense in his interpretation of the rules made him a favourite with players and public alike.

Speaking to the Tipperary Star to mark his retirement from the refereeing end of the game, John admitted that he never actually wanted to become a referee. A strange admission, it might seem, but the story is an enjoyable one as he relates it.

"I got into the whole area of refereeing by complete accident. I was down in the field in Bansa one evening for a game and the referee failed to turn up. Both teams were there and eventually a few lads came to me and asked me to referee the game. I nearly got lynched after the game but I sort of enjoyed it."

"From then on I began to think about it and I became serious about refereeing. I didn't do a course or anything like that because there was no such thing back then. I badgered every referee instead and asked them about different rules. There was no coaching or anything back then and the whole thing was very amateurish," said John, who is a farmer by occupation.

It wasn't long before the authorities began to take notice of "the man in black" and they were impressed with what they saw. John took charge of five All-Ireland senior football finals, one All-Ireland senior hurling final, minor and under-21 All-Ireland in both codes and countless provincial finals in the four provinces and in both codes as well;

Referees hardly come as decorated as John Moloney but who admits to having - his scary days when in charge of games

"At the start of my refereeing days I was always looking at the watch and hoping that the game would end quickly.

However, as time went by I began to relax a lot more and I enjoyed refereeing more and more. Then it came to the stage when I didn't want, games to end at all. I really enjoyed my time as a referee overall," he says.

The process of gaining confidence for a referee is a slow one according to John but 'as time goes by, the referee will begin to settle down.

"You have to be able to control players and, at the same time, allow them to enjoy the game. You have to allow the game to flow as well and not have free after free which stops the flow. I hate fussy "Refereeing and too many stoppages. It irritates me when I see games that have free after free," he says.



## HIGH STANDARD

Despite what many people say and think about referees, John is of the opinion that refereeing is of a very high standard in the modern day game.

"I feel the standard is extremely high at the moment. When we were refereeing it was different but nowadays there are so many games that it is impossible to have a very high standard with everybody being satisfied right across the board. From the highest level to the lowest level the standard is bound to vary. I like to see juvenile games refereed properly because that is important," say John.

A referee, like any player has to prepare for games and ensure that they are fit and ready for action. John had his umpires down through the years and he says that they made him as a referee. "He singles them out for a special thank you."

Like anyone else, a "referee will have his favourite games and John's are the Cork-Kerry Munster football clashes.

"I always like the occasion. There was a great buzz and I think I refereed eight of them. The whole occasion was so special and I would Put It ahead of even the All-Irelands. I did a lot of Tipperary county finals as well and I really enjoyed those. Again they are special and it's always nice to see parishes coming out in force. for them. There were some great teams down through the years" he says:

Refereeing a game means that you get to see the game from a different vantage point to anybody else. You are there with the action, seeing it first hand; you can even be part of the action. Naturally enough you see players in a different way to most.

John has seen the greats and he has no hesitation in saying Mick O'Connell was the best footballer. No contest.

Hurlers? "I could be here for the day trying to think of that. There were so many super hurlers. I couldn't single out one to be honest but I would have to say that as a whole I loved to referee Kilkenny games. I loved their style of play and it really appealed to me. I refereed a game recently and I noticed that the style hadn't changed at all. I always liked going down there for games as well," he says.

The GAA is a way of life for the Moloney household. John says that his wife, Betty, has always been most supportive and encouraging during his refereeing days. The six sons, John, Anthony, Pdraig, Cathal, Brian, Andrew and Jarlath have been umpires for John on numerous occasions but none of them would be a referee. I am still working on them," John jokes.

The mother of the house, Betty, is a first cousin of Bobby Millar who trained Carlow recently. She hails from Kildare and a footballing background. It is easy to see how the Moloney household could be so immersed in the GAA.

John's retirement brings the curtain down on a forty-two year career and ironically, it is because of one of the big changes in the game that he is retiring. "The big thing I find is that the game has gotten so fast. That is the major change that I see and that is why I am retiring. I can no longer keep up with the pace and that is inhibiting me from refereeing."

As a parting word, John has advice for men and women who are thinking of taking up the whistle - "Be dedicated, make sacrifices and have a love for the game. You will have to make sacrifice, and take on every kind of game. I would encourage you to do juvenile games because it is a great way of learning. You have to assume control immediately in games," he says.

All the great hurling and footballing Gaels in Tipperary and further afield will want to say a fond farewell to the great referee as he departs the scene. He has inspired many to follow in his footsteps and if the GAA has more men like John Moloney following on, then the Association and the games will be in safe hands.

We wish him well in his retirement and look forward to seeing him at GAA venues all over Tipperary.

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Co. Football Board officers, minor football selectors and coaches photographed at Rockwell College before the Minor Football Development Squad training session on New Year's Day. Included are (standing L to R) - Mick Frawley, chairman Co. Football Board; Eddie Lonergan secretary Co. Football Board; Pat Moroney, chairman 'Friends of Tipperary Football', Dominic Everard, selector; Con Hogan, chairman Games Development Committee; Tom Kirwan, selector. Kneeling - Michael Power, selector; Dermot Earley, (coach); Keith Ricken, manager/coach; Tommy Twomey, selector.

North representatives who were on this years Tipperary Minor Football Team. From L to R: Brian Duggan, Don Maher, Paul Kirwan, Colm O'Brien, Shane Maher, Tommy Connors.



Representatives from South Tipperary clubs took part in Minor Football Development Squad training session at Rockwell College on new Years Day.

Players from West Tipperary clubs took part in Minor Football Development Squad training session at Rockwell College on new Years Day.

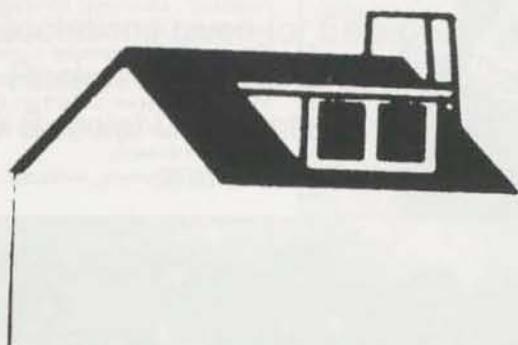


Players from North and Mid Tipperary clubs who attended a Minor Football Development Squad training session organised by the Co. Football Board at Rockwell College on New Year's Day. Included are standing, L to R: Tom Kirwan (Kiladangan), selector; Odhran Lloyd (Moynemtempetuoby); Shane Maher (Burgess); Padraig Sheehy (Ballina); Leonard Ryan (Eire Og Nenagh); Keith Matthews (Newport); Don Maher (Roscrea); Mark Talbot (Clonakenny); Dominic Everard (Moynemtempetuoby), selector. Kneeling - Seamus Hannon (Ballina); Padraig McDonnell (Burgess); Brian Duggan (Burgess); Colm O'Brien (Burgess); Tommy Connors (Kiladangan); Paul Kirwan (Kiladangan); Aidan Dundon (Durlas Og).

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Ballingarry	1-14	Carrick Swans	1-7	Monroe	Tg. Corb
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### INTERMEDIATE HURLING

Ballybacon/Grange	0-15	Fethard	0-14	Clonmel	S. Roche
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### JOHN QUIRKE JEWELLERS JUNIOR HURLING (A)

Moyle Rovers	3-8	St. Patrick's	1-8	Kilsheelan	W. Barrett
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### JUNIOR HURLING (B)

St. Patrick's	2-8	Kilsheelan	1-5	Monroe	M. McCormack
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### TIPP. TYRES UNDER-21 HURLING (A)

Ballingarry Gaels	2-14	Carrick Swans	2-11	Clonmel	S. Roche
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### UNDER-21 HURLING (B)

Fr. Sheehy's	3-6	Kilsheelan	2-2	Goatenbridge	M. Barry
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### CHADWICKS MINOR HURLING (A)

Ballingarry Gaels	4-11	Wild Rovers	4-6	Clonmel	B. White
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### MINOR HURLING (B)

Kilsheelan	3-6	Newcastle	1-11	Monroe	S. Quirke
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### SENIOR FOOTBALL

Moyle Rovers	3-14	Ardfinnan	1-9	Clonmel	T. Lonergan
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### INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL

Cahir	3-10	Carrick Swans	0-7	Clonmel	D. Cahill
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### MARTIN'S TILES JUNIOR FOOTBALL (A)

Moyle Rovers	0-7	Fethard	0-6	Clonmel	W. Barrett
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Fethard	4-12	Fr. Sheehy's	1-3	Ned Hall Park	S. Mullins
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### UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (A)

Commercials	2-10	Ardfinnan	0-2	Cahir	D. Cahill
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### UNDER-21 FOOTBALL (B)

Killenaule	2-8	Ballingarry Gaels	2-7	Fethard	T.J. Corby
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Ardfinnan	3-6	Killenaule	2-7		T.J. Corby
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Moyle Rovers	4-8	Kilsheelan	3-6	Clonmel	S. Quirke
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Fr. Sheehy's winners of the 1998 Under-21 (B) South Championship  
 Front Row (l.-r.): Patrick Maher, Patrick Kenneally, Jer Casey, Maurice Fehilly, Connor Durack, Seamus Fitzgerald, Christy Browne. Back Row (l.-r.): Frankie Wyse, John Corbett, Shane McGrath, Paddy Sullivan, P.J. Myles, David Wall, Patrick Fitzgerald, Barry Moran.



Kilsheelan, Minor Hurling (B) South Champions.  
 Back Row: John Walsh, Crohan Loughman, Noel Walsh, Michael Dempsey, Daniel O'Moore (Capt.), Ross King, Adrain Walsh, Pierce Larkin. Front Row: Peter O'Connell, Aidan Walsh, Derrick Hanrahan, Glen Spillane, Jim Ryan, Edmond O'Reilly, John Cahill.

Ballybacon/Grange Intermediate Hurling Champions 1998 beat Fethard in final 15-14  
 Back (l.-r.): Trevor O'Leary, James English, Kieran Walsh, Jackie Walsh, Gavin O'Mahoney, Sean Maher, Brendan Cummins, Brian Condon, Gerry Ryan, Riche Walsh, Mike Sullivan (Capt.), Brian Coffey. Front Row: James Maher, Declan Ryan, Kenneth O'Shea, Nigel Carigan, Alan O'Gorman, Johnny English, Liam Butler, Michael English, Pa Norton, Noel Ahearne.



The Killenaule panel that defeated Eire Og Annacarty in the county Under-21 'B' football final at Cahir. Back row (l.-r.): Michael Brennan (selector), Declan Fanning, Jason Walsh, Alan Durney, David Mackey, Dessie Taylor, Jason O'Dwyer, Paddy Hayes, John Paul Hayes, John Cooke, Michael Blake, Thomas Shelly, Mark Hayes, Tommy Fitzgerald, Jimmy Tobin (selector). Front: Damine Gleeson, Joe Caesar, Patrick Bolger, P.J. Hayes, Darren Kelly (Capt.), Adrian Tobin, Niall O'Dwyer, Tony Doyle, Joseph O'Meara, Paul O'Dwyer, Michael Fitzgerald Eoin Carroll.

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(Final won by South Division at Thurles on November 28, 1998)

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The winning South side: Back Row (l.-r.) – Thomas Molan, John Walshe, Niall Fitzgerald, Padraig Foley, Barry Hickey, Sean Cormack, Paul Curran (Capt.), Thomas Moran, Kieran O'Brien. Front Row (l.-r.) – Eoin Kelly, Brian Lonergan, Michael Aherne, Conor McCarthy, Cathal Houlihan, Damian McCarthy.



←  
The presentation: Michael Frawley, County Football Board Chairman, presenting Paul Curran, captain of the victorious South side, with a jersey. Also included are (l.-r.) – Tom Kirwan (North selector), Michael Power (South selector), Michael O'Brien (North Secretary), Keith Ricken (County Minor team Manager), Eddie Lonergan (Secretary Football Board).

→  
The runners-up, North side: Back Row (l.-r.) – Brian Brooks, Niall Calahane, Liam Armstrong, Conor Darcy, Keith Matthews, Maurice Nash, Don Maher (Capt.), Jamie Cummins, Noel Maconry. Front Row – Dermot Gleeson, Pierce Ryan, Pat Cosgrove, Adrian Kercy, Sean McKeogh, Brian Fitzgerald. (Not included in picture are Colm O'Brien and Shane Maher).



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Commercials were now into the county semi-final against the North champions, Borrisoleigh/Innane Rovers.



Clonmel Commercials County U-21 Champions '98

Back – Donncha Fahey, Tommy Power, Tommy Galvin, Fergal Condon, Kevin Dempsey, Sean Walsh, Ml. Brady, Eamonn Hanrahan.

Front – Noel O'Mahoney, Fergal Condon, Ben Walsh, Colm McMenamin, Ed Shoer, Alec Casey, David Hamey. Mascot: Michael McCullagh

Three days after the south final the county semi-final took place at New Inn on April 24th. Commercials were expected to emerge as easy winners. But the combination from the north had other ideas, and only after a titanic struggle did Commercials see off a stubborn challenge. A save by Colm McMenamin after half time and a goal by Ned Shoer minutes from the end were the key moments that ensured that Commercials went safely through to the county final against Golden/Kilfeacle and Commercials went into the game as slight favourites. The south champions however were very wary of the opposition who had reached the final in fine

style. On a breezy day Golden failed to take advantage of the conditions and led by just a single point at half time. The battle between Eamonn Hanrahan and David Fogarty at centre field was intriguing with the Commercials man winning many of the duels. Michael Brady at full back was also having a terrific game on Aiden Fogarty. A goal from Tommy Galvin just after the break proved the winning of the game for the Clonmel outfit. After a hectic hour's football Commercials ran out winners by 1-07 to 0-07 to claim the Quane cup for a sixth time having won their first in 1969.



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# CLONMEL G.A.A. CENTRE - 21 YEARS OLD

**W**HEN Clonmel G.A.A. Centre opened its doors to its members and their friends in June 1977, Con Murphy was President of the G.A.A. He was there to perform the official opening and his speech reflected the optimism of the occasion. Here at last, G.A.A. supporters of the Clonmel area had a home of their own. Here was a place where followers could meet in congenial surroundings before and after a game. Here was a place where kindred spirits could meet over a social glass and where inter-club tensions would be eased. Here was a place where meeting rooms would be available not alone to G.A.A. clubs but to sister organisations.

The Centre was the brainchild of Mick Maher, then Chief Agricultural Officer for South Tipperary and based in Clonmel. With the determination that made Hell's Kitchen a very hot place indeed for men in red during the sixties, he brought representatives of the Clonmel clubs together at a series of meetings. In the old dressing rooms opening onto the Sportsfield, he knocked heads together until agreement was reached for the buildings of a social centre on a section of the practice field adjoining the main playing pitch. There were those who bemoaned the loss of ground in the practice field and there were those who objected to the inclusion of a bar in the new complex but Maher's enthusiasm was infectious and the Centre quickly became a reality. By the time it opened there was a solid block of life memberships sold.

At the beginning, the new enterprise reflected all that was best in the G.A.A. Nobody was paid, yet its doors were opened every day of the year, with the exception of Christmas Day and Good Friday. The bar was operated on a voluntary basis by committee members, each barman making himself available for for night in the month, some for more than one. On the nights of special functions, there would be a nearly full muster of committee members who would turn in again in the morning for the "clean up". On one such morning the late Peter Powell remarked, "I hope none of the wives find out what we're doing here or they might expect us to do the same at home". Among committee members and patrons, powerful friendships built up and among the barmen there developed a camaraderie whose exuberance was expressed in the annual pre-Christmas bash which became known as the Barmen's Ball. Apart from that yearly entertainment, there were no perks at all attached to the work that made the Centre possible.

Such enthusiasm, of course, could not last forever and it didn't. But for the initial years, the Centre was place of much fun and enjoyment. The monthly meeting of the Management Committee was a model of precision and good business. It

*by Séamus Leahy*

started on the stroke of eight and rarely lasted more than an hour. Mick Maher was not alone a model chairman but was also the one who put most physical work into the daily running of the complex. Many who used the facilities of the Centre put a return of effort into its everyday running. From the badminton club came barmen who continued to serve long after their enthusiasm for the shuttlecock had waned. And under Mick Maher's encouragement, a branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann was launched which had its headquarters in the Centre. Tom Barrett on his fiddle on a Monday night was guaranteed to make it difficult for the barman to clear the house at closing time.

When Mick Maher moved from Clonmel back to mid-Tipperary, his place was taken by the young Con Hogan and for the period of his chairmanship, the Centre retained the character that had been established from the beginning. George Barry, a young teacher from Co. Waterford, had early on replaced John McNamara as secretary and his particular brand of high spirits and good humour was to be the trade-mark of the establishment for many years. Dan and Peggy Kavanagh worked long hours to ensure that the initial standards set by Mick Maher were always maintained.

When Con Hogan, having been elevated to the chair of the South Tipperary Board, was replaced as chairman by Billy Looby, who had come onto the committee through the badminton club, there were still enough of the original committee involved to preserve the founding ethos of the Centre. but it was becoming increasingly difficult to involve new voluntary workers to fill the gaps created by the loss of some of the most active members. Even the Grim Reaper took his toll and the annual mass in the bar was an occasion of great nostalgia when relatives of deceased members whose names were ceremonially read out were entertained by the committee.

The decline of the centre from its great days of the seventies and eighties when a visiting county chairman described it as the best-run centre in Ireland can be attributed to a number of factors. There was the failure of the members of the local clubs to use its facilities and the tendency of young people to resort to town-centre establishment of their recreation. With the arrival of the new age of sponsorship, clubs were more and more becoming beholden to the owners of licensed premises. There was, too, the obvious reluctance of younger fold to accept the responsibility of serving even as committee members. The modern ethos, it sometimes seems, has little palce for



*Sean Nugent - newly appointed Chairman of South Tipperary G.A.A. centre*



*Gerry Flynn, last Chairman of Clonmel G.A.A. Centre*

voluntary service.

Which or whether, a new committee which included some of the surviving founder member was persuaded by its chairman, Gerry Flynn, to bring in a full-time manager in order to restore some of the Centre's faded popularity. Frank Murphy took over the day-to-day running of the establishment and a new atmosphere of efficiency was evident. The next step was for the committee to recommend that the establishment should become the property of the South Tipp Board. This was done in the past months and a new era in the life of the Centre is beginning. Clonmel G.A.A. Centre has become South Tipperary G.A.A. Centre.

The recent story of G.A.A. social centres in provincial areas has not been a particularly happy one. While Dublin centres, providing as they do a kind of cultural home for rural expatriates, appear to be enjoying huge success, their rural counterparts are undergoing a different experience. Sean Nugent, newly appointed chairman of the revamped centre at Clonmel, is determined to reverse that trend and to restore some of the Clonmel, is determined to reverse that trend and to restore some of the Clonmel Centre's former glory. Given the enthusiasm of the new committee which he is in the process of putting together, there is no reason why he should not succeed.

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# 1957-1998

## Na Piarsaigh Commemoration



Enjoying the re-union at Clonmel Arms Hotel on Sept. 4th, 1998 – Na Piarsaigh – South S.H. champions 1957 and county finalists group photo – Front row (l. to r.): Tommy Waters (C), Cly Mullins (F), John Donovan (K), John Waters (C), Theo English (Md.), Mick Ryan (Md.), Brendan Ahearne (K), Paddy Hennessy (K) (captain), Donie Nealon (B-grange), Jimmy Roche (C), Fr. Ray Reidy. Middle row: Miss B. Waters, Mrs. Walsh (C), Mrs. Butler (F), Michael Fitzgerald (F), Tom Larkin (K), Pat Larkin (K), Tom McCormack (F), Richie Ryan (C), Tommy Ryan (C), Billy Stokes (K), Michael Kennedy (Md.). Back row: James Prendergast (K), Jack Wall (F), Paddy Cooney (F), John Mackey (C), John Keating (B.-Grange), Frank Whelan (Ballylooby), Tony Newport (F), Frank Coffey (K).

**O**n 4th Sept., 1998, a Special Commemoration Dinner and Presentation for members of Na Piarsaigh Senior hurling team who were South Tipperary champions and county finalists in 1957 was held in the Clonmel Arms Hotel.

Na Piarsaigh (South team) was made up of players from Seán Treacy's, Carrick-on-Suir, Kilsheelan and Fethard. This team won the South Tipperary championship by defeating Carrick Swans in the final on the score of 4-5 to 3-2.

It was decided by the South and Co. Board to allow Na Piarsaigh to pick from all the junior teams in South Tipperary. This was done and Na Piarsaigh went on to play and defeat Éire Óg, Nenagh in the county semi-final on the score of 4-7 to 2-7.

The scene was set for the county final to be played in Cashel between Na Piarsaigh and the famed Thurles Sarsfields. It was a tremendous game which Sarsfields won on the score 4-15 to 4-4.

On this the 41st anniversary of such a tremendous achievement by a team who have influenced two generations of hurling in Tipperary it is only right to thank them for their contribution and remember those members who have departed this life in the intervening period.



Na Piarsaigh – Tipperary Co. Finalists 1957 – Back row (l. to r.): Frank Whelan, Tony Newport, John Mackey, John Waters, Theo English, John Keating, Jack Wall. Front row (l. to r.): Michael Kennedy, Liam Connolly, Tom Larkin, Tom McCormack, Paddy Hennessy (captain), Mick Ryan, Austin English, Donie Nealon. Subs (not in picture) Willis Waters (R.I.P.), Tommy Waters, Percy Larkin (R.I.P.), Jim Ahearne (R.I.P.), Cly Mullins, Tommy Ryan.

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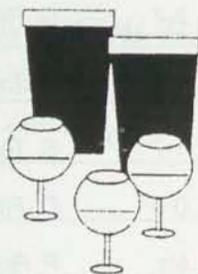
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**Kickhams - Senior Hurling League Crosco Cup Winners 1998** Front L to R: Fergal Horgan, Ger Butler, Michael O'Brien, Aidan Slattery, Brian Horgan (Captain), Ger Crosse, Paudie Slattery, Richard Horgan. Back L to R: Vincent Kelly, Jimmy Farrell, Paul Morrissey, John McCormack, Kevin Farrell, Fergal Heaney, Anthony Qualter.



**Golden K - West U21 Hurling "A" Champions 1998** Front L to R: Jason Collins, Michael Stapleton, Ned Ryan, David Fogarty, Aidan O'Sullivan, Anthony Ryan, Ger Looby (Capt), Shane Stapleton, Mark Bangary, Richard Walsh. Back L to R: John Ryan (Selector), Damien Fogarty, Aidan Fogarty, Kevin McCarthy, Gerard Fogarty, John Colohan, James Tierney, Thomas Fogarty, Sean Carr, Michael Carr, Frank Stapleton, Seamus Carr, Michael Sherlock, P.J. Collins (Selector), Con Cash (Selector).



**Galtee Rovers - West U21 Hurling "B" Winners 1998** Front L to R: Eamon Hughes, John Paul Lonergan, Mark Peters, David Noonan, Pa Morrissey, Michael White, Michael Ryan, Andrew Morrissey, Cahal Moloney, John Morrissey. Back L to R: David Morrissey, Clem Quirke, Padraig O'Halloran, Vincent Murphy, David Browne, Tom Quinn, John Hayes, Niall O'Shea, Colm Morrissey, Colin Hayes, Tom Moloney.



**Clonoulty/Rossmore - West Senior Hurling Champions & County Finalists** Front L to R: Peter Brennan, Michael "S" Heffernan, Michael "Bonny" Kennedy, Andrew Fryday (Captain), Dan Quirke, Kevin Ryan, Michael Ryan. Back L to R: Roddy Ahearn, Declan Ryan, Aidan Butler, Michael Heffernan, Liam Kearney, Kevin Lanigan - Ryan, Maurice Quirke, Michael Brennan.



**Kickhams S.F. - West Champions & O'Donoghue Cup Winners** Front L to R: Eoin Morrissey, Vincent Kelly, Declan Hogan, Johnny Butler (Captain), Jimmy Farrell, Brian Horgan, Ger Butler. Back L to R: Paul Morrissey, Ger Crosse, John McCormack, Pat Ryan, Kevin Farrell, Tony Farrell, Willie Crowe, Richard Horgan, Anthony Qualter.



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**Kickhams - West Junior Hurling Champions 1998** Front L to R: Paddy Hayes (Selector), Fergal O'Brien, Declan Crosse, Joe Shanahan, Fergal Morrissey, Donie O'Brien, Derek Breen, Aidan Murphy, Declan Murphy, Vincent Bradshaw, Pat Ryan, Oliver Ryan, Michael Browne, Donal Kennedy (Manager). Front L to R: Philip Ryan, William Ryan, Richard Horgan, Pat Butler, Damien McGrath, Martin Browne, Daniel Kennedy (Mascot), Johnny Butler (Capt.), Michael Slattery, Sean Bradshaw, John McGrath, John Keane, Declan Horgan.



**Aherlow Junior Hurling Team** which defeated Sarsfield in the Co Quarter-Final Front L to R: Paddy Bourke, John Bourke, Peter Leonard, James Noonan, Denis O'Shea, Mark O'Shea, Sean Peters, Fergal Clifford, Leo Leonard, Don Walsh. Back L to R: Shane Leonard, Philly Kiely, Noel Clifford, Luke Leonard, Paul Kiely, Anthony Moroney, Timmy Leonard, Robert Shanahan, Mark Leonard, Mark O'Brien, Denis Grogan, Liam O'Brien, Sean Hennessy.



**Clonoulty/Rossmore - West Champions Minor Hurling "A"** Front L to R: Michael o'Shea, John Carroll, Bobby Wade, John Devane, Edmund Maher, Tom Butler, Kieran Ryan, David Kennedy, Michael Ryan (R), Declan O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan (A). Back L to R: Richard Sadlier, Joseph Carroll, T.J. Ryan, Padraig Coen, Liam Kearney, Alan Kennedy, Barty Flynn, Denis Ahearn, Conor Devane, Patrick Sadlier, Liam Manton, Shane Ryan, Dessie Cullen.



**Golden K - West Champions U21 Football "A" County Finalists** Front L to R: Don Beattie, Aidan Fogarty, Toddy Ryan, Gerard Fogarty, Michael Stapleton, Shane Stapleton, Ned Ryan, Ger Luby, Seamus Carr, Anthony Ryan, Michael Sherlock. Back L to R: Donie Cross (Selector) - R.I.P., P.J. Collins (Selector), David Fogarty, Aidan O'Sullivan, Michael Carr, Damien Fogarty, Sean Carr, Brian Landy, James Tierney, Kevin McCarthy, Mark Bargary, Michael Fogarty, Kevin Landy.

**Presentation to T.J. Caplis on his retirement as Sean Teacy's Club Treasurer after 30 years**

Front L to R: Fr. Christy O'Dwyer (Club President), T.J. Caplis (Retiring Treasurer), Mrs. Betty Caplis, Mrs. Mary Ryan-Mulqueen. Back Row L to R: Mike Hanley (Secretary), Pat Stapleton (Chairman), Brendan Carr (Incoming Treasurer).





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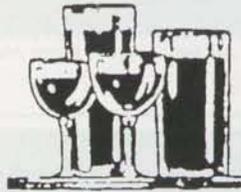
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# History making year for Eire Óg Annacarty

## ....as club bridges 112 year gap

**1**998 will forever be regarded by the loyal band of GAA followers in the joint parishes of Annacarty and Donohill as a very special year, indeed one of historic proportions. This is a club which, historically, has claimed little success at under age level over the years save the periodic divisional title. Little wonder then that, in a year when their underage teams claimed six divisional titles and their highly talented minor footballers captured their first ever County Title at underage level, their followers feel justly proud.

### SOME OF THE EIRE ÓG HIGHLIGHTS OF 1998:

1. Brian Fox's late winning goal against Emly in the under 12 West final.
2. Wesley Ryan's injury time blasted goal against Newport to draw the under 16 County Semi-Final.
3. Stephen Quinn's magnificent display at centre back against GoldenKilfeacle, the storm and the rain in the second half to retain the West under 16 'B' hurling title.
4. Ronan O'Brien's 1-5 against Arravale Rovers in the West under 16 'B' football final, again Ronan's 0-6 V Moyle Rovers in the County Final and 0-7 V Newport in the same competition.
5. Damian O'Brien's captain fantastic performances in every game he played throughout the year whether as captain or top scoring player.

6. Eugene Carew's feat in scoring two tremendous and invaluable goals one each in the drawn and replayed Minor County Final.

7. Philip McGrath's four points from play in the replayed County Minor Final.

8. Conor O'Brien's 3-6 against Kickhams in the under 14 football.

9. Brian Ryan's classy performance in County Minor 'B' Hurling Semi Final before receiving a hand injury.

10. Richard Leahy's classy contributions especially in hurling competitions.

11. Patrick Horan's two goal blitz in the West Under 21 football final.

### ALL IRELANDS ON THE DOUBLE

Eire Og club were also able to join in All-Ireland celebrations on the double. Firstly three club members were on the Abbey CBS team who brought the Senior All Ireland College 'B' title to the school and county for the first time. These clubmen were Damian O'Brien, Brian Ryan and Richard Leahy, and their contributions throughout the campaign were invaluable.

When Tipperary bridged a 75 year gap by winning the Junior All Ireland, two very influential members of the team were the evergreen Anthony Crosse and the youthful Damian O'Brien. Both had great campaigns and brought huge honour and glory to the club.



**Under 21 Football Eire Óg** Back Row L to R: John Kelly and Ollie Kelly (Selector/Trainers), Nigel Quinn, John Ahearn, Paul Keane, Brian Ryan, Michael Ryan, Richard Leahy; Garret O'Brien, Mathew Bradshaw, Hefferenan, Liam O'Brien (Selector/Trainer). Front Row L to R: Padraid Horan, Finbarr Bradshaw, Shane O'Dwyer, Damien Leahy, Patrick Ahearne, Damian O'Brien, Stephen Quinn, Ronan O'Brien, Noel Breen, Eugene Carew, Patrick McGrath, Wesley Ryan.



**Under 12 Football "C" Eire Óg** Back Row L to R: Ashley Deegan, Richard Ryan, John Paul O'Dwyer, Thomas Coughlan, Padraig Ryan, Brian Ryan, Daniel Hogan, Conor Duhig (Captain), Mary Keane, Emma Kennedy, Fiona Fox, Roseanne Hennessy, Middle Row L to R: Mary O'Dwyer, Anne O'Dwyer, Patricia English, Noel Leahy, Eoin Kennedy, Brian Fox, Kevin Fox, Anne Marie Ryan, Elaine Ryan. Front Row L to R: Sean Hogan, Peter O'Dwyer, Padraig O'Dwyer, Denis O'Dwyer, William O'Neill, Cahal Hayes.



**Minor Hurlers "B" Eire Óg West Champions** Back Row L to R: Padraig Horan, Ronan O'Brien, Damien Leahy, Richard Leahy, Garret O'Brien, Brian Ryan, Patrick Ahearn, Stephen Quinn, Michael Ryan, Timothy Ryan, Patrick McGrath. Front Row L to R: Raymond Barry, Philip McGrath, Eugene Carew, Ronan O'Brien, Conor O'Brien, Wesley Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Seamus McGrath, Thomas Quinn.



**Minor "B" Football Eire Óg** Back Row L to R: Ollie Kelly (Selector), Padraig Horan, Timothy Ryan, Garret O'Brien, Wesley Ryan, Damien Leahy, Stephen Quinn, Liam O'Brien (Selector), Thomas Quinn. Front Row L to R: John O'Dwyer, Eugene Carew, Patrick Ahearn, Damian O'Brien, Ronan O'Brien, Richard Leahy, Shane O'Dwyer, Jamie Hanly, P.J. McGrath (Trainer).



**Under 16 "B" Football Eire Óg County Finalists** Back Row L to R: Johnny Mooney, Robert Hogan, Seamus McGrath, Tadgh Ryan, Eugene Carew, Jamie Hanly, Patrick Ahearn, Wesley Ryan, Philip McGrath, Colm Bradshaw, Raymond Barry. Front Row L to R: Christy O'Dwyer, John O'Dwyer, Conor O'Brien, Austin Bradshaw, Stephen Quinn, Ronan O'Brien, Michael O'Dwyer, Patrick Crowe, Aidan Quinn.

# 1997 County Champions

*These competitions were unfinished when last year's yearbook went to print*



## **Kildangan Junior Football "B" County Champions 1997**

Back Row L to R: James Minehan, Dan Hogan, Karl Hogan, Ned Darcy, Brendan Delaney, Enda Nolan, Niall Kelly, Ger Slattery. Front Row L to R: Eamon Kelly, Tommy Connors, James Flannery, Paul Kirwan, Fergal Kelly, Edward Fogarty, Paul Hearty. Kildangan beat Killenaule in the final by 0-16 to 3-2.



## **The Borrisileigh panel and selectors that won the County Under 21 "A" Hurling Title**

They defeated Ballingarry Gaels in the final at Semple Stadium. Back Row L to R: John McGrath (Manager), Henry Groome, Philip Maher, Pierce Ryan, Rory Kinane, Mark Stapleton, Darragh Rabbitte, Philip Rabbitte, Eoin Stapleton, Paudie Bourke, Declan Stapleton, Angelo Walsh, Aidan Coen. Front Row L to R: Martin Flynn (Trainer), Conor Stakelum (Selector), Declan Maher, Martin Maher, Thomas Ryan, Sean Maher, Seamus Maher (Captain), Michael Ryan, Fergal Ryan, John Keane, Ollie Kelly, Michael Ryan (Selector).



**County Champions - The J.K. Brackens panel that won the county under-21 'B' Hurling Title**

They defeated Fethard by the narrowest of margins in the final at Semple Stadium. Back Row L to R: Damien Harkin, Paul O'Brien, Philly Ryan, Kevin Mulryan, Aidan Doyle, Aidan Moynihan, Davy Burke, Benny Fogarty, Paul Doyle, Brendan Guidera, Ray Creaney, James Maher, Andrew Kelly. Front - David Maher, Michael Grimes, Richard Grimes, Aidan Ivers, Paddy Kirwan, Aidan Burke, Eamonn Corcoran (captain), Michael Cahill, Phonsie Deegan, Kevin Ivers, Michael Fogarty. Mascot- Aidan Fogarty.



**The Nenagh Eire Og panel which Won the County Intermediate Football Title**

They defeated Carrick Swan at Golden. Back Row L to R: Patsy Bonar (Selector), Ronan Burns, John Heffernan, Conor O'Donovan, Liam Delaney, Eddie Tucker (Captain), Christy McLoughlin, Kevin Coonan, Hugh Flannery, Brian Hackett, Mervyn Scanlon, Michael Hackett, John Kissane (Selector), Jimmy Morris. Front Row L to R: Leonard Ryan, Michael Kennedy, Shane Connolly, Jim McAuliffe, Michael Cleary, Chris Bonar, Kevin Tucker, John Kennedy, Greg Browne, Fr. Brendan Kyne (Manager), Ger Gavin.



**The Arravale Rovers Panel and Selectors that Won the County Junior "A" Football Title**

They defeated J.K. Brackens by the narrowest of margins at Templederry. Back Row L to R: Tom O'Donoghue (Selector), Donal Ryan, Kieran Ryan, Ger Stapleton, Bill Gleeson, Seamus Rochford, Brendan Lohan, Mark Hanly, Brian Glasheen, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Roy Collins, David Walsh, Barry Walsh, Bernie O'Brien (Selector). Front Row L to R: Paddy Delaney, Paddy O'Donnell, Colin Ryan, Mark Gleeson, Darragh Moore, Tommy Twomey (Selector), Pdraig Moore (Captain), Pat Duggan, Ivan Flynn, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Paddy Maher, James Hogan, Liam Quirke.

# A Horrific Day in G.A.A.

**T**om was busily preparing for the shearing which was to take place on the following day Thursday. He had just delivered his second last load of sheep into the yard when the phone call came. Tom had a sizeable farm to look after and liked to have things well organised. With his jeep and trailer he had been collecting sheep all morning from outlying fields so as to have them handy for the following day. He had a beautiful May morning for the task even though heavy thundery showers had been forecasted by the Met Office for the day. While closing the yard gate adjacent to his residence the incessant ringing of the phone caught his attention.

Picking up the receiver in the hall he found Mary the local Primary School teacher on the line. Mary sounded agitated, after the initial pleasantries were exchanged Mary said, "Tom do you remember last week I asked you for the G.A.A. field for today for a Cumann Na Mbun Scoil game". Tom remembered all right. As Chairman of the small rural G.A.A. Club he had a special regard for the schools and liked to help them out at every opportunity, he remembered also that he had taken a chance in giving Mary permission for the use of the field on that day as the Club Secretary was the official contact man for the field and he had not verified with him if the field was pre booked or not, he assumed however that it being near exam time that no Post Primary School Games would be taking place.

He said to Mary "What's the problem". She said "Well the problem is that two School Teams are now going into the field I can see them from the school window and that puts our game in jeopardy." Tom's heart sank he now realised that he was in a bit of a fox. Thinking fast he said to Mary "I will come down to the Field immediately and see if I can resolve the matter".

Leaving down the phone he ran out and quickly unhitched the empty trailer from the Jeep. The sheep forgotten, he made tracks in the Jeep to the Sports-

field. On arrival he found 2 Post Primary School Teams preparing for a game. Chalking to the teachers with the teams he discovered that they had gone through the proper channels of seeking permission for use of the field. Postponement of the Cumann Na Mbun Scoil Game then entered his mind and he headed for the Primary School to put this one across to Mary. Mary quickly discounted the idea saying "

We are under pressure to complete all our games and with the holidays coming up etc. the game must go ahead". Tom's thinking cap came on again and his next idea was to secure another venue. Mary's view on this was that it would have to happen fast as the other school involved would be preparing to leave for the game soon and would want to know where to go. The pressure was now on. Tom thought of a suitable venue where the contact man was a teacher in a local school. Checking the G.A.A. directory he found the school number and rang to be told that the teacher had gone home for his lunch, going now to the phone book he nearly tore the pages out to find his home number, eventually successful he rang the number, the teachers wife answered with the news that her husband had just left to return to the school. Some time had to now elapse to give the teacher time to arrive at the school before he could ring again. Children now began to congregate around him as he stood at the school phone, their anxious faces looking up at him wondering if they would get to play their game or not.

Checking his watch he rang the school again, this time his luck was in, getting the teacher he wanted he explained his problem, co-operation was instant, the teacher promised to arrange everything immediately, their Club premises would be opened up and their field made available. Tom thanked him profusely and made the sign of the cross as he put down the phone.

On receiving the good news Mary swung into action with out delay, first

the school they were playing was contacted with the news of the new venue, then a whole range of parents had to be phoned to tell them not to call to collect their children at the usual time as they would now be going away to play the match, another group of parents then had to be contacted to provide transport to the game. Tom helped out with the phoning using his mobile phone and then feeling guilty over the mix up he offered to provide transport himself to the game, this was gladly accepted.

All arrangements now made for the game, the happy group of children gathered up their playing gear and headed out to the waiting cars, all of course wanted to travel in the jeep, so Tom had to use all his powers of persuasion and promise to bring one group in to the game and another group out to try to please everyone. They arrived at the venue within a matter of minutes, as promised everything was in order there and both teams quickly prepared for the game. Tom left them to their own devices, happy in the knowledge that everything was turning out okay and had a walk around the field while he was waiting.

Both teams came out onto the field and all was in readiness for the start of the game Tom noticed that there was no sign of a referee present and just as the thought crossed his mind he saw Mary approaching him up along the sideline. She had a whistle in her hand and an anxious look on her face. She said "Tom the referee that was to do our game is now doing the Post Primary game at our venue and we have no referee, it is our responsibility to arrange to have a referee, you will have to referee for us". She handed him the whistle, Tom looked down at his feet, he had put on the wellingtons in the morning because of the wet grass and they were still on, he also realised he had left his cap on the pier of the yard gate at home and the hot sun was already beginning to burn the top of his head where the hair had receded from many years ago. He was caught however and there was no

getting out of this one. He took the whistle and headed out to the centre of the field.

Throwing in the ball Tom got the game into action. It was an exciting game as play swung quickly from one end of the field to the other. He had difficulty keeping up with the play, the wellingtons were no help and began to cut his feet as the game wore on. Being a hurling man his lack of knowledge of the rules of football became evident as the game progressed as he began to hear shouts of AH Ref and did you forget your glasses Ref. he was also anxious not to be seen to favour his own school and this also began to rebound on him and he began to get stick from the local school players and from parents on the sideline. The game was close all through with only a point or two between the sides. Tom was hoping his own school would win the day. It would get him off the hook over the venue mix up and he would have a happy throng going home with him. It was not to be his lucky day however and as the game entered the last few minutes his side was 2 points down, a last assault was made on the oppositions goal, a high ball was lobbed in to the goal mouth and the full forward got

a hand to it to deflect it to the net, there was scenes of great excitement on the field and on the sideline. Tom was out around centrefield when the goal was scored and had not a good view of events in the goal mouth, he was now surrounded by the other school players who were shouting "in the square ref. He proceeded in to the umpires who to his dismay confirmed that this was so and he had no option but to disallow the score and award a free out. He then got the full brunt of the critics on the sideline and on the field as well and worst of all he was sure he heard Mary's voice joining the chorus. With feet cut from the wellingtons, head burnt from the sun and ears hot from the criticism he blew the final whistle vowing to himself never to take on that task again.

There was silence in the Jeep as they headed homewards. Tom knew he was being blamed for everything, the mix up over the venue, the refereeing, the disallowed goal and losing the game. He knew he would be the topic of conversation in all the children's homes that evening. He dropped off the children and headed homewards. Retrieving his cap from the pier gate his thoughts turned to the sheep and the shearing on the following day. Looking down the

yard he saw to his dismay that their wasn't a sheep left in the yard, investigating he found someone had left the small gate at the bottom of the yard open and all the sheep had scattered into the adjoining fields. There was nothing for it but to begin the round up again. Whistling for the dog he headed out into the fields. On his way he noticed the change in the day, the clouds were beginning to gather and the heavy thundery showers forecasted by the Met office loomed on the horizon.

Quickly as he could and with the dogs assistance the round up began, gradually he got the sheep together and headed them back into the yard, suddenly the heavens opened and as heavy a shower of rain as Tom had seen in years began to fall. Drowned to the very skin he eventually closed the gate on a yard full of sheep. Taking off the wellingtons was a major task, they were nearly glued to his feet, carefully removing them to expose broken skin in many places. Entering the house he threw himself down on the sofa in the living room. Water running out of him he threw his cap from his now painful head on to the chair in the corner and exclaimed "What a horrific day in the G.A.A." *Green Isle*



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# Official Opening of Dr. Morris Park



Photograph taken at the official blessing and opening of Dr. Morris Park, Thurles. Included are (l. to r.): Benny O'Dwyer, Building Contractor; Seamus Ó Riain, president Tipperary Co. Board; Liam O'Dwyer, Tipperary Munster Council Rep.; Philip Butler, caretaker; Michael Carroll, Advisor; Liz Howard, Co. Board PRO; Monsignor C. Lee, who performed the official blessing; Paul O'Neill, Co. Board chairman; Seán Kelly, G.A.A. Munster Council chairman; Tommy Barrett, Co. Board secretary; John Ryan, Co. Board Development Officer; Noel Morris, Tipperary Central Council rep. and former Co. Board chairman; Maria Morrissey, Co. Board Youth Officer; Stephen Smee, guest; Seán Fogarty, Tipperary Munster Council rep. and former Co. Board chairman; Michael Frawley, chairman Co. Football Board and former Co. Board chairman; Jim Ormond, Grounds Contractor; John Carrigan, guest.



Chairman of G.A.A. Munster Council, Seán Kelly, performing the official opening of Dr. Morris Park, Thurles, in August.



What do you think? – Discussing Tipperary's prospects in the Munster senior football final against Kerry at the Press Night were (l. to r.): Larry O'Connor, a native of Kerry and a member of the Friends of Tipperary Football; Pat Moroney, senior football selector; Billy Butler, P.R.O. of Co. Football Board.

# COUNTY BÓRD NA nÓG RESULTS AT A GLANCE – 1998

## HURLING

U-12 'A' Hurling	J.K. Brackens	3-5	Toomevara	1-1
U-12 'B' Hurling	Loughmore/C'iney	2-4	Silvermines	1-3
U-12 'C' Hurling	Templederry	1-3	U'church/D'bane	0-4
U-14 'A' Hurling	Dúrlas Óg	3-3	Toomevara	1-7
U-14 'B' Hurling	Moneygall	4-6	H'cross/Ballycahill	2-3
U-14 'C' Hurling	U'church/D'bane	1-7	Borrisokane	0-4
U-16 'A' Hurling	Durles Óg	2-5	Cashel K.C.	1-6
U-16 'B' Hurling	Silvermines	3-5	J.K. Brackens	1-5
U-16 'C' Hurling	Ballinahinch	2-6	Clonakenny	1-5

## TOURNAMENTS

Munster U-14 Football				
Final	Limerick	1-9	Tipperary	1-6
Jim Power U-14 Football	Tipperary	1-11	Laois	0-12
Nenagh Co-op U/16 Hurling Shield Final	Tipperary	2-22	Kilkenny	1-12
Forrestal U-14 Hurling	Tipperary	eliminated		
Carrigadhaun U-15 Hurling	Tipperary	eliminated		
Peadar Cummins U-14 Hurling	Mid Tipp	0-13	North Tipp	0-6
Garda Cup U-16 Hurling	Mid Tipp	2-12	North Tipp	1-12
Friends of Tipperary U-16 Football	Mid Tipp	4-4	West Tipp	0-5

## FOOTBALL

U-12 'A' Football	Aherlow	2-6	Carrick Swans	1-8
U-12 'B' Football	Kilsheelan	3-9	Borrisoleigh	1-3
U-12 'C' Football	Silvermines	1-6	Marfield	1-0
U-14 'A' Football	Newport	5-9	Clonmel Comm.	0-3
U-14 'B' Football	Ballina	2-7	Clonmel Óg	2-3
U-14 'C' Football	Rockwell Rovers	1-6	B'looby/Castlegrace	1-2
U-16 'A' Football	Ballina	1-13	Killenaule	2-7
U-16 'B' Football	Moyle Rovers	2-13	Éire Óg Annacarty	0-8
U-16 'C' Football	Rockwell Rovers	3-9	H'cross/Ballycahill	3-3

## County Bórd na nÓg Round-up 1998

By JIMMY CONROY (Secretary)

**T**HE outstanding feature of the Bórd na nÓg activities in 1998 was the introduction of "C" championships at county level. This proved to be a tremendous success with many thrilling games at all age levels.

While our domestic competitions provided first-class entertainment, unfortunately it turned out to be a most disappointing year at inter-county level with the U-14 footballers and the U-16 hurlers being our only winners.

### U-12 HURLING

At U-12 hurling we had many first-class games. Champions Toomevara and J.K. Brackens qualified for the 'A' final after victories over Knockavilla and Carrick Swans respectively. In the final, J.K. Brackens overcame the champions in fine style to take the title. At U-12 'B' Silvermines defeated Rockwell Rovers and Loughmore/Castleiney overcame Clonmel Óg in the semi-finals. In the final the Mid champions had four points to spare over the 'Mines.

The new 'C' championship gave exceptional entertainment with Templederry and Upperchurch making a very entertaining pairing in the final which was played in the Stadium in early August. At the final whistle Templederry were champions and the joyful scenes which followed said it all.



Officers of Bórd na Óg and guests photographed at the Park Avenue House, Thurles, after the board's Annual Convention in February. Included are: **Seated** (l-r) – Archbishop Dermot Clifford, patron of the GAA; Frank Morris, Treasurer Bórd na nÓg; Connie Grace, Chairman Co. Bord na nÓg; Jimmy Conroy, Secretary, Co. Bord na nÓg. **Standing** – Noel Morris, Co. Senior Board Central Council Rep.; Paul O'Neill, Co. Senior Board Chairman; James Gleeson, Co. Bord na nÓg Rep. to Co. Senior Board; Tom Collum, Secretary, Games Development Committee; Michael Frawley, Chairman Co. Football Board; Liam Hogan, P.R.O., Co. Bord na nÓg.

### U-14 HURLING

The U-14 'A' final brought together old rivals Toomevara and Dúrlas Óg. Toomevara defeated Arravale Rovers in the semi-final and Dúrlas Óg overcame Killenaule. Two late goals enabled Dúrlas

to take the title despite early dominance by Toome.

The 'B' semi-finals saw Moneygall easily beat Cappawhite and Holycross/Ballycahill defeated Skeheenarinky in the semi-finals. However, in a rather

disappointing final the North champions took the title.

At 'C' level, Borrisokane and Upperchurch/Drombane reached the final after victories over Solohead and Kilsheelan respectively. In the final the Mid champions had six points to spare.

#### U-16 HURLING

The U-16 semi-finals saw Dúrlas Óg defeat Killenaule and Cashel beat Ballina after a replay. The final, played in the Stadium, provided first-class fare and at the end Dúrlas Óg completed the double by adding the title to their U-14 win.

At 'B' North champions Silvermines defeated Éire Óg Annacarty to set up a meeting with Mid winners J.K. Brackens who had overcome Kilsheelan. The final, played in mid-October, saw Silvermines take the title with six points to spare.

The 'C' semi-finals brought together Ballinahinch, who overcame Emly, and Clonakenny who ousted Ballylooby/Castlegrace. The final was played in the Stadium and amid great excitement Ballinahinch took the title.

#### U-12 FOOTBALL

The 'A' final between Aherlow and Carrick Swans was a very close affair with the West boys having a one-point victory. In the semi-finals Aherlow beat Ballina and Swans overcame Moycarkey/Borris.

At 'B' level Borrisoleigh defeated Golden/Kilfeacle and Kilsheelan ousted Moyne/Templetuohy in the semi-finals. The final proved to be a one-sided affair with the South champions easily winning the title.

The 'C' semi-finals brought together Silvermines, who overcame Éire Óg Annacarty, and Marlfield who defeated Drom/Inch. The final, which was played in mid-June, saw Silvermines take the championship northwards.

#### U-14 FOOTBALL

At U-14 A football South champions Clonmel Commercial defeated J.K. Brackens to set up a final meeting with North winners Newport who had overcome Solohead. In the final Newport



#### LAUNCH OF NENAGH CO-OP TOURNAMENT 1998 AT PARK AVENUE HOUSE, THURLES

Front (l-r) - Jimmy Coppinger (Co. Bord na nÓg), Josephine Needham (North Bord na nÓg Secretary), Ollie Kelly (Co. Bord na nÓg), Connie Grace (Chairman, Co. Bord na nÓg). Back (l-r) - Jimmy Conroy (Secretary, Co. Bord na nÓg), Denis Ryan (West Board Chairman), J.C. Ryan (Mid Bord na nÓg Chairman), Pat O'Connor (Nenagh Co-op), Paul O'Neill (Co. Board Chairman).

come Solohead. In the final Newport had an unexpected easy win.

The 'B' final brought together Ballina and Clonmel Óg after having overcome Emly and Gortnahoe/Glengoole respectively in the semi-finals. After a close contest Ballina captured the honours.

The 'C' semi-finals provided exciting fare as Rockwell Rovers ousted Kilruane McDonaghs and Ballylooby/Castlegrace overcame Drom/Inch. In the final the West boys held out for a four-point victory.

#### U-16 FOOTBALL

The 'A' final saw Ballina add the title to their U-14 'B' crown. They defeated Killenaule in a close contest. Both sides had victories over Cashel and Moyne/Templetuohy in their respective semi-finals.

At 'B' level Moyle Rovers overcame Moyne/Templetuohy in one semi-final while Éire Óg Annacarty defeated Newport after a replay in the other. In a disappointing final Moyle Rovers had a facile victory over the West champions.

In the 'C' championship Rockwell Rovers had a two-point win over North winners Portroe to set up a meeting with Holycross/Ballycahill. The final, played in Cashel in late July, saw Rockwell Rovers win with six points to spare.

#### TOURNAMENTS

**Peadar Cummins** - Mid Tipp captured the Peadar Cummins Tournament by overcoming the North in an entertaining final.

In the Garda Cup the Mid completed the hurling double with a three-point victory over the North.

The "Friends of Tipperary" U-16 football again saw the Mid complete a great year for the Division as they easily overcame the West in the final.

**Inter-county** - Price of place at inter-county level again goes to the U-14 footballers and U-16 hurlers. The footballers were narrowly defeated in the Munster final but later in the year captured the Jim Power Tournament in Waterford.

The U-16 hurlers captured the Nenagh Co-op Tournament Shield by easily overcoming Kilkenny in the final. However, the U-14 hurlers had what was probably the county's worst results to date in the Tony Forrestal Tournament as they failed to win any game and accordingly were eliminated at an early stage.

The U-15 hurlers suffered a similar fate in the Carrigahoun Tournament as they lost all three, although it must be said that they were unlucky in two of their games.



The Tipperary panel which lost to Cork, beat Limerick and then beat Kilkenny to win the Nenagh Co-op Under-16 Inter-county Hurling Shield Final at Cloughjordan. Back row (l-r) - Michael Phelan, Kieran Farrell, Dara Duggan, John Murphy, Eamon Cahill, Trevor Connolly, Aidan Dundon (captain), Sean McKeogh, Kevin Ivers, Brian Darcy, John Guilfoyle, John Devane, Philip O'Doherty, Jim Ryan, Donal Doughan, Noel O'Grady, David Bourke, Johnny Walshe. Front row - Matthew Ryan, John Lillis, Tony Ruth, John O'Brien, Owen Kelly, John Sweeney, Pat Cosgrave, Eamon Buckley, Vincent Doherty, Tony Doyle, John Cahill, Niall McGrath, Alan Horgan, Owen Shortt, Patrick Kerwick, Diarmuid Fitzgerald, David Kennedy.

# Tipperary County Under-14 Football

By CHRISTY AYLWARD

**T**IPPERARY county Under-14 footballers qualified for their second Munster final. However, for the second year in a row they suffered defeat, this time at the hands of Limerick.

In the first round in Fermoy, Tipperary overcame Cork City. The semi-final saw Tipperary defeat Cork County also in Fermoy.

The final was played in Bruff, County Limerick. After a very good game of football Limerick came out on top. Tipperary were leading up until the 54th minute when Limerick were awarded a

penalty which put them in front for the first time in the game.

At the final whistle Tipperary were down three points and disappointment was their lot for the second year in a row.

The following teams entered the competition: Clare, Cork City, Cork County, Limerick, Kerry North, Kerry South, Waterford and Tipperary.

In preparation for the Jim Power Memorial Tournament in Waterford, Tipperary played Wicklow in a challenge. Wicklow won.

The Jim Power Memorial Tournament took place on Saturday, 3rd October, in

Kilmacthomas. In the semi-final holders Laois beat Waterford 2-12 to 0-12. While Tipperary gained sweet revenge over Limerick, winning 3-6 to 1-7.

In the Shield final Limerick overcame Waterford 2-13 to 1-1.

The final between Laois and Tipperary produced a fine game of football between two very good sides. After a very close encounter Tipperary came out on top by 1-11 to 0-12

After the game Mrs. Teresa Power presented the Jim Power Memorial Trophy to the Tipperary captain, Conor O'Mahony (Newport).



The Tipperary County Under-14 football team which won the Jim Power Memorial Inter-county Tournament in Waterford recently. Tipperary beat Limerick 3-6 to 1-7 in the semi-final, while Laois beat Waterford in the other semi-final. In the final Tipperary beat Laois 1-11 to 0-12. Limerick beat Waterford in the Shield Final 1-13 to 1-1. **Front row** – Kevin Fogarty (Moynemtempuohy), Pat Halley (Rockwell Rovers), Eoghan Aylward (Clonmel Óg), Shane Ryan (Newport), Pat Short (Upperchurch-Drombane), Brian O'Toole (J.K. Brackens), Noel Gleeson (Burgess), Conor O'Mahony (Newport, captain), Thomas Collins (Ballina), John Harney (Clonmel Commercials), Kevin Ryan (Ballina), Anthony Walsh (Kilsheelan), Donal Condon (Emly). **Back row** – Thomas Carey (Upperchurch-Drombane) (selector), John Halley (Rockwell Rovers) (selector), Thomas O'Mahoney (Clonmel Commercials), Paul Cagney (Clonmel Óg), Paul Shanahan (Moyle Rovers), Anthony Bowles (Galtee Rovers), Hugh Coughlan (Moynemtempuohy), David Carey (Upperchurch/Drombane), Paul Brennan (Loughmore/Castleiney), Derek Burke (Loughmore/Castleiney), Roger O'Connor (Arravale Rovers), Robbie Cremins (Burgess), Christy Aylward (Clonmel Óg), (selector), Pat Cremins (Burgess) (selector).



## NEW TROPHIES FOR CO. BÓRD NA nÓG

Photograph shows J.C. Ryan (centre) making a presentation of trophies to Co. Bórd na nÓg on behalf of the family of the late 'Jacksie' Ryan. The trophies will be presented to the winners of the county under-12 'C' hurling, county under-14 'C' hurling and county under-16 'C' hurling competitions. Accepting the trophies on behalf of Co. Bórd na nÓg are Connie Grace, chairman (left) and Jimmy Conroy (secretary).

# Innovations in '98

By Maria Morrissey



Ballagh NS team members, winners of the county final of the GAA Table Quiz for National Schools after the final at the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Front Row L to R: Thomas Lyng, Liam Devane, Mary Lyng and Thomas Heffernan (Ballagh NS team members). Back Row L to R: Maria Morrissey (GAA Co. Senior Board Youth Officer), Michael Flanagan (chairman Thurles Co-op Creamery Ltd. - sponsors of the quiz), Tommy Barrett (Secretary GAA Co. Senior Board) Joe O'Halloran (Sales Rep. Thurles Co-op Creamery Ltd.), Pat O'Carroll (teacher Ballagh NS).

The approaching Christmas is signalled with a phone-call from either Liam Ó Donnchú or Seamus King. I am delighted to have this opportunity to share with you another year of Youth Committee affairs.

This year we deferred the U-11 Ground Hurling Tournament until September, in response to clubs who felt this month would be more favourable. Fulfilling fixtures for some clubs and problems with venues remains a difficulty, which is unfortunate, though less of a one this year. The full advanced fixture lists worked well to alleviate some of these problems, and also to enforce the idea of this being a non-competitive tournament, participation and enjoyment being paramount. All those who took part received a medal. The tournament ran over three Saturdays with four to five teams at each venue, there were up to fourteen venues. This event goes from strength to strength and hopefully this will continue. The fundamental skills it teaches are invaluable and should bear fruit in future competitions at underage and beyond.

"Cúinne na nÓg" the quiz page for programmes is still enthusiastically received by both young and not so young! We are delighted to see so many responses to this page.

Thurles Co-op joined us during the year as the sponsors of the County Final of the Primary Schools Table Quiz. We gratefully accepted, for the winning

school, a beautiful perpetual bronze trophy of the Children of Lir from them. We have four qualifying rounds to this competition, one in each division, five teams qualified from each, with very high answering rates. Ballagh N. S. were the 1997 winners, first to take home this new prize. That county final was held in early January of this year. Presently the 1998 Divisional Finals are underway with the County Final on the 11th of December. All questions are on the G.A.A. and of the current year. The wealth of knowledge is amazing, with a close final expected-if last time is anything to go by.

A new project was undertaken during the year by the Youth Committee and many interested parties. The result was "Rebound". This was launched in late April by Brendan Cummins. Primarily we aimed this magazine at primary school children but some secondary schools also availed of it. "Rebound" tried to include something for all our young people covering all the G.A.A. codes

plus interviews, competitions, articles and more. This magazine sold for £1 with half the revenue from sales remaining with the school. So far this is our only issue, more are planned but costs are high. A sponsor is being sought presently and hopefully this might aid in the expense of producing this sixteen page colour magazine. Overall the project was very well received, a few teachers expressed disappointment at the lukewarm interest from some young people. I wonder has the written word being left behind to be replaced by CD-ROM's and Internet Access!

Not willing to be left behind in the face of new technology, a departure for the County Board is that we are now available on the Internet. Seamus King, Tipp Web Ltd. and I set about making this possible during the year. We now have a very graphic and informative web page on the County Tipperary web site, run by Tipp Web Ltd. All this is available world wide for the price of a local phone call. So the next time you surf the net look us up, and may be even send us an e-mail. Here is our location and address: <http://www.iol/tipp/tippgaa.htm>. E-mail: [tippgaa@tinet.ie](mailto:tippgaa@tinet.ie).

In conjunction with the Friends of Tipperary Football we ran a competition prior to this years Munster Senior Football Final. All the clubs in the county were asked to show their support for the players and those involved by displaying our colours over the weekend. The response was very good and four prizes were awarded. The winners were:

**Best Shop** Tesco Thurles and Michael O'Brien of Shorts in Templemore  
**Best Village** Ardfinnan  
**Best Town** Clonmel

This is briefly some of the things we were involved in and we look forward to another year of activities.



Peter Lambert and Brendan Cummins with a group of youthful admirers.

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# The Battle of Tubberadora and Tipp's 4th All-Ireland

Séamus Leahy

The story of the Battle of Tubberadora began for me with a phone call from my friend Liam O'Duibhir to tell me that the historian Ruan O'Donnell had been asking how much was known locally about the event. Nothing, I told him, suspecting that it was a joke involving a match at Kitty's Cross in the long ago. Maybe there had been an altercation after a clash between Paddy Sheehy's team and Tommy Maher's. Or maybe over a game of skittles, with John Walsh laying into long-legged John Doyle. But there had been a battle in March 1798, my caller insisted – there was reference to it in contemporary documents.

Thus began the pursuit of the story of a major event in a local history in which a formidable body of local men had clashed with militia. It was an event in which a number of men had been killed and following which men had been hanged. And one of the mysterious aspects of the whole story was how all reference to it had been totally obliterated from the folk-memory.

Totally? Well, not quite. Which is the reason why an article on the Battle of Tubberadora should appear in the Tipperary GAA Yearbook.

It was Philip Ryan's reference in the

early book, *The Tubberadora-Boherlahan Hurling Story*, to the return of Tubberadora to the hurling scene in 1898 which set off speculation as to whether the memory of 1798 had been as dead as had hitherto been thought. There was a clear recollection in the locality that enthusiasm for hurling had declined in Tubberadora following the All-Ireland victories of 1895 and 1896. Times were hard and, despite the glories of victory, the expense of fulfilling the fixtures at faraway venues was not a factor to be ignored by everybody. But then, according to the story I heard as a boy, Tom Leahy of the Mill called a meeting and urged the men of the locality "in honour of the centenary of the 1798 Rising" to take the field for one last campaign. They did so and in the process brought to their parish its third and to their county its fourth hurling All-Ireland.

Was it consciousness of a lingering memory of the far-off events of a century before in the locality which moved Tom Leahy to urge participation in the hurling campaign of 1898? For the entire length of the 19th century until

the sudden upsurge of interest as the centenary approached, reference to the 1798 rising had been rare in Wexford. Following on the awful penalty the county had paid at the hands of the 'security forces' of the day and the propaganda of the O'Connell years, Wexford people had opted to forget. But the centenary events changed all that and the people came to accept that the county's participation in the events of 1798 was something to be proud of.

Was it a similar kind of amnesia that had taken hold of the folk-memory regarding the Battle of Tubberadora? And was the response of the hurlers of Tubberadora to the appeal of Tom Leahy based on something much more deep-rooted than a desire to be associated with a country-wide celebration? Which or whether, it was a response worthy of heroes.

The achievements of the hurlers of Tubberadora are indeed cast in gold in the story of the greatest field game in the world. They were never captured on film, so that they can never be compared unfavourably with their modern counterparts. They live in legend, which often tends to be more enduring than mere documentary evidence. They made an indelible impression on the



Tubberadora selection which played Lahorna de Wets in aid of the building of the Confraternity Hall in Thurles 1904. Most of the original All-Ireland winning team were now retired but some turned out for the occasion, assisted by players from neighbouring clubs.

Front: Tom Ryan, Ned Maher, "Big Bill" Gleeson, Tim Condon, Watty Dunne, Joe O'Keefe, Dick O'Keefe.

Middle: Phil Byrnes, Johnny Walsh, Paddy Hayes, Tom Semple.

Back: Tom Leahy (President), Mick Wall, Jim O'Keefe, Jack Maher, Mickey Maher, "Little Bill" Gleeson, Jack Gleeson, Mick Conlon (Sec.).

imagination of the generation that saw them in their prime and anyone who heard one of that same generation who saw them cannot forget the enthusiasm with which they described the awesome power of Mikey Maher's men. I remember the arrival in my home in Nenagh on the evening of the Holy-cross-Lorrha final of 1948 of Mike Condon, an old resident of Sarsfield Street who had followed hurling since near the foundation of the G.A.A. He had a photograph of a Tubberadora team taken years after they had passed their prime and he wanted to show it to his old friend Johnny Leahy.

I can still see how the old man's eyes glowed as he went through the players one by one and how he looked as he said, "Johnny, their likes will never be seen again". And what could any Boherlahan man worth his salt do but agree with him.

But it wasn't just ordinary followers of the game who revered the name of Tubberadora. It held an endless fascination

for the early sportswriters. I have before me a copy of a piece which appeared in the programme of a Gaelic League carnival of 1911. The subject is Maurice Scanlan whose brother Phil was one of the Tubberadora squad of 1896 against which Maurice himself refused to line out with Dublin.

"The most brilliant scoring man I ever knew was Maurice Scanlan of Tipperary and Dublin ... Scanlan had the neatest, cleanest, and most deadly crack on a ball, from either left or right, that I have ever known.

"A marvellous dribbler – once in possession there was only one way to save the citadel he attacked, and that was to throw him down. Even when he was down he was not done with. I saw him once in Jones's Road, Dublin, playing against Cork and Maurice struck the crossbar three times in that hour with deadly drop pucks. Nearing time, in a desperate tussle with a Redmond player, Scanlan fell prone. The Corkman swung long and powerfully to clear, but

Maurice, still down, stuck his hurley out at arm's length, and as the Corkman's wing arrived there was another caman at the side of the leather – dead ball. Up like a cat, Scanlan waltzed around his man, got clear, lifted, swung, and dropped the ball above the bar, just as if nothing unusual had happened".

Could any amount of video footage surpass that in its appeal to the imagination? It's true for W.B. Yeats – "Stories that live longest are told above the glass". As long as stories of hurling are told, so long will the men of Tubberadora live on in the imagination of those who regard the ancient game with the affection that it truly deserves.

And now that the dust of history has settled, the achievement of the hurlers of Tubberadora in 1898 will be inextricably linked with the story of the men of their locality who shouldered pikes for freedom exactly a hundred years before.

## Nollaig Shona dár léitheoirí go léir



*Twenty-five and still going strong - Still making a huge contribution to Loughmore - Castleiney's ongoing record of Mid senior football titles is Tom McGrath who won his 25th medal following the club's victory over J. K. Brackens in this year's delayed final at The Ragg. Tom, who contributed a vital goal during the game, is photographed here with his children Liam, Siobhan and Paul, with the cup after the game.*

# Mid Tipperary Bórd na nÓg REVIEW 1998

**A**fter something like 250 games and eighteen championships 1998 can be seen as having been a very active and successful year.

Honours were shared amongst ten clubs. J.K. Brackens won three titles, Moyne-Templetohy. Dúrlas Óg, Holycross-Ballycahill, Upperchurch-Drombane, Moycarkey-Borris and Drom-Inch taking two titles each while Clonakenny, Gortnahoe-Glengoole and Loughmore-Castleiney won one each.

At County level J.K. Brackens took the Under-12 'A' hurling title with Loughmore/C taking the Under-12 'B' hurling title. Pride of place this year goes to Dúrlas Óg who scored a notable double when they won the Under-14 'A' and 16 'A' hurling titles. Upperchurch/Drombane won the County U-14 'C' hurling title. This year was an outstanding one for the division at tournament level. The Under-14 hurlers won the annual Peadar Cummins Tournament, beating South Tipperary in the semi-final and accounting for the north in the final. Our Under-16 hurlers played in the Munster championship. In the first game they easily defeated Avondau of Cork. Second round victory over Cork City was followed by a semi-final win over the East Cork division Immokilly. Our opponents in the final were Mid Clare. Victory went to the Clare boys but only after a great second-half performance from the Mid boys. In the Garda Cup the Mid had a narrow and hard-earned win over the South in the semi-final. The final against North Tipp saw the Mid boys dominate most of the game but a late rally by the North almost snatched victory. However, the Mid survived to deservedly take the title. The Under-16 footballers also beat the South in the semi-final in a game which saw both sides playing outstanding football and scoring some great scores. West Tipp. provided the opposition in the final. In a hard fought game played in heavy underfoot conditions Mid Tipp came out on top to take the honours. The Board would like to congratulate the teams on an excellent year and also to thank the coaches and selectors for all their work.

The very successful Under-11 ground hurling continued this year with all clubs from the division taking part. The special Under-13 football has reached the final stages with Bohermahon/Dual-la, Gortnahoe/Glengoole and J.K. Brackens still in contention.

The Board would like to thank all who helped in running the champi-



*The Mid Tipperary panel and selectors that won the Under-16 Inter-divisional Hurling Garda Cup by defeating North Tipperary at The Ragg. Back Row (l. to r.): Jim Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney, selector) with mascot Aaron Sweeney, Kevin Ivers (J.K. Brackens), Daragh Duggan (Holycross-Ballycahill), Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny), John Kennedy (Drom-Inch), Aidan Dundon (Dúrlas Óg), Michael Costello (Drom-Inch), John Sweeney (Moyne-Templetohy), John Cahill (Drom-Inch), Eamonn Ryan (Moycarkey-Borris), Eoin Costello (Dúrlas Óg), Martin Treacy (Holycross-Ballycahill, manager). Front Row: Martin Gleeson (Loughmore-Castleiney), David O'Dwyer (Dúrlas Óg), Martin Joe Murray (Clonakenny), Jim Ryan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Jonathan Guilfoyle (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Eamonn Buckley (Drom-Inch, captain), John Lillis (Dúrlas Óg), Owen Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Joseph Hogan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Andrew Lawlor (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Barry O'Dwyer (Dúrlas Óg).*



*The Mid Tipperary panel and selectors that completed the Under-16 Inter-divisional double for the division by winning the football Garda Cup by defeating West Tipperary in the final at New Inn. The hurlers had already won the hurling title, beating North Tipperary in the final at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Jim Moynihan (J.K. Brackens, selector), Ray Everard (Moyne-Templetohy), Barry Egan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), John Lillis (Dúrlas Óg), Gearoid Byrne (Clonakenny), Andrew Lawlor (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Jonathan Guilfoyle (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Declan Kelly (Moyne-Templetohy), Daragh Duggan (Holycross-Ballycahill), P.J. Campion (Gortnahoe-Glengoole), Aidan Dundon (Dúrlas Óg), Eoghan Doherty (J.K. Brackens), Damien Bergin (Moyne-Templetohy), Geroge Webster (Gortnahoe-Glengoole, selector). Front Row: Paddy Sweeney (Moyne-Templetohy, selector), Niall Hackett (Loughmore-Castleiney), Owen Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Kevin Ivers (J.K. Brackens), David McLoughlin (J.K. Brackens), John Dunne (J.K. Brackens), John Sweeney (Moyne-Templetohy, captain), Martin Costigan (Moyne-Templetohy), Martin Gleeson (Loughmore-Castleiney), Billy Prout (J.K. Brackens).*

onships. A special thanks to the clubs officers, mentors and representatives on the Board for all their work throughout the year. The Board would also like to thank all the field committees and their groundsmen. The media play a big part in the promotion of our games and in that context we would like to thank local radio and the Tipperary Star and especially photographer Brendan O'Connor. Our sponsors are greatly appreciated and support for them would be greatly valued. Finally a sincere thank you to all our referees and their officials without whom we could not survive.

A happy Christmas and New Year to all at home and abroad.



The Mid Tipperary panel that won the Peadar Cummins Tournament (Under-14 Inter-divisional hurling) by overcoming their North Tipperary counterparts in the final at Borrisoleigh. Back row (l. to r.) – John Leahy, Edward Kelly, Sean Stakelum, William Collins, Hugh Coughlan, Brian O'Toole, James Hayes, Derek Bourke, Paul Brennan, Eoin Houlihan, Paul Hanrahan, Joe Ryan, Shane McKenna, Paul Collins. Front Row – T.J. Sheppard, Trevor Hassett, Pat Shortt, Evan Sweeney, Brendan Healy, Kevin Fogarty, Patrick McCormack, Patrick Kennedy, Wayne Culley, Michael Heffernan, Gerard Ryan, P.J. Ryan.



Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg officers and guests photographed at the Bord's Annual Convention in the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included in photograph are (seated, l. to r.) – Jimmy Conroy, secretary Co. Bord na nÓg; Mary Butler, Mid Bord na nÓg Rep. to Co. Bord na nÓg; J.C. Ryan, incoming Chairman; Martin Treacy, Secretary Mid Bord na nÓg; Fr. J. O'Rourke, President Mid Bord na nÓg; Matty Connolly, Secretary Mid Senior Board. Standing – Connie Gracie, Chairman Co. Bord na nÓg; Bill Corcoran, outgoing Chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Jimmy Coppinger, Mid Bord na nÓg Rep. to Co. Bord na nÓg; Harry Ryan, Chairman Mid Senior Board; Joe Moran, Vice Chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Eamonn Sweeney, PRO Mid Bord na nÓg; Andy O'Gorman, Youth Officer Mid Senior Board; Frank O'Regan, Treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg.



Committee members, guest and competition sponsors photographed at a Mid Bord na nÓg Medal Presentation Function at the Park Avenue House, Thurles. Included are (seated, l. to r.) – Eamonn Healy, Centenary Co-op; John Mullen, Thurles Credit Union; Seán Spain, Rep. Spain family, Thurles; T.J. Ryan, Roskeen Construction Ltd.; Nigel Foxton, A.I.B. Thurles; Enda Walsh, Thurles Credit Union; Gerry Spain, Rep. Spain family, Thurles; Derek O'Connell, Park Avenue House. Standing – Jimmy Coppinger, Feile na nGael sponsor; Frank O'Regan, Treasurer Mid Bord na nÓg; Tom Collum, Secretary Games Development Committee; Andy O'Gorman, Mid Youth Officer; Matty Connolly, Secretary Mid Senior Board; Noel Sheehy, guest; Bill Corcoran, Chairman Mid Bord na nÓg; Fr. J. O'Rourke, President Mid Bord na nÓg; Martin Treacy, Secretary Mid Bord na nÓg.

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## Mid Bord na nÓg Final Results '98

FOOTBALL	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 (A)	Moycarkey/B 0-7	Loughmore/C 1-2	Holycross	Ml. Greene
U-12 (B)	Moyne/T 1-7	Boherlahan/D 2-1	Holycross	Rd. Lowry
U-12 (C)	Drom/I 2-4	Upperchurch/D 1-3	Holycross	J. Sweeney
U-14 (A)	J.K. Brackens 2-4	Moyne/T 2-2	Castleiney	Rd. Lowry
U-14 (B)	Gortnahoe/G 3-6	Holycross/B 4-2	Pairc na nÓg	P. Cullen
U-14 (C)	Drom/I 2-5	Clonakenny 2-4	Castleiney	P.J. Hewitt
U-16 (A)	Moyne/T 2-8	J.K. Brackens 0-9	Castleiney	J. Sweeney
U-16 (B)	Moycarkey/B 3-9	Loughmore/C 1-8	Holycross	P.J. Leahy
U-16 (C)	Holycross/B 4-7	Upperchurch/D 2-4	Holycross	P. Ryan
Peil na nÓg	Moyne/T 1-4	Loughmore/C 0-6	Pairc na nÓg	P.J. Hewitt

HURLING	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 (A)	J.K. Brackens 4-2	Moycarkey/B 3-3	Holycross	Rd. Lowry
U-12 (B)	Loughmore/C 1-5	Holycross 0-4	Drombane	W. O'Grady
U-12 (C)	Upperchurch/D 2-4	Clonakenny 2-3	Holycross	P.J. Hewitt
U-14 (A)	Dúrlas Óg 1-5	Loughmore/C 0-6	Holycross	W. Clohessey
U-14 (B)	Holycross/B 3-7	Moycarkey/B 2-3	Ragg	D. Curtis
U-14 (C)	Upperchurch/D 2-4	Gortnahoe/G 1-6	Pairc na nÓg	D. Young
U-16 (A)	Dúrlas Óg 4-17	Gortnahoe/G 2-7	Littleton	J.P. Stakelum
U-16 (B)	J.K. Brackens 4-10	Moycarkey/S 1-3	Ragg	D. Curtis
U-16 (C)	Clonakenny 2-6	Boherlahan/D 3-2	Ragg	J. Sweeney

Peadar Cummins U-14 Hurling	Mid Tipp.	0-13	North Tipp.	0-6
Garda Cup U-16 Hurling	Mid Tipp.	2-12	North Tipp.	1-12
Divisional U-16 Football	Mid Tipp.	4-04	West Tipp.	0-5

Skills Winner - Edward Kelly, Moyne/Templemouhy  
 Poc Fada Winner - Joseph Ryan, Boherlahan/Dualla

## Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg Sponsors '98

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**J.K. Brackens Mid U-14 'A' Football  
Champions 1998**

Back Row: Padraic Maher, Andy Maher (Sel), David Doran, Lorcan Egan, Pierce Maher (Sel), Brian O'Toole, Paul Bourke, M.L. Lynagh, M.L. Keely (Sel), Paul Guider, Neville Morgan, Eoin O'Shea, Brian Giles, Jim O'Dwyer, Edward Laffan. Front Row: Stephen Revins, Padraic Greed, Eoin Ryan, Shane Scully Peter Maher, Chris Fogarty, Aidan Fennelly, Ian Delaney, Thomas Kennedy, Wm. Buckley, Joe Fitzpatrick, Conor Costigan.



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**J.K. Brackens Mid & County U-12 'A'  
Hurling Champions 1998**

Back Row (l. to r.) – Michael Doyle, Michael Kennedy, Gerry Morrissey, Pauric Greed, Pauric Murphy, Willie McLoughney, Robert Bourke, Shane Russell, Elaine Burke, Claire Grogan. Front Row – Brendan Leahy, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Jim Leahy, Frank McGrath, Darren Russell, Ian Delaney (Capt.), Shane Scully, Eanna Jones, Pauric Meagher, Gavin Bohan, Pdraig Bourke, Sean McCormack. Missing – James Cody, Denis Deegan, John Madden.



The Moyne-Templeuohy Under-14 football panel that won the Mid Peil na nÓg title by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney at Pairc na nÓg (Thurles). Back row (l. to r.) – Ronan Ely, Martin Cantwell, Edward Kelly, Gary Killeen, Edward Everard, Hugh Coughlan, Denis Maher, Kevin Fogarty, Jim O'Donnell, James Egan, Gerard McGuinness. Front – Michael Bourke (Capt.), John Paul Costigan, Niall Russell, Denis Meade, Richard Ryan, Niall Walsh, Kevin Quinlan, Kieran Walsh, Michael Maher, Thomas Hassett.

# Mid Tipperary Bórd na nÓg REVIEW 1998



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Loughmore-Castleiney Mid & County Under-12 'B' Hurling Champions 1998  
Back Row (l. to r.) – Michael McGrath, Michael Webster, John Hackett, Colm Campion (Capt.), Michael Ryan, Jack Healy, Eamonn Sweeney. Middle Row – Shane Purcell, John Scully, Gerard Connolly, Tommy Connolly, Michael Corry, Declan Keane, Raymond Webster, Noel McGrath, Mark Kiely, David Fog, Kieran McGrath. Front Row – Martin Ryan, Eoin Ryan, Andrew Sweeney, Martin Burke, Aidan McGrath, Cian Hennessy, Kieran Hackett, Thomás McGrath, Paidí Stapleton, Diarmuid Brennan, Shane Nolan, Shane Hennessy, John Campion.



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Captain of Tipperary's last All-Ireland minor hurling team, William Maher (second from left at back) photographed at the Loughmore-Castleiney G.A.A. Summer Camp at Castleiney.



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The J.K. Brackens panel that won the Mid Under-16 'B' hurling title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at The Ragg. Back Row (l. to r.) – James Farrelly, Mark Taylor, Pdraig Keely, Peter Bourke (Capt.), Brendan Corcoran, Tomy Deegan, Pdraig Maher, James Moore, John Bourke, Ian Doyle, Eoghan Doherty, Pat Egan, Brian Phelan, Billy Prout. Front Row – Ian Delaney, David McLoughlin, Paddy Delahunty, Andrew Maher, David Owens, Colm Doyle, Kevin Ivers, Daniel Maher, John Dunne, Paul Bourke, Peter Maher.

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The Clonakeny panel that played Balinahinch in the County Under-16 'C' hurling final in Semple Stadium. Back Row (l. to r.) – Gerard Smith, Andrew Crampton, Damien Abbott, Walter Byrne, Damien Coonan, Gearoid Byrne (Capt.), Pat Carey, Eoin Houlihan, Martin Joe Murray, Joe Shelley. Front Row – Peadar Byrne, William Moloughney, Niall Matthews, Michael Murray, Michael Costigan, David Crampton, Mark Ryan, Caitriona Ryan, Caroline Greed, Liam Costigan, James Mullally.



# Mid Tipperary Bórd na nÓg REVIEW 1998



The Holycross-Ballycahill Under-14 hurling panel that won the Mid Tipperary Under-14 'B' hurling title by defeating Moycarkey-Borris at The Ragg. Back Row (l. to r.) – Patrick Stakelum, William Dillon, Sean Stakelum, Colm McGrath, Jamie Lowry, P.J. Ryan, Eamonn Lowry, Thomas Fogarty, Donncha Duggan, Kevin O'Dwyer, John Carroll (Capt.), Liam O'Dwyer, Shane Lanigan, Frank Tuohy. Front Row – Padraig Leahy, John King, Shane Finnan, Thomas Stakelum, Mark Fennessy, Patrick Byrne, Kieran Barrett, Gerry Ryan, Tadgh Flanagan, John Fanning, Patrick Ryan.



The Upperchurch-Drombane panel that won the Bowe Travel (Thurles) Mid Under-14 'C' title by defeating Gortnahoe-Glengoole in Pairc na nOg (Thurles). Back Row (l. to r.) – John Fogarty, Philip Bourke, Eoin Carew, Colm Kennedy, Michael Ryan, Edmund Ryan, Oliver Ralph, Shane Armstrong, David Carey. Front Row – Patrick Moynihan, Donncha Ryan, Noel Ryan, Andy Kinane, Pat Shortt (Capt.), John Ryan, Padraig Stapleton.



The Upperchurch-Drombane Under-12 panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary Under-12 'C' title and qualified for the county final against Templederry at Semple Stadium. Back Row (l. to r.) – Catherine Shortt, Michael Greene, Bertie Keane, Tom Carey, Rody Lowry, Patsy Ralph, Billy Hayes, Seamus Barry (all selectors). Middle Row – Michelle Shortt, Noelle Greene, James Greene, Gearoid Crowe, John Ryan (Capt.), Michael Ryan, Robert Grant, L.J. Ryan, Michael Harty, Patrick Lowry, Padraig Moynihan, Colm Stapleton, Keith Ryan, Padraig Ryan, Martin Burke, Padraig Stapleton, Matt Ryan. Front Row – Leonard Purcell, Colm Ryan, Sean Harty, Liam Clancy, Matthew Greene, Padraig Greene, James Barry, Liam Gleeson, William Clancy, Diarmuid Grant, Paul Ryan, Peter Hayes, Michael Ryan.

# Mid Tipperary Bórd na nÓg REVIEW 1998



The Moyne-Templetoohy Under-16 football panel (Mid Champions) that played Killenaule in the County 'A' semi-final at New Inn. Back Row (l. - r.) – Ricky Fogarty, Mark Russell, Declan Kelly, Patrick Leahy, Damien Bergin, Alan Leahy, Gerry Maher, Maurice O'Sullivan, Raymond Everard, John Hassett, John Butler. Front Row – Martin Costigan, Edward Kelly, Denis Maher, Richard Ryan, Declan Leahy, Hugh Coughlan, Mark Kelly, Kevin Fogarty, John Sweeney (Capt.).

The Moycarkey-Borris panel (Mid Champions) that played South Champions Moyle Rovers in the County Under-16 'B' football semi-final at New Inn. Back Row (l. - r.) – Padraig Crawford, Paul Dempsey, Matthew Shortall, James Cleary, Patrick Carroll, John Flanagan, Conor Butler, John Paul Leahy, Eamonn Ryan, Trevor Dempsey, John Minchin, Brian Clohessy, Michael Bracken. Front Row – Christopher Cashin, Brendan McCullagh, Colm Ryan, Martin Darmody, Keith Ely, Roger Quinlan (Capt.), Richard Fanning, Damien Grace, James Scott, Liam Flanagan, Sean Quinlan.



Holycross-Ballycahill Under-16 football panel – Mid Champions and County finalists. Back Row (l. - r.) – Eddie Shaw, Sean Stakelum, Liam McGrath, Darragh Duggan, Martin Flanagan, James Barrett, P.J. Ryan, John Lacey, Conor Doyle, Keith Durack, Kieran O'Gorman, Shane Burke, Conor Ryan. Front Row – Colm McGrath, Tomas Maher, David Judge, Conor Hayes, Gerry Ryan, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Sheehan, Lloyd Feehan, James Lowry.

The Gortnahoe-Glengoole panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary Under-14 'B' football title. Back Row (l. - r.) – Michael O'Brien (selector), Matthew Maher, Niall Teehan, Michael O'Brien, Michael Heffernan, Stephen McCormack, Mark McMonagle, David Broderick, Paul Hanrahan (Capt.), Thomas Cormack, Kevin Kenny, Keith Houlihan, Brian Stokes, Conor Teehan, Sean Campion, William Coleman, Edward Stokes, John Coleman (selector). Front Row – Sean Hickey (selector), John Broderick, Joseph Purcell, Shane Kenny, Shane McGarry, Dermot Ryan, Patrick Skehan, Stephen Burke, John Coleman, James Treacy, Shane McCarthy, Conor Horan, Patrick Phelan, Robert Rafter.



# Mid Tipperary Bórd na nÓg REVIEW 1998



The Drom-Inch panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary Under-14 'C' football title by defeating Clonakenny at Castleiney. Back Row (l.-r.) – John Hassett, Paddy Boyle (selectors), Joe Egan, Tomas Ryan, Paul Collins, Jerome Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Daniel Long, Michael Sheridan, Matthew Maher, Trevor Hassett, Tommy Butler and Marie Collins (selectors). Front Row – Tomas Everard, Darren Kennedy, Kieran Young, Keith Nolan, David Ryan, Brian Kennedy (Capt.), Declan Ryan, John Callanan, Greg Broderick, Michael Butler, Ciaran Hassett, Denis Maher, Kevin Butler.



The Moycarkey-Borris panel and selectors taht won the Templemore Jewellers Mid Under-12 'A' football final by defeating Loughmore-Castleiney at Holycross. Back Row (l.-r.) – Edward Walsh (selector), Edward Power, Paul Singleton, Joseph Dixon, Brian Hogan, Daniel Kirby, Brian Mullins, Gerard Carey, Rory Coote, Brian Moran, Kieran Shortall (Capt.), George Ryall, Joe Moran (selector at back), Christopher Bracken, Pat Coote (selector). Front Row – Shane Barry, Liam Ryan, Martin Graham, Ciarán Clohessy, David Maher, Eoin Cantwell, Mark Healy, Gerard Maguire, Phil Kelly, Peter O'Brien, Anthony Healy, Thomas Quinn, David Kinane.



The Moyne-Templetuohy panel that won the Park Avenue House Mid Under-12 'B' football title by defeating Boherlahan-Dualla at Holycross. Back Row (l.-r.) – James Forrestal, James Egan, Liam Quinn, Eoin Butler, Niall Russell, Brian Kelly, Richard Liston, Kevin Davy, Kieran Flynn, David Costigan, Michael Buckley, Fergus Phelan. Front Row – James Meade, John Coughlan, Lorraine Kelly, Paul Carroll, Conor Quinlan, Michael Maher (Capt.), Denis Kelly, Tomás Hassett, P.J. O'Brien, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Gerard O'Doherty.



The Drom-Inch panel and selectors that won the Mid Tipperary Under-12 'C' football title by defeating Upperchurch-Drombane at Holycross. Back Row (l. - r.) – Martin Flynn, John Hassett, Tommy Butler, Bernie Woodlock, Sally Young (all selectors). Middle Row – Kieran Hassett (Capt.), Matthew McGrath, Eric Woodlock, Matthew Ryan, Edward Costello, Gary Ryan, James Woodlock, Mark Collins, Donncha Kennedy, Kieran Young, Johnny Ryan. Front Row – James Ryan, Matthew Buckley, Michael Butler, Mark Cahill, Seamus Callanan, Cathal Flynn, Enda Walsh, Gerard O'Brien, David Butler.



## '98 – Special Year for Dúrlas Óg

**N**ineteen ninety eight proved to be a very successful year for the Dúrlas Óg club and one that they will look back on with great satisfaction. Capturing two county hurling titles they became the Mid GAA juvenile club of the year as granted by the Bord na n-Óg in the Mid division and their Community Games county title and subsequent trip to Mosney was also significant.

Following a lot of hard work and dedication by the members of the committee and the coaching pool, Dúrlas Óg came out on top. The underage structures which are second to none in the county can be seen every Saturday morning in Pairc na n-Óg where approximately 70 players under the ages of 10 are coached and moulded into fine young hurlers and footballers.

Success therefore can be sourced in the hard work of the coaches who encourage the kids to learn all the skills of the game.

The U-12 team who lost the Mid semi-final by one point bounced back strong with many of them taking part in the U-13 Community Games side which won the county final. They went on to play in Munster and eventually enjoyed a fabulous trip to Mosney where they did the county proud. The U-12 hurlers were a very dedicated bunch and under the watchful eye of their tutors they developed into a fine bunch of players.

One team that gave the club great satisfaction was the U-14 hurling team. After a long and hard campaign they captured the Mid title and then went on to meet old rivals Toomevara in the County Final in Templemore. This was a classic final and the excitement level was huge. Dúrlas Óg were trailing as the game neared the end but with a super will to win they overhauled the Toomevara lads to run our champions by 3-3 to 1-7. This was a fabulous win for Dúrlas Óg and all credit must go to the players and their mentors who had toiled hard throughout the year to be in top shape for the final. To win an U-14 title is special and Dúrlas Óg had that special feeling in Templemore.

Something even more special was to come for the club later on when they won the U-16 county hurling title on home turf in Semple Stadium. This was a team that had lost it's first three games and then staged a remarkable recovery to win the Mid title in fine fashion. They progressed to the county final having beaten Killenaule in a tough game of hurling and with the momentum of wins behind them, Dúrlas Óg were favourites to take the county title.

Cashel were the opponents for the decider in Semple Stadium and a large crowd assembled to see a fine game of hurling. Dúrlas Óg seemed to be on their way to victory when Cashel suddenly stormed back and with only two points in it the West champions were on the rampage. In a remarkable climax, Dúrlas

Óg used all their power in defence and upfield to hold on for victory in what was described as the most exciting game of the year. The whole town of Thurles was alive and in celebratory mood. This team had received a lot of support in Semple Stadium and the manner in which they improved during the year was remarkable.

Dúrlas Óg players, mentors, committee members and parents will have very fond memories of 1998. It was a year when some very special players left the club as they progressed from U-16 to minor and at the other end of the scale, the darling buds of play, the U-8's, are being introduced to the games of hurling and football. In between there are players who will be GAA men forever and if they continue to progress and develop as they have done during the last year, they will make fine players.

When feting the success of teams, the role of the coaches and the selectors has to be acknowledged. The men who train the players in the wind, rain, sleet and sun are to be congratulated on their success and are encouraged to continue the good work. At committee level Dúrlas Óg have their finger on the pulse and they strive, as always, to have as many young people in the parish playing the Gaelic Games that are loved and cherished. In the birthplace of the GAA, Gaelic Games are alive and well amongst the youngsters of Dúrlas Óg.

Take a well earned bow Dúrlas Óg.



The Dúrlas Óg Under-16 A hurling champions. Back row (l. to r.): Joe Duggan, Tony Connolly, Aidan Dundon, Eamonn Tuohy, Liam Hickey, Eoin Costello (captain), Peadar Graydon, James O'Riordan, Tristan O'Gorman, Thomas Callanan, Matthew Ryan, Willie Collins, Conor Lyons, Adrian Quinlan, Colm Duggan, Declan Ryan. Front row: Philip Hayes, David Coppinger, Eamonn Gleeson, Tony Ruth, John Lillis, Patrick McCormack, Seán O'Dwyer, David O'Dwyer, Barry O'Dwyer, David Callaghan, Lee Shanahan, Paudie Duggan, David Kennedy.



The Dúrlas Óg panel and selectors that won the county Under-14 A hurling title by defeating Toomevara in an exciting final at Templemore. Back row (l. to r.) Jimmy Coppinger (selector), Declan Ryan, Richard O'Gorman, Willie Collins, Derek Cullen, Pat Callaghan (selector), Stiofan Ryan, Adrian Quinlan, Brian Graydon, Shane McKenna, T. J. Gleeson, David Kennedy, Wayne Culley, Lee Shanahan, Patrick Kenny, Paddy Moore (coach), Jonathan Gleeson, T. J. Lyons (selector), Patrick Ruddy. Front row: Barry Delahunt, Kieran O'Connor, Barry Maher, David Callaghan, Lorcan Burke, Brendan O'Sullivan, Patrick McCormack (captain), Aidan Brennan, Shane Ryan, Richard Ruth, Brendan Duggan, Eoin Russell, Stephen Lillis, Greg Bowe.

# North Tipperary Bórd na nÓg 1998

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The Ballinahinch panel that won the County U-16 'C' hurling title by defeating Clonakenny in Semple Stadium. Back Row (l. to r.) – Michael Fitzgerald, Gerard Griffin, Matthew Fahey, Raphael Ryan, Ger Griffin, Daniel Lyons (Capt.), Matthew Kennedy, Michael Gleeson, Joe Fitzgerald, Eoin O'Sullivan, John Doheny, Michael Ryan, Michael O'Brien, Ger O'Reilly, Tommy Kelly. Front Row – Marcus Ryan, Shane McGrath, Donncha McGrath, Padraig Berkery, Michael Fitzgerald, Alan Kelly, John Foley, Shane Fitzgerald, Michael Lynch, Francis Bourke.



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Newport  
U-16 North Football 'B' Champions  
Back Row: Bernard Sheary, William O'Toole, Thomas Jones, Richard Brennan, Diarmuid Sheridan, Patrick Jones, David O'Gorman, Richard Shinnors, Michael Ryan, Robert Ryan, John Ryan. Front Row: Daragh McGivern, Conor Doyle, Liam Coffey, James O'Sullivan, Keith Matthews, Richard Ryan, Michael Healy, David O'Toole, Michael Flannery, Damien Coffey.

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Newport U-14 Footballers, County Féile na nÓg Champions  
Back (from left) – C. Moroney, S. Ryan, M. Ryan, G. Conway, Margaret Ryan (Selector), V. Moloney, J. Powell, D. Duggan, Peter Coleman (Selector), O. Murphy, K. McCabe, D. Moore, O. Shinnors, Michael O'Mahoney (Selector). Front – P. Connors, C. Ryan, R. McDonnell, O. McLoughlin, P. O'Brien, D. Ryan, A. Hickey, M. Shinnors, O. Larkin, K. O'Sullivan, D. Quinn, D. Ryan, C. O'Mahoney.



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Kilruane McDonaghs  
North U-14 'C' Football Champions



Templederry North Champions in the U-12 Hurling Section 'C' and made history when they became County Champions in the same section for the first time ever at Juvenile level for their club. Back Row (l. to r.): Daniel Fahey, Alan Carey, Eoin Mulcahy, Gearóid Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Matthew Ryan, Michael Ryan, Pat Ryan, Mairéad O'Donoghue, Thomas Stapleton, Padraig O'Leary, Donal McGrath, Eoghan Murray, Gerard Kennedy, Andrew Ryan (Capt.), Michéal O'Leary. Front Row: John Butler, Aidan Ryan, John Fogarty, Tom Ryan, Ronan Kinnane, Noel Ryan, Brian Stapleton, Séamus O'Dwyer, Tadgh McLoughlin, Christopher Coughlan, Morgan Carey, Eoghan Ryan, Thomas Hogan, Joanne Nolan.



Toomevara U-12 North 'A' Champions  
Back Row (l. to r.) – Stephen Egan, Michael Starr, Padraig O'Meara, Sean Hassett (Capt.), Joseph McLoughney, Adam Grey and Seamus Maher. Kneeling – Jim Duignan, Gearard Ryan, Terry Delaney, Thomas Shepherd, Eoin Ryan, Robert Duff, Tim Gleeson and Diarmuid McGrath.

Toomevara U-14 North Champions  
Back Row (l. to r.): Sean Delaney, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Francis Devaney (Capt.), Declan Bentley, James McGrath, Sean Hassett, Conor Marwell, Ciaran Fitzpatrick and John Boland. Kneeling – John O'Meara, Thomas McCarthy, Terry Delaney, Patrick Touhy, William Ryan and John Delaney. Absent from photo – Kieran Brislane.



Portroe U-16 'C' Football North Winners  
Front Row (l. to r.) – Raymond Cottrell, Jason Kennedy, Fergal Hayes, Edward Lawlor, Michael Maloney, Adrian Shinnars, Adam Hogan, John Shinnars. Back Row – David Lewis, Charlie Wilford, Shane Creamer, Padraig Hickey, Vincent Power, Thomas Quinn, William Shouldice, Nicky Ryan, James Freeman, Ronan McLoughlin, Matthew Kennedy.

# North Tipperary Bord na nÓg Final Results '98

PEIL	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 (A)	Ballina 5-2	Roscrea 5-1	Nenagh	D. Darcy
U-12 (B)	Borrisoleigh 1-3	Kildangan 0-5	Toomevara	D. Kelly
U-12 (C)	Silvermines 1-3	Shannon Rovers 0-6	Ballina	P. Farrell
U-14 (A)	Silvermines 0-5	Shannon Rovers 0-2	Portroe	P. Farrell
U-14 (B)	Newport 3-2	Nenagh Eire Og 1-4	Dolla	T. Ryan
U-14 (C)	Ballina 3-7	Borrisoleigh 2-3	Dolla	J. Kissane
U-16 (A)	Kilruane McD. 1-4	Shannon Rovers 0-3	Borrisokane	P.J. Cleary
U-16 (B)	Ballina 2-11	Roscrea 2-7	Dolla	M. Darcy
U-16 (C)	Newport 2-3	Silvermines 1-4	Ballina	T. Gleeson
Peil na nÓg	Portroe 3-6	Templederry 0-8	Dolla	P. Hearty

IOMÁNAÍOCHT	Winners	Runners-Up	Venue	Referee
U-12 (A)	Toomevara 1-3	Roscrea 1-1	Cloughjordan	T. Ryan
U-12 (B)	Silvermines 2-4	Borrisoleigh 1-6	Templederry	P.J. Cleary
U-12 (C)	Templederry 3-3	Shannon Rovers 1-1	Cloughjordan	S. Hogan
U-14 (A)	Burgess 2-11	Toomevara 4-5	Nenagh	M. Darcy
U-14 (A) (Replay)	Toomevara 2-7	Burgess 1-7	Nenagh	M. Cahill
U-14 (B)	Moneygall 4-6	Ballina 4-2	Dolla	M. Darcy
U-14 (C)	Borrisokane 3-5	Silvermines 2-1	Nenagh	M. McGrath
U-16 (A)	Ballina 2-10	Nenagh Eire Og 2-6	Kilcolman	M. Cahill
U-16 (B)	Silvermines 2-10	Borrisoleigh 1-9	Templederry	D. Darcy
U-16 (C)	Ballinahinch 4-6	Kildangan 1-4	Nenagh	M. McGrath

Total number of games played = 278

Féile na nGael: Toomevara 4-4 Newport 0-2

Féile na nGael Skills Winner: Conor Quigley (Burgess)  
 Poc Fada Champion and North & Co.: Eoin Mannion (Lorrha & Dorrha)

## Peadar Cummins Tournament Panel '98

NENAGH ÉIRE ÓG:	Tom Kennedy, Conor Brennan.
MONEYGALL:	Willie White
BORRIS-IEIGH:	Matt Vahey, Mattie Stapleton, Niall Stapleton, Patrick Stapleton, Martin Treacy.
BALLINA:	Thomas Collins, Kevin Ryan, Stephen Nash.
LORRHA & DORRHA:	Eoin Mannion, Donal Kennedy, James Dunne.
BURGESS:	Noel McDonnell, Noel Gleeson, Tony Scroope, Seán D'arcy.
BORRISOKANE:	Enda Forde.
ROSCREA:	Denis Moloney, Tom Fitzgerald, Shane Lee, David Kirwan, T. Riordan, Tom Lupton.
NEWPORT:	Conor O'Mahony, Shane Ryan.
BALLINAHINCH:	Shane McGrath, Marcus Ryan.
SHANNON ROVERS:	Roy Darcy.
TEMPLEDERRY:	J.J. Fahey, Diarmuid Corcoran.
KILDANGAN:	Conor Foley, Darragh Egan.
TOOMEVARA:	Seán Delaney, Francis Devaney, William Ryan, Andrew Fitzpatrick, John Boland.
SILVERMINES:	Niall Keely.

### SEMI-FINAL

Noth Tipperary 2-11 West Tipperary 1-5

### FINAL

North Tipperary 0-6 Mid Tipperary 0-13

SELECTORS: Tom Gleeson (Portroe), Matty Cosgrove (Ballina), John Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh)

## Tony Forristal U-14 Hurling Tournament Panel '98

TOOMEVARA:	Seán Delaney, Francis Devaney, John Boland, William Ryan.
BURGESS:	Noel Gleeson, Noel McDonnell.
LORRHA & DORRHA:	Eoin Mannion.
SILVERMINES:	Niall Kelly.
SHANNON ROVERS:	Roy D'arcy.
TEMPLEDERRY:	Diarmuid Corcoran.
NORTH TIPP SELECTOR:	Tom Gleeson (Portroe)



# Carrighdoun U-15 Hurling Tournament Panel '98

Portroe: Sean Creamer  
 Burgess: David Maher, Damien O'Brien.  
 Toomevara: David Kennedy.  
 Ballina: Donal McKeogh.  
 Lorrha & Dorrha: Ronan O'Meara.  
 Roscrea: Diarmuid Fitzgerald.  
 Noth Tipp Selector: John Stapleton (Borris-Ileigh)



# Garda Cup U-16 Hurling Tournament Panel '98

Niall McGrath (Burgess), Shane Creamer (Portroe), David Bourke (Lorrha & Dorrha), Patrick Cosgrove (Ballina), Richard Brennan (Newport), Martin Maher (Borris-Ileigh), Diarmuid Fitzgerald (Roscrea), Donal Hogan (Burgess), Brendan Coen (Lorrha & Dorrha), Seán McKeogh (Ballina), Matthew Ryan (Templederry), Timmy Minogue (Templederry), John O'Brien (Toomevara), Donal Doughan (Moneygall), Cathal Hanrahan (Burgess), John Donnellan (Nenagh Éire Óg), Andrew Comerford (Shannon Rovers), David Maher (Burgess), Liam O'Meara (Toomevara), John Murphy (Templederry), Liam McKeogh (Ballina), Rory O'Connor (Roscrea), Damien Martin (Moneygall), Jim McDonnell (Roscrea), David Ryan (Nenagh Éire Óg), David Kennedy (Toomevara), Aaron Ryan (Roscrea), Alan Ryan (Silvermines), Brendan Kenny (Borris-Ileigh), Michael Flannery (Newport), Eoin O'Sullivan (Ballinahinch), Raphael Ryan (Ballinahinch), John Gleeson (Kildangan), Michael Small (Borris-Ileigh).

	<b>SEMI-FINAL</b>			
North Tipperary	4-19	West Tipperary	0-6	
	<b>FINAL</b>			
North Tipperary	1-12	Mid Tipperary	2-12	

**SELECTORS:** Jack Flannery (Newport), Matt Ryan (Templederry), Michael Gleeson (Ballinahinch), Tadhg O'Connor (Roscrea).



**Clonmel Óg South Tipperary U14 "B" Football Champions & County Finalists 1998**

Back Row L to R: Alan Pollard, Kevin O'Connell, Vincent O'Meara, Alan Kennefick, Clarke Hewitt, Ritchie Hayes, Christopher Gallacher, John O'Neill, Christy Aylward, Des Morrissey, Paul Cagney, Joe Barrett, Ronan Pike, Dean Madigan, Philip Fahey, Cian Petit, John O'Connell. Front Row L to R: Andrew Laste, Anthony MacCarthy, Kevin Fitzgerald, Liam Lawlor, Eoin Aylward, Andrew Aylward, Brendan Flynn, Steve Hennessy, Brendan Maber, Jason Keily, Raymond Carroll, Garreth O'Brien, Sean Barrett.

# BEAL AN ATHA BORD NA nÓG

1998 proved to be a poor year weatherwise, but the juvenile hurlers and footballers of Ballina made up for some of the gloom around the Southern end of Lough Derg. The club won two county titles and four North championships this year. The club was formed in 1982 and from the beginning to 1993 joined with Ballinahinch for many successes. Since 1994, however, the two clubs have gone their own ways.

**Under-12's** – In the earlier part of the year, Ballina's Under-12 footballers won the club's first ever North "A" championship since the two parishes fielded their own sides.

Ballina won their league games against Burgess, Nenagh Éire Óg and Roscrea. In the semi-final Ballina beat Nenagh Éire Óg in convincing fashion to qualify for a North final with Roscrea.

Roscrea (Inane Rovers) had beaten Ballina in 3 'A' finals in 1997 namely U-12, U-14 and U-16, all football. However, this U-12 teams at least got a measure of revenge with a one point win over Roscrea in Nenagh.

Aherlow faced Ballina in the semi-final in Drombane. The West champions won by three points. This turned out to be Ballina's only defeat in juvenile football in 1998.

In U-12 'B' hurling, Ballina beat Newport and Kildangan, drew with Lorrha and Silvermines and lost to Kilruane MacDonaghs and Borris-Ileigh. These two wins, two draws and two defeats, set up a semi-final date with Silvermines. The 'Mines had four points to spare over Ballina on their way to becoming North champions.

**U-14's:** Ballina's U-14 footballers followed in the footsteps of the U-12 side by bringing a first to the club. Playing in the 'B' grade, the U-14s won Ballina's first underage county title since 1992 – a combination with Ballinahinch.

In the league section Ballina beat Moneygall, Kildangan in the semi-finals. Dolla was the venue for the North final against Borris-Ileigh. Borris made the better start, but in the end Ballina ran out easy winners.

Emly were the county semi-final opponents in Newport. On the evening Ballina were the stronger side and advanced to a county final meeting with Clonmel Óg.

Drombane was the venue for the county final, where the old saying "A good start is half the battle" proved very true. Ballina scored an early goal and some early points which proved vital in a three point win for the Shannonsiders.

In U-14 'B' hurling, Ballina played in a league group of Lorrha, Kilruane MacDonaghs, Moneygall, Templederry Kenyons and Shannon Rovers for wins



*Ballina U-16 panel North 'A' hurling champions, North football North and County champions. Back row (l. to r.): Vivian Cahalane (trainer); William Gleeson, Mattie Cosgrove (s); Stephen Stritch, Patrick Kennedy, John Gleeson (s), Seamus Larkin (captain), Noel Moroney, Donal McKeogh, Robert Nolan, Thomas Collins, Pdraig Ryan, Brendan McKeogh (s) and Des Nevin. Front: Kevin Ryan, Gerry O'Brien, Peter King, Cathal O'Connell, David Hickey, Seán McKeogh, Patrick Cosgrave, James McKeogh, Thomas Marley, Wayne Cahalane and Gerard Sheedy.*

and one defeat – to the Rovers led to a semi-final place. In the semi-final Ballina avenged the early result against Shannon Rovers.

In an exciting final in Dolla, Moneygall denied Ballina's hope of a hurling and football double with a four point win.

**Selectors:** Paddy Kennedy, Danny McKeogh, Michael Nash and Tomás O'Brien.

**U-16's** – Ballina's U-16 hurlers and footballers also achieved notable firsts. A first ever county 'A' football title and North 'A' hurling title were gained by the Blues.

In the football championship Ballina beat Burgess, Nenagh Éire Óg and Inane Rovers in the league section. Borris-Ileigh were also in the group but this game did not materialise as both teams met in the semi-final.

Ballina put on a great point scoring display to advance to a final meeting with Inane Rovers. As stated already

Roscrea (Inane Rovers) had beaten Ballina in three finals in 1997, not only this but these two teams had also met in the U-14 final in 1996, Roscrea again coming out on top. Ballina once again gained revenge over the Roscrea side with a good win.

Cashel King Cormacs were the county semi-final opponents in Drombane. Both teams had chances to win, but a draw was a fair result. For the replay, Borrisoleigh was the venue and Ballina emerged victorious.

Leahy Park, Cashel, was next port of call for a final date with Killenaule. Ballina put in a great first half performance to lead comfortably at half time. Killenaule made a spirited and expected second half comeback, but Ballina won by three points in the end.

Ballina started off with a heavy defeat to Nenagh Éire Óg in round 1 of the hurling championship. However, after a successful football championship confidence was growing, a draw with



*Ballina U-14 North and County B Football Champions – Back row – Tomás O'Brien (s), Thomas Collins, Stephen Stritch, Michael Carroll, Jerry O'Brien, Stephen Nash. Middle row: Seorsie Hickey, Diarmuid Healy, Shane O'Brien, Gerard Coonan, Michael O'Sullivan, Martin McKeogh, Ciarán Ryan, Luke Madson, Paul Hannon, T. J. O'Connell, Paul Ryan. Front row: Eoin Sheehy, Kevin Cosgrove, Daniel Frawley, Brian McKeogh, Kevin Ryan (c), Pdraig McKeogh, James Mooney, Seamus Kennedy, Michael McKeogh. Missing from photo: Hughie Molloy, James Carroll, Michael Kennedy and Thomas Larkin, Paddy Kennedy (s), Danny McKeogh (s) and Michael Nash (s). Selector - captain – K. Ryan.*

Roscrea, wins over Burgess and Toomevara and a walk-over from Moneygall earned Ballina a semi-final date.

Ballina beat Burgess in the semi-final and faced Nenagh Éire Óg in the final. This game took place in Kilcolman and Nenagh got off to a flying start. Ballina gradually began to find their feet and went on to score a deserved four points win.

Cashel King Cormacs and Ballina met in four championship semi-final games this year at U-16 level. Ballina won the replayed football semi-final. Cashel won the hurling semi-final again after a replay.

Ballina dominated the first half of the drawn game in Drombane, but Cashel did likewise in the second half to gain a draw. A week later in The Ragg, Cashel made the better start to win by two points.

*Selectors:* Vivian Cahalane, Matthew Cosgrove, John Gleeson, Brendan McKeogh, Jerry McKeogh, Des Nevin.

### SCHOOLS

Boher N.S. also enjoyed great success in 1997/98. The school with approximately 30 pupils and two teachers, plays in the nine-a-side hurling and football championship.

The school has remained undefeated in four years of football championship games, winning North titles in 1997/98,



*Ballina U-12 'A' North Football champions (l. to r.) Back row: Gerard Coonan, Shane O'Brien, Brian Scanlon, Kieran Ryan, Eoin Sheehy, Pádraig McKeogh. Middle row: Selectors: Tomás O'Brien, Liam Molloy, Hughie Molloy, Pádraig Hickey, Maurice Darcy, Eimear O'Connell, James Ryan, Sarah Hayes, Martin McKeogh. Selectors: Michael Hayes, Paddy Hickey. Front row (seated): Brian Williams, Seán O'Grady, Adrian Hayes, Diarmuid Healy (captain), Michael O'Mara, Shane Ryan, Thomas Grace. Missing from photo: Elaine King, Seamus Kennedy, Thomas Horan. Mascot: Bill Molloy*

1996/97, 1995/96 and 1994/95.

The North teams do not partake in the football championship at county level, but do partake in the hurling championship. Boher have remained unbeaten in the hurling championship since they lost in the 1992/93 competition. Since this defeat the school have won 5 North and county titles in a row.

Ballina juvenile club played 44 championship game in 1998, 22 each in hurling and football, winning nineteen, drawing two and losing only one of their football games.

*Club officers:* Jimmy McKeogh (Chair); John Gleeson (secretary); Maura O'Brien (treasurer) and Sarah Devane (P.R.O.)



*The Tipperary Trio (l. to r.): Alice Darcy, Drom-Inch; Angela McDermott (Cappawhite); Therese Brophy (Burgess); who won Ashbourne Cup medals with U.C.C.*



*Harty Cup - St. Flannan's - Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges champions. Colman Shouldice (Portroe), Garrett Howard (Burgess) and Dermot Gleeson (Ballinahinch) with the Harty Cup.*

# Silvermines juveniles make history

By SÉAMUS Mac ÁOGAIN, Rúnaí

**1998** was a remarkable year for Silvermines Juvenile Club. It will be remembered as the year we won our first ever county title.

Our U-12 team had a tremendous season, winning the North football championship by beating Shannon Rovers in a replay. We then defeated Éire Óg Annacarty in the county semi-final and went on to beat Marfield in the county final to register our first championship.

In the hurling championship we beat Borrisoleigh in the North final by one point and defeated Rockwell Rovers in the county semi-final. We then played Loughmore in the county final. Our hopes were high for the double but, alas, it wasn't to be. Loughmore proved too good on the day and deserved their victory.

## FIRST COUNTY HURLING TITLE FOR UNDER-16s

After being beaten by Newport in the North football final and beaten in the first round of the hurling championship, it didn't look good for this team. But after the exams they got down to business and won all their matches to reach the North final in which they beat Borris Ileigh.

In the county semi-final we defeated Éire Óg Annacarty and in the final our opponents were J.K. Brackens. After a tremendous game of hurling, with both sides giving their all, we emerged victorious.

This has been a truly historic year for Silvermines, winning three North championships and two county championships, also purchasing a new pitch for the Juvenile and Camogie Clubs. It's also thirty years since our club was formed.



**Silvermines – U-16 'B' North and County Hurling Champions**

**Back row (l-r)** – Michael Shanahan (selector), William Keogh, Aidan Hudner, Donal O'Brien, Cathal Gleeson, Niall Kelly, John Brophy, P.J. Grace, Seamus Shanahan (selector). **Middle row** – Liam Keogh, Dan Ryan (selectors), Alan Ryan, Martin Ryan, Damian Egan, William Powell, Dan Steed, Mattie Ryan, Michael O'Brien (North Board secretary, selector). **Front row** – Alan Shanahan, James McGrath, Michael McCarthy, Eoin Quirke, Alan Cunneen, Seamus Ryan, Mark Dunne, Kevin Cunneen, Eoin Sheehan (missing from photo: Michael Clifford).

• This was Silvermines' first county hurling championship at Juvenile level.



**Silvermines – U-12 'C' North and County Football Champions • U-12 'B' North Hurling Champions**

**Back row (l-r)** – Maurice Leamy (selector), William Corcoran, Kevin Dunne, Damian Corcoran, Eugene Slattery, Gearóid Quinn, Kelan Chadwick, Damian Boland, Sean Forde, Keith O'Flynn, Donal Quinn (selector). **Middle row** – Gerry O'Flynn (selector), David Keogh, Ronan Sherlock, Gavin Steed, Keith Fahy, Alan Dunlea, Cathal Sherlock, Martin Mulqueen, John Sherlock (selector). **Front row** – Declan Mulqueen, Maurice Leamy, Daniel Keogh, Orié Quirke, Michael Hogan, Shane Horan, Niall Quinn, Eoin Grace, David Corcoran. (Missing from photo: Lisa Toohey), Danny Hogan (selector).

• This was Silvermines' first county championship at Juvenile level.



**Silvermines – U-14 'C' North Finalists**

**Back row (l-r)** – Michael Cunneen (selector), Ronan Sherlock, Declan Mulqueen, Sean Ford, Eoin Grace, Cathal Sherlock, Maurice Leamy, Mattie Ryan, Tom Kelly (Juvenile Club chairman/selector). **Middle row** – Jim Egan (Juvenile Club secretary), Kevin Cunneen, Gavin Steed, Emma Dunlea, Grainne Gleeson, Shauna Kennedy, Niall Kelly, Pat Dunlea (selector). **Front row** – Orié Quirke, Kevin Dunne, Michael Hogan, Shane Horan, Niall Quinn, Eoin Sheehan, Mark Dunne, Keelan Chadwick. (Missing from photo: Tomás Gleeson, John Gleeson, Pat Sheehan (selector), P.J. Gleeson).

# Moneygall Win First U14 County Title



**Moneygall Under 14 Hurling Team North & County "B" Champions 1998**

Back Row L to R: Pat Bergin (Selector), Pdraig Doughan, Sean Ryan, Michael Bergin, Ruairi Meagher, Billy Hayes, Shane Treacy, Pdraig Whyte, Philip Byrne, John Maher, Darragh Hayes, Martin Cummins, Seamus Whyte (Selector). Front Row L to R: Eugene Ryan (Selector), Eoghan Ryan, Stephen Maher, Phil Fanning, Damien Greene, Pajo Troy, Ruairi Tierney, Billy Whyte (Captain), Darren Whyte, Ger Morten, Ger Kirwan.

**I**t may have been a long time coming but it was well worth the wait as Moneygall U14 hurlers won the U14 "B" Title on August 24th last, a lovely autumn's evening at the Ragg.

A scoreline of Moneygall 4-6, Holycross 2-3 does not reflect the closeness of the exchanges although Moneygall were deserving winners in the end. In the first half Moneygall gave a superb performance dominant in all sectors - to lead at half time by 3-5 to 0-2. Within five minutes of the restart Holycross had crashed in two goals. But this was where Moneygall showed their real character coping with incessant pressure without yielding an inch. Even with their backs to the wall they outscored Holycross for the rest of the game 1-1 to 0-2. At the final whistle there were great scenes of jubilation from the Moneygall team and their vociferous supporters as Bill Whyte accepted the perpetual shield from County Bord na nOg Chairman Connie Grace. This win was long overdue for Moneygall's hard working Juvenile Committee. Hats off to the three selectors involved Pat Bergin, Seamus Whyte and Eugene Ryan. Who would guess that this team had lost their two opening games in their quest for the North Title to Ballina and Lorrha respectively. Interestingly they beat Lorrha in the North Semi-final and Ballina in the North Final. Right throughout the campaign this Moneygall team improved from game to game. Rory Tierney made some vital saves in goal and saved his best performance for the final; John Maher missed the first four games but with his no nonsense approach with or without the ball he was a valuable addition to the team; Bill Whyte - the captain always led by example and was rarely beaten; Darren Whyte in the other corner did the simple things well in all the games, keeping a tight rein on all the corner forwards that came his way; Sean Ryan was a life saver in some of the earlier games when things weren't going well and had a brilliant

County Final; Ruairi Meagher suffice to say he was soundness personified at centre back; Michael Bergin on the other wing played some fabulous hurling all through but his performance in the North and County Semi-finals was just superb; at centre-field Pdraig Doughan proved his worth in all the games but especially in the North Semi-final against Lorrha; Pdraig Whyte missed two games due to injury but returned for the latter part of the campaign to play a vital part; Eoghan Ryan played some delightful hurling all through, getting some lovely scores into the bargain; Philip Byrne's bustling style at centre forward is well known, no centre back was allowed dominate his patch; on the other wing was Ger Kirwan small in size but big in heart as he terrorised marker

after marker; Pajo Troy in the right corner still under 12 next year never let the side down; Shane Treacy made his strength and skill tell in many situations; Billy Hayes had a brilliant campaign capping it all by scoring 3-2 in the County final;

The subs too all played their part and weren't found wanting when brought into the fray.

Moneygall played ten matches scoring 21 goals and 50 points and conceding 14 goals and 25 points.

Moneygall 0-2: Ballina 3-5 (first round)  
 Moneygall 1-2: Lorrha 1-7 (second round)  
 Moneygall 1-6: Borrisoleigh 0-3 (third round)  
 Moneygall 6-4: Templederry 0-1 (fourth round)  
 Moneygall 0-5: Kilruane 0-2 (fifth round)  
 Moneygall 1-3: Shannon Rovers 1-1 (sixth round)  
 Moneygall 3-6: Lorrha 2-1 (North Semi-final)  
 Moneygall 4-6: Ballina 4-2 (North Final)  
 Moneygall 1-10: Cappawhite 1-0 (Co. Semi-final)  
 Moneygall 4-6: Holycross 2-3 (Co. Final)

**Scorers:** Billy Hayes 11 goals 12 points Ger Kirwan 3-11, Shane Treacy 3-9, Eoghan Ryan 2-3, Michael Bergin 1-5, Pajo Troy 1-4 Ruairi Meagher 0-2, Darragh Hayes 0-2, Pdraig Doughan 0-1, Bill Whyte 0-1.



**Moneygall Hurling Team Winners of Killaloe U12 Tournament**

Back Row L to R: Thomas Devereux, Patrick Doughan, John Ryan, Joseph Kennedy, Sean Gleeson, Damien Greene, Sean Ryan (Captain), Eoghan Ryan, Colm Hogan, Phil Fanning. Middle Row L to R: Joseph Treacy, Brian Delaney, Robert Burns, John Maher, Julie Kirwan, Eimear Ryan, Marie Jones, Anton Doherty. Front Row L to R: Patrick Maher, John King, Martin Deane, Stephen Maher, Denis Carroll, Ger Morten, Pajo Troy, Mary Ryan with her baby sister Grainne.



**Moneygall U12 Girls Football Team Co. Community Games Champions 1998**

Back Row L to R: Lisa Larkin, Annette Maher, Geraldine Cahill, Maeve Kennedy, Niamh Greene, Kreista Lynn O'Brien, Laura Newe, Fiona Kennedy, Lisa Marie Spillane, Marie Hogan, Lara Sutton, Marcella Costello. Front Row L to R: Michelle Kirwan, Annie Ryan, Marie Bergin, Aileen Morten, Edel Treacy, Mary Ryan, Eimear Ryan, Julie Kirwan, Aisling Deane, Ellen Donnelly, Deirdre Quinlan.

# Tír gan Teanga, Tír gan Anam



Conchubhar Ó Riain

**S FÍOR gan dabht an teideal thuas agus tá sé thar a bheith sonrach maidir leis an tír seo. Ní féidir a rá nach bhfuil ár dteanga féin againn ach an bhfuil sí beo folláin. Uair amháin bhí an teanga dhúchais go forleathan in Éirinn ach ní mar sin atá sí anois. conas a tháinig laige uirthi?**

Is cúis stairiúil fáth a meath, cúis a théann siar go hardcheannas Shasana ar an tír seon. D'éirigh leis an mBreatain Mhór Impireacht a bhunú ar fud an domhain. Bhí sé de pholasaí aici an Béarla a chur chun cinn ins na tíortha a chuir sí faoi smacht. Theip ar na Román aigh an Laidin a fhorbairt agus chuaigh an Impireacht a bhunaigh said san i léig.

Ní dhearna an Bhreatain an botún sin. Chuir sí Albain agus an Bhreatain Bheag faoi chos agus scríosadh an teanga dhúchais. Rinne sí an rud céanna in Éirinn agus i mbeag nach gach tír ina raibh sí. Is léir gur thuig an Bhreatain an seanfhocal: "Tír gan teanga, tír gan anam". D'éirigh go maith lei an teanga a chlaoi tré an smacht na bPéindlithe agus gach sort caimiléireachta. D'fhág an Bhreatain a rian sa tír seo a mhaireann fós.

Bliain i ndiaidh bliana tháinig meath ar an nGaeilge. Faoi naoú haois déag ní raibh sí le cloisint ach in áiteanna iargúlta in iarthar na tíre. Ba mhór an t-athrú a bhí tagaithe ar an scéal ón t-am a bhí Ré Órga na nGael faoi bhláth.

I rith an Ré Órga sin, cúig chead bliain roimh Chríost ar aghaidh, tháinig scoláirí ó ngach áit san Eoraip go scoileanna in Éirinn. Chuaigh traidisiún na mBard a cothaíodh ins na scoileanna seo i dtreise ar feadh na gcéadta blianta. Le teacht na Lochlannach i 795 rinneadh léirscrios ar na mainistreacha ach mhair dea-obair agus lámh-scribhinní na manach.

Níor chuir teacht na Normanach i 1169 go mór ar labhairt na Gaeilge mar do mheasc an dá chultúr le chéile. D'fhág an comhrascadh seo toradh maith ar an teanga. Bhí ag eirí arís le teanga agus cultúr na tíre ach le bunú an Reifirmeisin tugadh buille marfach dóibh. Dhírigh Sasana ar an tír a chuir faoi chos agus creachadh an tír le saighdiúirí agus amhais iasachta.

Dúnadh agus scríosadh na mainistreacha agus scoileanna na mBárd ionas nach raibh fágtha in Éirinn ach

cliaráí fánacha agus scoileanna scáirte. Tháinig ré dhorcha na nGael nuair a briseadh orthu i gCath Chionn tSáile. B'shin deireadh le córas na gclann go deo. Bhí an tír bánaithe, a hanam clóite agus gan le cloisint ach an Béarla. Bhí an tír gan anam i ndáiríre. Chuir dánta an ama in iúl dúinn éadóchas na ndaoine, daoine a bhí brúite, ach le misneach nár cloídh.

B'iad Ó Rathail, Ó Bruadair, Mac Cumaidh agus Mac Craith príomhfhílf na haoise sin. I dtús an naoú haois déag ní raibh an Ghaeilge in úsáid ach in áiteanna bochta iargúlta. Ní raibh coinne ag éinne áfach leis an uafás a bhí ag teacht i lár an chéid, nuair a bhuaíl an Gorta an tír. Bánaíodh na ceantair bhochta agus taoscadh an cultúr Gaelach le bás agus imirce.

Bhí an Ghaeilge i Ríocht an bháis freisin faoin am seo ach mhair sí go lagbhrioch go dtí gur thárla an mhiorúilt sa bhliain 1893. Bunaíodh Connradh na Gaeilge agus ón am sin anuas tháinig rath ar chúrsaí na teanga. Bhí tionchar mór ag scríbhneoirí mar an tAthair Peadar Ó Laoghaire, Pádraig Ó Siocfradha (An Seabhach), Douglás De hÍde agus a lán eile mar iad ar imeachtaí an Chonartha. Bhí croí na Gaeilge ag preabadh arís tar éis na ré dorcha a bhagair a bás. Bunaíodh an Ollscoil Náisiúnta sa bhliain 1906 agus bhí Gaeilge mar ábhar ar an gCúrsa Léinn.

Ó 1923 anuas chuir coimisiúin eagsúla an Rialtais béim ar fhorbairt na Gaeltachta mar thaiscumar na Gaeilge. Moladh scéimeanna nua, mar shompla, Gaeilge éigeantach don Státseirbhís agus don Arm, ach ní go maith a d'éirigh le sin. Rinneadh iarracht ar chaighdeánús na teanga le tabhairt isteach an Chló Romhánaigh i gcaipéisí oifigiúla. Go luath tar éis an dara Cogadh Domhanda cuireadh tús leis an Litriú Nua. Bhí gá mór le seo mar bhí litriú difriúil i ngach Cúige ar morán focal. Bhí ann an litriú nua faoi lán seoil i 1972.

Do mheasfaí mar sin go mbéadh forbarit thar barr tagaithe ar an nGaeilge i láthair na huaire, ach ní mar sin atá an scéal. Tá muintir na hÉireann an-tostach maidir lena dteanga dhúchais agus is fíor nach bhfuil ach mionlach áirithe á labhairt go rialta. Is iomaí duine a bhíonn ag caint dtaobh na teanga agus a meath. Bíonn siad ag caoineadh faoi dhrochstaid na Gaeilge ach is beag a dhéanann siad ar a son. Is náireach an rud é a laghad Gaeilge atá polaiteoirí na

tíre toilteanach a labhairt. Níl ach an corrfhochal ag a bhfurmhór, ach cloisimid an béalghrá to tiubh. Tá díogras a sinsear cailte agus imithe le sruth. Níl polasaí dearfach ag an Rialtas i leith na teanga agus féachann sé gur cuma lena bhfurmhór to dhchaí na Gaeilge.

Cé nach labhraíonn tromlach na tíre an Ghaeilge, tá suim mhór acu i rince agus ceol Gaelach. Dea-chomhartha é sin gan dabht mar tá an ceol fite fuaite leis an teanga. Tá na mílte ag foghlaim agus ag cleachtadh rincí Gaelacha agus tá forbairt iontach tagaithe ar an gcuid sin den chultúr. Is trua áfach nach bhfuil an iarracht chéana ann maidir leis an Ghaeilge. Is féiniméan do chriedte é forbairt an cheoil Ghaeiligh. Tá an ceol traidisiúnta níos coitianta ná riamh. Ní amháin in Éirinn ach ar fud an domhain tá éileamh dosháraithe ag daoine ar an gceol.

Mar sin féin áfach tá cúiseanna dóchais ann maidir le forbairt na Gaeilge. Tá fás na nGaelscoileanna ag méadú agus tá breis is céad caoga sa tír faoi láthair le haitheantas ón Rialtas agus tá an uimhir ag dul i méid go rialta. Is iontach freisin an slua atá ag freastail ar ranganna Gaeilge gach seachtain. Tá an borradh ag teach ó sna gnáth-daoine in ainneoin neamhshuime na n-udarás. Tuigeann na daoine seo nach bhfuil anam ag aon tír a chailleann a teanga agus tá socrú déanta acu nach ligfidh siad é sin a thárlú.

Tá brú mór orainn i láthair na huaire a bheith in ár sár Eorpaigh. Chun dul ar aghaidh a dhéanamh i gcúrsaí maoinne agus rathúnais ní foláir dúinn cúl a thabhairt ar ár noidhreacht. Sin an teachtaireacht atá ag teach chugainn ó pholaiteoirí agus ceannairí gnó. Tá sé riachtanach mar sin an tír ghrá agus an náisiúnachas a choinneáil beo ionainn féin, mar tá meath na Gaeilge ceangailte le meath an náisiúnachais.

Tá Radio na Gaeltachta agus Radio na Life ag déanamh sár oibre don Ghaeilge, á leathnú agus á forbairt. Tá Teilifís na Gaeilge againn le dhá bhliain anuas agus in ainneoin go bhfuil laig ag baint léi is meán thar barr í chun an Ghaeilge a chur chun tosaigh. Feicimís ansin go bhfuil dul ar aghaidh maith déanta ag an teanga ó thús an chéid. Féachann sé áfach nach bhfeicfead riamh arís Ré Órga na nGael ach caithfidh a bheith bródúil as an nGaeilge mar is trua mhéileach agus anóiteach an tír nach bhfuil a teanga féin aici.

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# Bord na nÓg Tiobraid Arann Theas

	WINNER	RUNNER UP	VENUE	REFEREE	PROGRESS IN COUNTY
<b>Football</b>					
Fé 12 A	Carrick Swan	Moyle Rovers	Marlfield	Brian Tyrell	Defeated in Final
Fé 12 B	Kilsheelan	St. Patrick's	Monroe	Brian Tyrell	County Champions
Fé 12 C	St. Martins	Ballyporeen	Clogheen	Mossie Walsh	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 14 A	Commercials	Moyle Rovers	Ardfinnan	Donnie Cahill	Defeated in Final
Fé 14 B	Clonmel Óg	Ballyporeen	Ardfinnan	T.J. Corby	Defeated in Final
Fé 14 C	Ballylooby	Davins	Ardfinnan	Sean Quirke	Defeated in Final
Fé 16 A	Killenaule	Cahir	Monroe	John Harrington	Defeated in Final
Fé 16 B	Moyle Rovers	Newcastle	Clonmel	Nicky Coughlan	County Champions
Fé 16 C	Ballyporeen	Ballylooby	Clogheen	Frank O'Brian	Defeated in Semi-Final
<b>Hurling</b>					
Fé 12A	Carrick Swan	Ballingarry	Kilsheelan	Stephan McCormac	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 12B	Clonmel Óg	Mullinahone	Kilsheelan	Andy Moloney	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 12 C	Marlfield	Kilsheelan	Ned Hall Park	Brian Tyrell	Defeated in Final
Fé 14 A	Killenaule	Ballingarry	Kilsheelan	John Harrington	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 14 B	Skeheenerinka	St. Patrick's	Ned Hall Park	Sean Quirke	Defeated In Semi-Final
Fé 14 C	Kilsheelan	Newcastle	Cahir	Frank O'Brien	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 16 A	Killenaule	Newcastle	Clonmel	T.J. Corby	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 16B	Kilsheelan	Fr Sheehy's	Ardfinnan	Willie Barrett	Defeated in Semi-Final
Fé 16 C	BallyLooby	St Patrick's	Ned Hall Park	Sean Quirke	Defeated in Semi-Final
<b>Peil na nÓg</b>					
	Commercials	Cahir	Kilsheelan	John Harrington	
<b>Feile na nGael</b>					
	Ballingarry	Cahir	Ned Hall Park	Sean Quirke	
Skills	David Coffey	(Cahir)			
Poc Fada	Mark Keamey	(Cahir)			
<b>Officers</b>					
Chairman	Christy Aylward (Clonmel Óg)				
Vice chaimman	Mick Lonergan (Ardtinnan)				
	John Harrington (St. Patrick's)				
Secretary	Jim Hennessy (Kilsheelan)				
Treasurer	Paddy Nagle (Davins)				
P.R.O.	Liam Bolger (St. Mary's)				
Registrar	Tony Hogan (Swan)				
Co. Board Rep.	Mick Lonergan				
	Ricky Sheehan (Mullinahone)				
Senior Board Rep.	Nicholas Moroney (St. Patrick's)				
Secretary	Patsy O'Halloran - has resumed unopposed at the A.G.M.				

Patsy O'Halloran retired as secretary after 23 years of unbroken service to South Tipp Bord na nÓg. Patsy's unexpected retirement was due to ill health. We are happy to report that he has made a satisfactory recovery.



*Bord na nÓg  
Tiobráid Arann  
Theas made a  
presentation to  
Patsy O'Halloran  
on his  
retirement.*

*Pictured Left to  
Right: Jim  
Hennessy  
(Secretary), Eileen  
O'Halloran, Patsy  
O'Halloran,  
Christy Aylward  
(Chairman).*

**Clonmel Óg Tiobráid South U12 "B" Hurling Champions.**

Front Row L to R: Cillian Rouse, Paul Deady (seated), Shane Houlihan, David Kelly, Patrick Hogan (standing), Brian Fallon, Jonathan O'Mahony, Conor Morrissey, Barry Burke (Captain), Aaron Cunningham, David McGrath, Kevin Burke, Gino Loneragan, Liam Woolton, Christopher Aylward, Paul Landers, Luke Kelly. Back Row L to R: Shane Reid, Seamus Lawlor, Gary O'Shea, Gerry Burke, Philip Kearns, Aidan Rouse, Jimmy Pollard, Shane Kearney, Cathal Ryan, Nigel Maher, Kevin McDermott, Seamus Shannon, P.J. Fahey, Emmet Gregory, Christopher O'Mahony, Sean O'Donoghue, Andrew Aylward. Adults: Jim Cleary, Robert Reid, Cathal Ryan (Trainer), Eddie Kearney, Paddy Ryan, John Landers, Paddy Burke (Trainer), Christy Aylward, William Darmody, Stephen Thompson, Martin O'Donnell.



**BALLYLOOBY - CASTLEGRACE SUCCESS**

Although a physically large parish, Ballylooby - Castlegrace suffers from a lack of suitably aged players in juvenile competitions. So their achievements in 1998 is testimony to what can be achieved by a small but determined group of players and mentors. They won 2 divisional titles in U14 football and U16 hurling.



**Ballylooby - Castlegrace U16 Hurling Team**

Front Row L to R: Raymond Fitzgerald, Derek Whelan, Liam Cahill (Tipperary Snr. hurler), Alan McCormack, Patrick Burke, Middle Row L to R: Seamus O'Dwyer (P.R.O.), Colm Flynn, Brian Kennedy, Seamus O'Dwyer, John Whelan, Patrick Slattery, Anthony O'Connor, Michael Doyle, Orla Fahey, John Moran (Trainer), Fr. Billy Meehan. Back Row L to R: Thomas Burke, Brian Fitzgerald, Brian Beary, David Fox, Jamie Myles, Michael Murphy, Denise Fitzgerald.



**Carrick Swan U12 Hurling "A" & Football "A" South Champions**

Back Row L to R: Alan Walsh, Paul Regan, Shane Hogan, Neil Keogh, Barry Walsh, Damien Roche, Keith Ryan, Mark Fogarty, William Loneragan, Danny O'Hanlon. Middle Row L to R: Lee Waters, Stephen Walsh, Colm O'Sullivan, John Murphy, Andrew Walsh, Kevin Lanigan, David Kelly, Shane McDonnell, Peter White, Brian Kenny. Front Row L to R: Derek O'Dwyer, Michael Ryan, Daryl Kavanagh (Captain "F"), Daryl Whitty, Wayne Murphy (Captain "H"), Stephen Hahessy, Kieran Reade, Kevin Keegan.

# Outstanding Year for Kilsheelan at Underage Level



**Kilsheelan U14 South "B" Champions.** Back Row L to R: Michael McHugh, Shane Corcoran, Patrick Walsh, Eoin Ryan (Ballyglasheen), Jim Healy (Captain), Lee Doyle, Stewart King, Niall Walsh, Oisín O'Cuinneogán. Front Row R to L: Michael Foley, Sínead O'Connell, Eoin Ryan (Kilcash), William Walsh, Shane Crotty, Anthony Walsh, Martin Ryan, Brian Dempsey, David Hanrahan.

1998 will be remembered as the most successful at underage level in the long history of the Club. Titles are not won easily and a large amount of hard work is required. Over the years a small dedicated number of people gave their time and energy to achieve honours with limited success. The arrival of John Burns to the parish opened new horizons. His first priority was to organise the summer camp. Over 80 boys and girls attended. The presence of well known G.A.A. personalities added to the event. A new wave of interest was created and the young hopefuls began to model themselves on their favourites on the Tipperary hurling team.

The rewards for their efforts are now starting to bear fruit. The minor hurling team qualified for the South "B" Final in impressive style. They defeated Newcastle to bring the Club its first ever Minor Title. Competing in the "B" competition the U/16 team had a big number of players who lined out with the minor side. Again, they showed excellent skill to reach the Final. Their ability to take their points proved decisive in their 1-10 to 2-2 win over Fr. Sheehy's.

The U/14 hurling team defeated all comers to reach the "C" Final. Newcastle were the opposition. Kilsheelan went ahead early in the game and ran out easy winners.

The real success lies with the U/12 football team when they competed at "B" level. They out scored all opposition on their way to the Final. St Patrick's provided formidable opposition early



**Kilsheelan U12 Football Team who brought the club its first ever Co. Juvenile Title.** Back Row L to R: Kieran Gibbs, Michael McHugh, Michael O'Reilly, Shane Prendergast, Thomas Ryan, Conor Horgan, Eoin Ryan. Front L to R: George Stewart, Ian Geoghan, Barry Cloone, Patrick Walsh, Daire Corcoran, William Walsh, Stephen Cloone, Brian Richards.

on. However, a brilliant second half display resulted in a 2-15 to 0-3 win for Kilsheelan. In the County Semi-Final Moyne/Templetuohy provided stern opposition but again Kilsheelan ran out winners by 1-8 to 1-6. Selectors Ollie Maher (Manager), Nicky Coughlan, Joe Horgan, Theresa Walsh and Jim Healy left no stone unturned in order to bring the Club its first ever Juvenile County Title.

The venue was Cashel, the date Monday 22nd July and the opposition was Borrisoleigh. There was also a big local following present. Everything was right except for the incessant rain. Borrisoleigh put the Kilsheelan lads under a lot of early pressure but they held firm. Kilsheelan came more and more into the game. A goal by Stephen Cloone put them on their way and they led at half time by 1-3 to 0-3. In the second half Kilsheelan dominated - further goals by Eoin Ryan and Patrick Walsh helped them to a 3-7 to 0-3 historic win. Much to the delight of the Kilsheelan supporters Pa Walsh accepted the trophy on behalf of his teammates.

Lets hope that this will be the spring board for greater success in the near future.

**Close-up view** - Senior football selector, Colm O'Flaherty, gets a different view of training through the camera lens at a training session at Semple Stadium.



# — Double Victory —

## BALLYPOREEN/SKEHEENARINKY JUVENILE G.A.A.

The past year has been one of the most successful for our juvenile teams. The U-14 hurlers won the South 'B' title with the U-16 footballers taking the 'C' title. The U-12 footballers contested the 'C' final and the U-14 footballers also reached the 'B' final without success.

**U-12** – Our football team defeated Cahir, Newcastle, Grangemocker, Ballylooby, St. Martin's, Moyle Rovers to reach the 'C' final. However they lost the final 1-6 to 1-3 to St. Martin's.

The U-12 hurlers competed in the 'B' grade which proved too much for them losing all the games.

**U-14** – The footballers reached the 'B' final with wins over Ballingarry and Kilsheelan. In the final they came up against a strong Clonmel Og side and lost by 4-6 to 1-5.

The U-14 hurlers brought a second hurling title to our club. With wins over Fr. Sheehy's, St. Mary's, Fethard they reached the 'B' South final. In the final against St. Patrick's it was a fine team display to secure victory by the score 3-6 to 2-3.

Team – J. Roche, D. Hyland, J. Cahill (Capt.), D. Russell, D. Martin, S. Nolan, P. Hennessy, B. Finn, D. Lyons, C. Gubbins, M.J. Meaney, K. Lynch, M. Crotty, C. McGrath, D. English, P. Treacy, A. Hanlon, H. English.

**U-16** – The hurlers playing in section 'C' drew with St. Patrick's and lost to Ballylooby and Ballyneale.

The U-16 footballers defeated St. Patrick's and Grangemocker to reach the 'C' final against Ballylooby. After an exciting encounter our side snatched victory in the dying seconds with a goal from a free to win by 2-9 to 1-11.

Team – W. Carey, P. McLoughlin, P. McCarthy, M. Crotty, B. Flannelly, J. McDonnell, J. Cahill, M. Finn (Capt.), B. Finn, D. Lyons, M.J. Farrell, M.J. Meaney, C. McGrath, S. Nolan, J. O'Gorman.

They were defeated by Holycross in the County semi-final played at Cashel.

A very successful Summer Camp was organised by the club again this year.

Chairman .....Eddie Maher  
Secretary.....Michael McGrath  
Treasurer .....Tom Flannelly



*Skeheenarinky – South Tipp U-14 Hurling 'B' Champions*  
Back Row (l. to r.) – Paul Hennessy, Alan Hanlon, Jamie Cahil (Capt.), Brendan Finn, James Roche, Darrah Lyons, M.J. Meaney, Shane Nolan, Ciaran McGrath, David Hyland. Front Row (l. to r.) – Patrick Treacy, Michael Crotty, Harry English, Christopher Gubbins, Danny English, Kevin Lynch, David Russell, Declan Martin.



*Ballyporeen – South Tipperary U-16 Football 'C' Champions*  
Back Row (l. to r.) – Brendan Finn, Ciaran McGrath, Declan Martin, Pat O'Donoghue, M.J. Farrell, Paul McCarthy, J.P. Begley, Brian Flannelly, Jonathan McDonnell, Shane Nolan, Patrick Kelly, David Russell. Middle Row (l. to r.) – John O'Gorman, Darrah Lyons, M.J. Meaney, James Roche, Michael Finn (Capt.), Paul McLoughlin, William Carey, Jamie Cahil, Michael Crotty, Charles Bailey. Front – Christopher Gubbins, David Hyland.



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael - Tíobraid Árann Thiar

# BORD na nÓg

## Bord na nÓg Officers 1998

Life President -	James O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers)
Chairman -	Lar O'Keefe (Solohead)
Vice Chairman 2 -	Liam O'Dwyer (Eire Óg)     John Ryan (Cappawhite)
Secretary -	Gerry Beary (Cappawhite)
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Registrar -	Rodger Ryan (Cashel K.C.)
Assistant Secretary/PRO -	John Barry (Cappawhite)
Co. Board na nÓg reps -	Lar O'Keefe     Gerry Beary     Joe O'Dwyer     Liam O'Dwyer.



**Kickhams West Tipperary U12 "A" Champions 1998**



**Golden/K West U12 Hurling "A" Champions 1998**

Front Row R to L: Niall Kennedy, Shane Ryan, Phillip Long, Donncha O'Brien, Daithi Bargarry, Patrick Ivors, Damien Ryan, Sean Walsh, Michael Fitzgerald, Jamie Currvan, Shane Looby. Back Row L to R: John Stapleton, Dermot Ryan, James McCarthy, Kevin Griffin, James Hayes, Kevin Blake, John English, Padraig Hayes, David Ivors, Joseph Riordan.



**Cappawhite U14 "B" West Tipperary Winners 1998**

Back Row L to R: Mike Ryan (Selector), Desmond Ryan, Maurice Fitzgerald, Richard Fahy, Jim McGrath, Daniel Kelly, John Breen (Manager), Sahane O'Neill, Richard Barry, Gerard Ryan, Thomas Carr, Richard Barry (Selector). Front Row L to R: Joseph Carmody, Micahel Barry, Ciarán Ryan, Gerard Beary (Captain), Joe Harding, John Fitzgerald, Kieran McCarthy, Frank Kelly, Colm O'Keefe. Missing Ross Dunne and Paul O'Dwyer.



**Golden/K West U12 Football "A" Champions 1998**

Front Row R to L: Shane Looby, Niall Kennedy, Ronan Hayes, Jonathan Corcoran, Michael Harding, Phillip Long, Daiti Bargarry, Dermot Ryan, Damien Ryan, Shane Ryan. Back Row L to R: John English, Michael Fitzgerald, Kevin Blake, James McCarthy, Patrick Ivors, Kevin Griffin, Ian Burns, Sean Walsh, James Hayes, Padraig Hayes, Joseph Riordan.



**Cappawhite U12 Hurling "C" Champions 1998**

Back Row R to L: David O'Dwyer, Brendan Buckley, Michael P. Buckley, Ross Dunne, Frankey Kelly (Captain), John Fitzgerald, Michael R. Buckley, Joe Carmody, Michael Ryan, Colm O'Keefe, Diarmuid White, Patrick McGuire. Front Row L to R: Anthony Cummins, Kieran McCarthy, Jerry Renehan, Damien Barry, Jim Carr, Paul Fitzgerald, Gerry O'Neill, Timmy Cranley, Noel Julian, Desmond Renehan, Michael O'Neill, Matthew Ryan.



**Solohead West U14 Football "A" Champions 1998**

Front Row R to L: Vincent Stokes, Shane Ryan, Niall Greensmith, Paul Ryan, Walter Myers, Neil Collins, Jamie Kenefick, Michael Kennedy, Brian Hartnett, Joseph O'Doherty. Back Row L to R: Niko Riordan (Manager), John Lynch, Colin Withero, Eamon O'Brien, Mark Cosgrave, Barry Ryan, Noel Kennedy, Brendan Whelan, Peter O'Hora, Paudie Collins, James Ryan.

**B**ord na nÓg Tiobraid Arann Thiar wish to acknowledge their appreciation to our sponsors for their sponsorship of our Divisional Championship during 1998.

Almost 300 games were organised for the juveniles of West Tipperary in 1998. The first games of the season were played on 4th April 1998, Peile na nÓg and the final game played in the special U13

Football Competition on 28th November 1998.

1998 saw a joint sponsorship launch with the West Senior Board and Bord na nÓg which was launched by Louis Fitzgerald Chairman of Tipperary Supporters Club, Medals Presentation night was held in Annacarty with local players Anthony Crosse and Damian O'Brien of the Tipperary All-Ireland Junior Football

winning team as guests on the night to present the medals to the winning teams.

A year which saw Rockwell Rovers bridge a 43 year gap and win two County Titles and Aherlow bringing back the U12 "A" Football Title.

1998 saw the retirement of Nicholas Lonergan a treasurer and referee from Bord na nÓg, wishing him well.

**Gerry Beary.**

**Gleeson Concrete U12 "A" Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Clonoulty/R	6-4	Cashel K.C.	2-1
	Kickhams	5-8	Galtee Rvrs	0-1
<b>Final</b>	Kickhams	3-3	Clonoulty/R	1-1

Ref: James Hogan

**Tipperary Co-op U12 "B" Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	1-4	Golden K	1-4
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Ref: Sean Toomey

<b>Replay</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	1-4	Golden K	1-2
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Ref: Sean Toomey

**Noel Browne Bus Hire U12 "C" Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Aherlow	12-2	Lattin/C	0-0
	Emly	3-3	Eire Óg	0-0
<b>Final</b>	Aherlow	7-4	Emly	0-3

Ref: Noel Moloney

**Quirke Jewellers U12 Shield Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Arravale Rvrs	5-4	Solohead	1-2
	Cappawhite	5-3	Sean Treacys	0-3
<b>Final</b>	Cappawhite	2-4	Arravale Rvrs	2-3

Ref: John Kennedy

**John Kelly Soft Drinks Tipperary U14 "A" Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Arravale Rvrs	4-6	Clonoulty/R	1-6
	Emly	4-4	Galtee Rvrs	1-3
<b>Final</b>	Arravale Rvrs	1-2	Emly	0-3

Ref: Eamonn Browne

**Friar St. Fryer U14 "B" Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Cappawhite	1-10	Golden K	3-2
	Sean Treacys	3-1	Cashel K.C.	0-9
<b>Final</b>	Cappawhite	2-4	Sean Treacys	0-1

Ref: Tommy Fitzgerald

**Hanley Tyre Centre Tipperary U14 "C" Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Solohead	3-8	Rockwell Rvrs	0-3
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Ref: Liam o'Dwyer

**Allied Irish Bank Tipperary U16 "A" Hurling**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Lattin/C	4-4	Cappawhite	0-4
	Cashel K.C.	5-10	Galtee Rvrs	2-6
<b>Final</b>	Cashel K.C.	5-8	Lattin/C	1-5

Ref: Willie Morrissey

**Coca Cola Féile na nGael Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Clonoulty/R	3-4	Cappawhite	?-?
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Ref: Sean Toomey

**Garda Cup U 13 Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Doon	5-12	Galtee Rvrs	2-6
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**Centenary Co-op U16 "B" Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Eire Óg	2-11	Golden/K	1-6
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Ref: Tommy Fitzgerald

**P.J. Burns Hardware Tipperary U16 "C" Hurling**

<b>Final</b>	Emly	5-6	Solohead	0-5
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Ref: Aengus Ryan

**Garda Cup U 13 Football**

<b>Final</b>	Galtee Rvrs	1-8	Cashel K.C.	1-3
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Ref: Sean Toomey

**Fitzpatricks Printer U12 "A" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Aherlow	3-9	Cashel K.C.	2-2
	Galtee Rvrs	2-9	Arravale Rvrs	3-2
<b>Final</b>	Aherlow	3-9	Galtee Rvrs	3-7

Ref: Tommy Fitzgerald

**Tipperary Credit Union U12 "B" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Golden K	0-5	Cappawhite	0-1
	Rockwell Rvrs	2-5	Kickhams	1-7
<b>Final</b>	Golden K	3-2	Rockwell Rvrs	2-4

Ref: John Ryan

**Irish Permanent Building Society Tipperary U12 "C" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Emly	8-5	Lattin/C	1-4
	Eire Óg	0-9	Sean Treacy's	0-2
<b>Final</b>	Eire Óg	2-2	Emly	2-2

Ref: Sean Toomey

**Replay**

Eire Óg	1-5	Emly	0-0
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**Corrib Minerals U14 "A" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Solohead	2-4	Galtee Rvrs	1-5
	Arravale Rvrs	w/o	Rosegreen	scr
<b>Final</b>	Solohead	3-4	Arravale Rvrs	2-6

Ref: John Kennedy

**Sergeant Peppers U14 "B" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Cashel K.C.	1-8	Lattin/C	2-1
	Emly	4-5	Aherlow	4-3
<b>Final</b>	Emly	1-5	Cashel K.C.	1-4

Ref: Francis Kearney

**Whelan Sports U 14 "C" Football**

<b>Final</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	5-5	Eire Óg	0-0
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Ref: Eamonn Browne

**Allied Irish Bank Tipperary U 16 "A" Football**

<b>Final</b>	Cashel K.C.	3-16	Rockwell Rvrs	0-8
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Ref: Sean Toomey

**Quirke Jewellers Cahir U 16 "B" Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Eire Óg	1-11	Lattin/C	2-5
	Arravale Rvrs	6-13	Clonoulty/R	2-2
<b>Final</b>	Eire Óg	2-6	Arravale Rvrs.	1-8

Ref: John Ryan

**Cashel Credit Union U 16 "B" Football**

<b>Final</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	4-7	Emly	1-7
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Ref: Tommy Fitzgerald

**B&H Garden Buildings Tipperary U12 Football Shield**

<b>Final</b>	Clonoulty/R	3-11	Solohead	0-1
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Ref: John Ryan

**Coca Cola Péil na nÓg U14 Football**

<b>Semi-Final</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	3-2	Galtee Rvrs	2-3
	Solohead	0-6	Cashel K.C	0-1
<b>Final</b>	Rockwell Rvrs	2-3	Solohead	0-3



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# Arravale Rovers Juvenile Scene



**Arravale Rvs West U14 "A" Hurling Champions 1998**

Front Row L to R: Eamon Crowe, Adrian Fitzgerald, Mark Roche, Michael Tuohy, Bernard O'Callaghan, Peter Thornton, Karl Lowry, Cormac Moore, Phillip Ryan. Back Row L to R: Paddy O'Connor (Trainer), John Tuohy, James O'Brien, James O'Dwyer, John O'Brien, Barry Quinn, Wayne Rogers, David Whelan, Denis O'Brien, Roger O'Connor, Anthony Glasheen, Ian Nugent.

**W**hile juvenile affairs have always had a high priority it was decided back in 1985 through the vision and foresight of such stalwart club members as Bro. Moloughey, Jim O'Donoghue and Michael Gleeson to add a juvenile section to the club. The dual aim being to reduce the workload on the senior club and to ensure a steady supply of young players through the ranks.

While the intervening years have seen considerable success on the playing fields, it can be argued that success in terms of titles won is not always an accurate barometer and in 1994 the club decided to revamp its structures and make Sean Treacy Park a hive of hurling and football activity every weekend. With the dedication and commitment of a loyal band of adults acting as team managers and helpers of every kind, the youth of the town are being given the opportunity to learn the skills of gaelic games in a friendly, enjoyable yet closely supervised environment. The emphasis is very much on the younger age group and this is reflected in the large numbers of 6-10 year olds to be seen at weekend sessions.

While most of the work is done out of doors we are fortunate to have at our disposal such an outstanding amenity as Canon Hayes Sports Complex which has been used throughout the winter months for indoor hurling. This has proved to be a huge attraction giving so many young lads the opportunity to continue playing hurling while still out of the worst of the weather. We have also found that playing the game at such close quarters helps the younger set to overcome the fear of being hit from an early age, a big factor in learning the game of hurling.

Outdoors we lay great stress on travel-

ling on a regular basis to meet other clubs for friendly games and they in turn are only too delighted to reciprocate. In addition we organise town leagues in hurling and football for the various age groups and these have proved to be highly entertaining affairs which have the added value of attracting large numbers of parents who appreciate what the club is doing for the youth.

The Tipperary GAA camp has been the highlight of many a summer and this year attracted in the region of 130 boys and girls who had a marvellous week, which was made all the more memorable by the visit of county stars Declan Ryan, Peter Lambert and Brendan Cummins. The week was finished in style with an U11 hurling blitz organised in conjunction with festival of Tipperary and to which Eire Óg, Garryspillane and Galbally we were invited. Run on a totally non-com-

petitive basis this turned out to be one of the most enjoyable days of the year for our juveniles. Competition wise we had teams involved in the Tipperary ground hurling blitz, the West Tipperary U11 hurling blitz, the Nesson U10 hurling competition and the Nesson U12 Towns Cup. In West Tipperary Bord na nÓg we fielded hurling and football sides at U12, U14 and U16 giving a good account of ourselves and being narrowly defeated in three finals before recording our sweetest victory for many a day, when our U14 hurlers bridged a ten year gap by taking the West "A" Championship.

During the year each age group was treated to an outing starting with the U14s who travelled to Tralee where they were entertained with a game and refreshments by the local Austin Stacks Club before going to watch and enjoy the Munster U21 Football Final where Tipperary and Kerry served up a thriller. On the first Saturday in September a bus laden down with U6s, U8s, U10s and U12s travelled to Tralee where visits to the Aquadome and McDonalds were on the menu and once again the various age groups were royally treated by Austin Stacks.

The year came to a close with our U16s travelling to Croke Park to see Irelands historical win over the Australians in the Compromise Rules games. That our many trips and outings were undertaken at a greatly reduced cost is due in no small measure to the financial support of the senior side of the club. That they can do so is largely due to the involvement in Tipperary Community Sports Club which has been a financial boon ever since its inception.

We in the juvenile club would like to thank all those who supported us through the Lotto and make it possible for us to continue our programme for the youth.

**Declan Ryan Tipperary Hurler paid a welcome and much appreciated visit pictured here with the young hopefuls**



**Arravale Rovers Summer Camp at Seán Treacy Park Tipperary July '98**

Back Row L to R: Ian Rahelly, Jamie O'Callaghan, James Mulhaire, Brian Jones, Steven Quinn, Damian O'Donnell, David McCormack, Paddy Noonan. Front Row L to R: Gary Parker, Jas Rhatigan, Michael O'Sullivan, Darren Lowry, John McCahill, Barry Kingston, Jack Kiely.

# ROCKWELL ROVERS

## JUVENILE CLUB

**R**ockwell Rovers have enjoyed great success this year winning a tally of six championships in all consisting of four West and two County titles.

It has been forty-three years since the club won a county title. The last team to win a county was in 1955, when the Rovers beat Toomevara in the final.

Starting with our youngest members our U-12s reached the West football final. On their way to the final they displayed great spirit producing excellent games of football, including a semi-final replay against Kickham's. They went on to play Golden in the final and were beaten by one point at the final whistle in a very entertaining game played in Annacarthy. Although beaten in that final, they showed great determination in the run up to the West B hurling final. Again their opponents were Golden, but this time the Rovers won by a two point margin at the final whistle. Great credit is due to the players themselves and to their coaches, Donal Moloney and Kieran Barrett.

Our U-14 footballers started playing football in March, and they won their first ever Peil na nÓg West final beating Solohead. They were then beaten in the county semi-final by Newport who went on to win that competition. They continued to train and went on to reach a West C final beating Éire Óg. They then beat Kilruane MacDonaghs in the County semi-final and then went on to beat Ballylooby in the County final played in Cahir. The final itself was a very close game in the first-half with Ballylooby putting up a great performance, but the Rovers kept fighting all the way to the final whistle and were deserving winners by a margin of six points. Great credit again to all the players, many of whom also play at U-12 age level and to their coaches Seán and Ger Moloney. The U-14 hurlers reached the West final in that competition but were beaten by a very strong Solohead team.

Our Under-16s won the second county title for the club this year. They beat Emly in the West final. Portroe in the County semi-final and finally Holycross in the final. The final was played in Cashel. It was a very entertaining game of football, where Holycross fought back constantly but the Rovers came out worthy winners. Great credit due again to all players and their coaches, John Cooney, Donal Moloney and Wally O'Donnell.



*Rockwell Rovers U-12 West B Hurling Winners*

*Back (l. to r.): D. O'Donnell, M. Prendergast, Kieran Barrett (Selector), O. Barrett, D. Fitzgerald, P. Boland, J. Keating, M. O'Halloran, N. Barrett, P. Cummins, Donal Moloney (Selector), J. Dudley, E. Shine, R. O'Halloran (Capt.), R. Burke, G. Moloney, M. Barrett. Front (l. to r.): J.J. Cooney, A. Dudley, W. Flynn, A. Moloney, J. Scanlon, J. Flanagan, R. Barrett, M. Cooney, C. O'Donnell, A. Burke, S. Quirke, E. Ryan.*



*Rockwell Rovers U-14 West Peil na nÓg West and County Winners*

*Back (l. to r.): Seán Moloney (Selector), S. O'Halloran, T. O'Farrell, S. Byrne, P. Halley, F. MacGuirk, E. Moore, P. Halley, D. Hally, M. O'Halloran, S. Moloney, E. Shine, K. Lafford, Ger Moloney (Selector). Front (l. to r.): E. Barrett, P. Cummins, A. Moloney, M. Prendergast, G. Moloney, R. O'Halloran, P. Prendergast (Capt.), S. Quirke, T. Barrett, P. Boland, J. Dudley.*



*Rockwell Rovers U-16 West and County Champions*

*Back (l. to r.): J. Cooney (Selector), D. Hally, P. Hally, J. Heffernan, S. Nolan, H. O'Donnell, C. Halley, N. Gueron, C. O'Gorman, W. Prendergast, Wally O'Donnell (Selector). Front (l. to r.): J. Fahey, S. Moloney, P. Prendergast, P. Halley, S. Phelan (Capt.), J. Hally, P. Nugent, J. O'Donnell, E. Moore, Donal Moloney (Selector).*

*Missing from photo: J. O'Halloran, F. McGuirk, E. Barrett, N. O'Donnell, T. O'Farrell, S. Byrne.*

# AHERLOW'S

## Unique Achievement

### (1998)

TOM O'SHEA

**T**he Aherlow Under-12 football team won the County A final for the very first time this year. This is a very big achievement in itself but when we look behind the bare facts we are bold enough to claim that it was a unique victory.

There have been many County finals won by very worthy teams down the years. People from other clubs will point out other records achieved but we in Aherlow challenge any club to beat our victory in one dimension – that of the age of our players.

We are a very small club sharing the parish with out County Limerick club Galbally. All our players bar one attend the one three teacher mixed school, Lisvernane.

The average of the players who won the County was exactly 10 years 6 months. Gary Frewen, who played in all the championship matches was seven years five months on the night the final was played. Was this an all time record for a player to win an A final?

We had three players under nine, two under ten, three under eleven and just six under twelve – the age of the competition.

We in Aherlow take great pride in this. We remember that all the large population areas entered this competition. Think of it! Thurles, Nenagh, Cashel, Tipperary, Fethard and yet we came out on top!

We will be the first to admit that luck was with us in many of our games. We were lucky to deflate Bansha in the West final. We were more than lucky to defeat Carrick Swans in the County final but the fact is we won out.

It must give other small clubs encouragement. But we remind them that this great victory wasn't achieved just by entering a team. There were many long sessions on the sportsfield with Tom Peters and Tom O'Shea had those boys on the field every fine school lunch-break in Lisvernane school for years.



*Aherlow U-12 'C' Hurling West Champions*  
 Front (l. to r.): Barry Grogan, Cahal Dillon, Gary Frewen, Laurence Coskeran, Tommy O'Neill, Thomas Fahy, Bernard O'Brien, Tadgh O'Donoghue (Capt.), Peter McKnight, Gordon Peters, Sean Mullins, Thomas Hanley, William Óg O'Brien, Colm Griffin. Back (l.to r.): Tom O'Shea (Trainer), Ciaran McDonald, Seamus Grogan, Vincent Hennessy, Michelle Brennan, Michael O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien, John Hennessy, Martin Peters, Joey Fahy, Luke Leonard (Trainer), Pat Frewen (Trainer).



*Aherlow U-12 'A' Football West and County Champions*  
 Front (l. to r.): William O'Brien, Ciaran McDonald, Chris McDonald, Sean Mullins, Seamus Grogan, Gary Frewen, Michelle Brennan, Gordon Peters, Joseph O'Brien (Capt.), Peter McKnight, Stacie Smith. Back (l.to r.): Tom O'Shea (Coach), Tommy O'Neill, Barry Grogan, Laurence Coskeran, Tadgh O'Donoghue, Michael O'Brien, Paul Coughlan, Vincent Hennessy, John Hennessy, Cahal Dillon, Joey Fahy, Martin Peters, Thomas Peters (Trainer).

# Kickhams treble success

**A**T THE beginning of 1998, as West Senior Hurling Champions, we in the Kickhams club would have been happy if we again retained the West Crown and possibly one of the senior football competitions.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in retaining the senior hurling title, but by any standards, the success achieved would be considered very good – winning the West senior football championship for the first time, at our second year at senior level.

This was a great achievement and those involved must be complimented – players, selectors and especially coach William Crowe. While we expected the team to progress to possibly a county final, they failed to put away J.K. Brackens in the quarter-final.

The team was also successful in the O'Donoghue Cup final, beating arch rivals Aherlow in the Divisional League final. This game was played in Sean Treacy Park and the team showed great character and heart to again thwart their opponents, as they did also in the championship.

While the senior championship eluded our senior hurlers, they came through the League to reach a final with Arravale Rovers as their opponents. This was a very one sided game and the lads captured the title easily in Capawhite.

All in all, a successful year by any standards, and one we are proud of. But in truth, I suppose the three titles won would be nearly swapped for the one which we lost out on. Hopefully, 1999 might see the return of the senior hurling title. We wait in anticipation.

While our seniors achieved great success, we also salute our junior 'A' hurlers who brought us the junior hurling title after a break of a number of years.

Convention last year took a decision to appoint Donal Kennedy as manager (a wise decision) with power to appoint his own selectors. This proved a success and the management team put in a lot of effort to ensure they would deliver the junior crown which they duly did. Our congratulations to all concerned.



Tipperary supporters Noreen Gooney (Thurles); Eimear Shelly (Killenaule), sister of senior hurling star Paul Shelly; Helena Galvin and Frank Nolan (both Thurles), photographed in Cork before the Munster senior and intermediate championship matches at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

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**O**UR year commenced with a county Scór na nÓg final in Halla na Féile, Cashel, the usual packed house was present. The talent continues to entertain with its ever-increasing rise to an almost "professional act". All our winners did us proud at Munster semi-finals in Cappamore and those who qualified went on to fly the Tipperary flag with distinction in the Premier Hall, Thurles, on Sunday, 1st February. However, we did not receive any first places on this evening, no doubt all this ability and talent will be rewarded in the future.

Cashel, an almost home away from home to Scór, saw us again with the County Final of Scór Síneair. We are in no doubt of the talent that we have in the county, however, we have huge problems at getting this on stage. Club participation is running very low and the club has obligations to change this. The recruitment of new enthusiastic people is vital, these are present in every parish and town, they should ideally not be involved in mainstream club affairs and could breathe new life into the Scór structure in the club.

As per usual, all our winners meet the very high standards at Munster semi-final with much qualification for the Munster Final in Clonmel. Breda Butler, representing Sean Treacy's, brought home the honours in Amhránaíocht Aonair and went on to represent the provinces at the All-Ireland Scór Síneair Final in Athlone. This was to be Breda's day, coming a richly deserved first.

Still the most enjoyable night, Scór na bPáistí fell to the rear of another year. One had to be mesmerised by all these young people, the future of Scór. No doubt we will be seeing many of them in years to come.

The committee had the great pleasure of attending a celebratory night with Sean Treacy's club in Rearcross. Here our All-Ireland champion was presented by us with a piece of Tipperary Crystal. A most fitting and appropriate night to Breda and her family and a lovely way to finish up the year.

This, too, was Convention year. Nineteen motions were submitted for discussion on Wednesday, 8th April. Eight motions were forwarded to Munster after much discussion and consideration, it is encouraging to see the depth of feeling and interest people have to make Scór stronger. Six people represented Tipperary at Munster

score.

Six of our motions were passed to National level at an extensive and robust meeting. The national meeting saw in excess of fifty motions debated. Munster was well represented on all fronts with all the counties present and by far the most motions. The Tipperary motions were all carried successfully.

This forthcoming season will see little change overall, with only some competitions receiving changes. The basic structure of Scór seems to have reached near perfection, I am speaking of course of the competitions, however much needs to be done in its maintenance and further promotion. Falling participation is very evident, we cannot afford to let this go any further. Ideally a Development Officer is needed for most counties, they could help us immensely. Clubs need to be "got at", a strong club base is fundamental to our survival.

Our Scór AGM saw a good crowd in Park Avenue House Hotel on 7th October. All the officers remain unchanged. The night was occupied with discussion on our rule changes.

We held an adjudication seminar on 17th October, which was most beneficial. We were encouraged to see some new faces and all our experienced ones. Hopefully for our new people, we gave them confidence to start adjudicating. We have more planned.

To all those who suffered a bereavement, I offer sympathy. Death took from us this year many Scór enthusiasts, most notably our good friend Seamus Hayes, none better to Scór, he taught us a lot. To his family I offer our condolences.

Just recently my own Mam passed on to her eternal life, all too



*Breda Butler, All-Ireland Solo Singing Scór winner, singing at Munster Football Final in Thurles.*

soon. I received much support from the outset of Mam's illness, I am eternally grateful. On behalf of my family I offer our thanks for all your help. Ní bhéid a léithéid ann arís.

I look forward to our coming season and wish everyone success in the forthcoming months.

**Maria Morrissey (Rúnaí)**



*Senior Scór – North winner Solo Song: Borrisoleigh – Maria Ryan.*



*Upperchurch/Drombane Bailéad Ghrúpa – County Champions Scór na bPáistí Standing – J. Ryan, Noelle Greene, Claire Quinn, Jim Keane. Seated – Siobhán Carew, Angela Ryan, Marguerite Tierney.*

## COUNTY SCÓR WINNERS

*Rince Foirme:* Gortnahoe/Glengoole.

*Amhránaíocht Aonair:* Mary Theresa O'Connell (Sean Treacy's).

*Ceol Uirlise:* Toomevara.

*Nuachleas:* Ballina.

*Tráth na gCéist:* Sean Treacy's.

*Aithriseoireacht:* Bríd Heffernan (Cappawhite).

*Bailéad Ghrúpa:* Moyne/Templetuohy.

*Rince Seit:* Borrisoleigh.

No Munster or All-Ireland winners.

## COUNTY SCÓR SINSEAR

*Rince Foirme:* Newcastle.

*Amhránaíocht Aonair:* Breda Butler (Sean Treacy's).

*Ceol Uirlise:* Sean Treacy's

*Nuachleas:* J.K. Brackens.

*Tráth na gCéist:* Mullinahone.

*Aithriseoireacht:* Eileen Heffernan (Cappawhite).

*Bailéad Ghrúpa:* Moyne/Templetuohy.

*Rince Seit:* Newcastle.

Munster and All-Ireland champion – Breda Butler (Sean Treacy's) in Amhránaíocht Aonair.

## COUNTY SCÓR NA bPAISTÍ

*Rince Foirme:* Emlý.

*Amhránaíocht Aonair:* Anne Marie Cavanagh (Borrisoleigh).

*Ceol Uirlise:* Roscrea.

*Nuachleas:* Sean Treacy's.

*Tráth na gCéist:* Toomevara.

*Aithriseoireacht:* Michelle Coffey (J.K. Brackens).

*Bailéad Ghrúpa:* Upperchurch/Drombane.

*Rince Seit:* Sean Treacy's.



Ann Marie Cavanagh, Borrisoleigh – North and County Solo Song Winner, Scór na bPáistí.



County Scór Officers and Committee – 1998



**Borrisoleigh Set Dancers – County Champions Scór na nÓg**

**Back (l-r) –** Jim Keane, County Chairman; Martin Maher, Pierce Ryan, Pauraic Maher, Seamus Farrell, Philip Ryan (coach). **Front (l-r) –** Sinead Stapleton, Michelle Maher, Ann Ryan, Bernadette Stapleton.



**Senior Scór – North Winners: Borrisoleigh Set Dancers**

**Back row (l-r) –** Maria Ryan, Carol Bradshaw, Philip Ryan (coach), Helen Carroll, Julie Ryan. **Front –** Henry Groome, Declan Maher, Michael Browne, Thomas Walsh.



**Borrisoleigh – North Set Dancing Winners, Scór na bPáistí**

**Back row (l-r) –** Elaine Stapleton, Maura Bradshaw, Pauline O'Brien, Jill Chadwick. **Front row (l-r) –** Michael Fahy, Toby Kavanagh, Brendan Maher, Peter Ryan.

# Mid-Tipperary Scór

## Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann Meánach

**W**e had a good season, we had a good response from most clubs, the interest in Scór na nÓg and Scór na bPáistí is increasing. We are disappointed that some clubs have no interest in Scór Sinsear, so we are grateful to the faithful few who keep plugging away.

Maybe now, with only two items required to participate, it may get more clubs involved. It was disappointing that we had no entry in senior music competition.

In Scór na nÓg our representatives – Gortnahoe/Glengoole in Rince Foirne – won the county final but were unlucky in the Munster final in Thurles. Moyne/Templetuohy Bailéad Ghrúpa, despite a good performance, were unlucky in the Munster semi-final in Cappamore.

In Scór Sinsear, J.K. Brackens Novelty Act were pipped by Cork in Clonmel at the Munster final. Cork went on to win the All-Ireland. Moyne/Templetuohy Ballad Group were beaten in the Munster semi-final.

In Scór na bPáistí J.K. Brackens Question Time team and Upperchurch Ballad Group were worthy county champions in Cashel, with Upperchurch second in Solo Song and Instrumental Music.

Thanks to all the competitors for giving so much enjoyment over the season and wishing everyone all the best in 1998/99 season.

Coiste Scór Thiobraid Árann Menach wish to thank our host clubs, their stewards and catering ladies during the season, also our sponsors: Mid Board, Thurles Credit Union, John Kennedy Centenary Rooms, A.C.C. Thurles, Tivoli Cleaners, Publicans Grants and Kinane (Upperchurch) and Michael Ryan (Drombane), Thurles Livestock Mart and Tycorn Auto Spares.

We lost our best friend and supporter when Seamus Hayes, Gurtáhoola, passed to his eternal reward on 7th August. Seamus was a great Gael, having been for many years a selector with Upperchurch GAA Juvenile Club. He helped at Scór competitions from Mid Scór to National Scór, he was always there when needed, we also miss his sense of humour. He was one of God's true gentlemen. Keep smiling down on us, Seamus. Go ndéanfaidh Dia trácaire ar a anam.

*Nora Troy, P.R.O.*

	Scór na nÓg	Scór Sinsear	Scór na bPáistí
Rince Foirne	Gortnahoe/Glengoole	Upperchurch	Gortnahoe/Glengoold
Amhránaíocht Aonair	Upperchurch/Drombane	J.K. Brackens	Upperchurch/Drombane
Ceol Uirlise	Loughmore/Castleiney	None	Upperchurch/Drombane
Nuachleas	Drom/Inch	J.K. Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy
Tráth na gCeist	J.K. Brackens	Moyne/Templetuohy	J.K. Brackens
Aithriseoireacht	Moycarkey	J.K. Brackens	Boherlahan
Bailéad Ghrúpa	Moyne/Templetuohy	Moyne/Templetuohy	Upperchurch/Drombane
Rince Set	Moycarkey/Borris	J.K. Brackens	J. K. Brackens



*Upperchurch/Drombane Ceol Uirlise Group – Mid Champions Scór na bPáistí Seated – Claire Quinn, Eileen Ryan, Mairéad Purcell, Edel Ryan.*



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## South Tipperary Scór Winners 1997/98

### SCÓR NA nÓG

Rince Foirne: Newcastle.  
Amhránaíocht Aonair: Moyle Rovers.  
Ceol Uirlise: Fr. Sheehy's.  
Nuachleas: Fr. Sheehy's.  
Tráth na gCeisteanna: Moyle Rovers.  
Aithriseoireacht: Fr. Sheehy's.  
Bailéad Ghrúpa: Moyle Rovers.  
Rince Seit: Moyle Rovers.

### SCÓR NA bPÁISTÍ

Rince Foirne: Newcastle.  
Amhránaíocht Aonair: Grangemockler  
Ceol Uirlise: Ballybacon/Grange.

Nuachleas: Moyle Rovers.  
Tráth na gCeisteanna: Ballingarry.  
Aithriseoireacht: Moyle Rovers.  
Bailéad Ghrúpa: Kilsheelan.  
Rince Seit: Ballybacon/Grange.

I would like to thank Barry O'Brien, our Scór Chairman; Jimmy Keating, Senior Chairman, all the other people that helped in any way in the running of Scór during the year. We are asking all clubs for their support in improving Scór in the future.

*Eibhlín Ní Bheoláin*

# North Tipperary Scór



*Borrisoleigh, North Scór na nÓg winner:  
Solo Song – Louise Ryan.*



*Templederry – Novelty Act North Champions Scór na bPáistí  
Back (l-r) – Yvonne Ryan, Sharon Gleeson, Marie Ryan, Tara Kennedy. Front – John Fogarty, Caitriona Madden, Donal McGrath, Thomas Corcoran.*



*Portroe Ballad Group – North Champions Scór na bPáistí  
Left to right – Elaine Ryan, Carina Lawlor, Lynn Slattery, Lisa Hickey, Serena Cullinane.*



*Michelle Coffey, Toomevara, winner North and County Final Recitation: Scór na bPáistí.*



*Rince Foirne – North Winners Senior Scór  
Back (l-r) – Arleen Óg Groome, Lorraine O'Dwyer, Philip Ryan (coach), Maria Ryan, Mary Kelly. Front – Helen Carroll, Julie Ryan, Carol Bradshaw. (Missing from photo: Ann Kenny).*



*Roscrea – Instrumental Music North and County Winners Scór na bPáistí  
Left to right – Sean Flanagan, Megan Coughlan, Dara Ó Coisdealbha*



**Borrisoleigh Figure Dance – North Winners Scór na bPáistí**  
**Back row** (l-r) – Marie Ryan, Elaine Stapleton, Jill Chadwick, Maura Bradshaw. **Front** (l-r) – Gemma Ryan, Margaret Ryan, Mary Bradshaw, Dearbhla O'Mahoney.



**Silvermines Question Time – North Scór na bPáistí Winners**  
 Left to right – Shane Horan, Teresa Timmons, Gavin Steed.



**Borrisoleigh Instrumental Music – Senior Scór North Champions**  
 Left to right – Timmy McSherry, Micheál Tierney, Noelle Maher.

**Borrisoleigh Question Time – North Scór na nÓg Champions**  
 Left to right – Conor Ryan, Pauric Maher, Vincent Stapleton.



**Borrisoleigh – North Scór na nÓg Ballad Group Winners**  
**Back** (l-r) – Kerrie Ryan, Siobhán Stapleton, Bernice Walsh.  
**Front** – Bláithín O'Donnell, Kym Bourke.



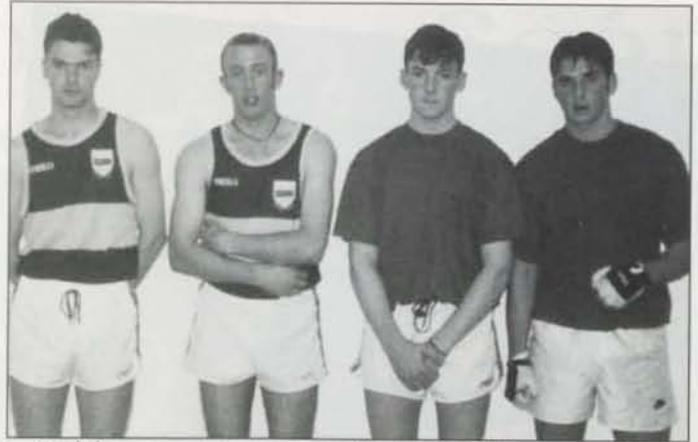
# Tipperary Handball '98

**I**t was another busy year for Tipperary handball in 1998. Tipperary lifted five All-Ireland titles, winning one adult title with Michael Collins and Michael Gleeson and four juveniles. Michael John Meaney and Darragh Lyons winning two, Aisling Moran and Tracy Coonan and Aoife Hickey and Marion Coleman one each.

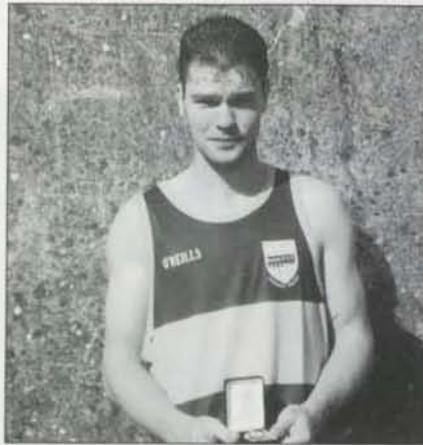
Many players brought back major honours to Tipperary like young Ger Coonan winning a record 3-in-a-row U-12, 40/20 and 60/30 Munster titles, also winning the All-Ireland Schools U-13 Singles title and winning the skills title at Féile na nGael.

Two Tipperary players were tops at highly acclaimed Liscarroll Juvenile tournament, Michael John Meaney U-13 Singles winner; Brian Darcy U-15 Singles winner.

Well done also to Paddy "Musha" Maher and Michael "Bisie" Hogan on winning two Provincial Over-60 titles each.



And there are more news and features in this year's column. Munster 60/30 U-21 Doubles champions – Aidan Supple (Ballyporeen) and Paul Coleman (Ballina) pictured with James and



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Munster 60/30 U-21 Singles winner – Aidan Supple (Ballyporeen)



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All-Ireland 60/30 Silver Masters (A) Doubles 60/30 Final. Pakie Mullins and Seán Doyle (Clonmel) pictured with Handball President Con Moore and John Rossiter and Andy Ryan (Carlow) winners – after the final.



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L. to r. – Tim Healy, chairman Munster Council, Pat McKenna, chairman Tipperary Handball Board, making a presentation to Con Moore, President of the Irish Handball Council, on his visit to Tipperary for the Munster Open. Also in photo is Ken Conway, secretary of Tipperary Handball Board.



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Munster 60/30  
Silver Masters  
(A) Singles and  
Doubles  
champions –  
Seán Doyle and  
Pakie Mullins,  
Clonmel.



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Munster 60/30  
Golden Masters  
(A) Doubles  
champions –  
John Ferncombe  
and Mick  
McGrath (Horse  
& Jockey)



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Double All-Ireland Champions – Michael  
John Meaney and Darragh Lyons  
(Ballyporeen) pictured with John  
O'Donoghue (Cashel) and Eddie Corbett  
(Ballyporeen).

## "Double All-Ireland Titles for Lyons and Meaney"

**D**arragh Lyons and Michael John Meaney (Ballyporeen) won two All-Ireland titles in '98. This year saw Darragh and Michael John making their debut in the All-Ireland Juvenile Championships and what a major impact they made.

It began in March when Darragh and Michael John started the Munster 40/20 championship with a comfortable win over Clare in O'Callaghan's Mills. In the semi-final in Nenagh, they easily beat Waterford but in the Munster final in Tralee, they had a thrilling match with P. O'Donovan and S. Shanahan (Limerick) before winning out in a three game thriller. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they travelled to Belfast and came away with a 15-12, 15-11 win over F. Gamble and M. O'Neill (Antrim). In the All-Ireland final in Conna, Darragh and Michael John became Tipperary's first ever All-Ireland U-14 40/20 doubles champions when they played well to beat Jason Doyle and Richard Walsh (Wicklow) 15-10, 15-11 in an exciting final.

Darragh and Michael John did not rest on their success and in August they began their onslaught on the 60/30 championship. It began with an easy win over Waterford in the Munster semi-final in Ballyporeen. In the Munster final in Thurles, Darragh and Michael John showed their class with a cliff-hanging win 15-8, 14-15, 15-13 over S. McSwiney and D. Casey (Kerry). In the All-Ireland semi-final in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan, Darragh and Michael John started slowly but came back well to record a 15-12, 15-4 over Seán Óg Gargan and Michael Sheenan (Cavan). In the All-Ireland final in Tinahely, Co. Wicklow, the Ballyporeen duo, turned in one of their best ever performances to date with a 15-11, 15-10 win over a highly fancied Thomas Campion and Thomas Hughes (Kilkenny) to lift the 60/30 title. Darragh and Michael John became Tipperary's first ever pair to win both 40/20 and 60/30 U-14 doubles title and join a select group of young handballers to win both titles in the same year at National level.

## "Collins and Gleeson win All-Ireland"

**M**ichael Collins and Michael Gleeson (Ballina) won the All-Ireland 60/30 Masters (B) doubles title in September.

The two Michaels won their first All-Ireland in a very exciting campaign which began with a hard fought 21-14, 17-21, 21-12 win over T. O'Hanlon and M. Kelly (Clare) in the Munster quarter-final. In the semi-final the Ballina lads were pushed all the way

with a thrilling 21-17, 13-21, 21-19 win over Limerick. In the Munster final in Ballinagarry, Co. Limerick, the Ballina pair were in fine form beating G. Guiney and C. Hurley (Cork) 21-11, 21-13. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Thurles, they had a convincing 21-17, 21-9 win over Joe Shortt and George Cullen (Armagh).

In the All-Ireland final again played in Thurles, the two Michaels turned in

an excellent performance against Martin Clancy and Mick Doyle (Carlow) to win a titanic struggle 21-16, 12-21, 21-19. The Ballina lads won a close fought first game 21-16 but the Carlow pair comfortably took the second game 21-12. In a thrilling third game the brave Ballina lads got the better of the Carlow lads by just two aces to lift their first All-Ireland title.

## "Coonan and Horan win All-Ireland title"



Munster 40/20 girls U-14 Doubles winners - Aisling Moran and Tracy Coonan (Ballina).

**T**racy Coonan and Aisling Horan (Ballina) won the All-Ireland 60/30 U-14 doubles juvenile girls title during '98.

Tracy and Aishling came back brilliantly after losing out in the 40/20

final to win the 60/30 title in splendid fashion. In the Munster championship, Tracy and Aisling had two fine wins, a good semi-final win over Clare and then a comfortable win over Kerry.

In the All-Ireland final in Roscommon, the Ballina girls turned in

a thrilling performance to beat Eimear Coyle and Aifric Naughton (Roscommon) 11-15, 15-5, 15-5. They lost the first game but Tracy and Aisling showed their class with a great comeback, to win the second and third game convincingly to lift the title.



Aisling Horan/Tracy Coonan receiving their 60 x 30 All-Ireland medals from Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin (President) in Roscommon.

## "Colleges All-Ireland for Coleman and Hickey"

**A**oife Hickey and Marion Coleman (St. Ann's, Killaloe) won the All-Ireland 40/20 U-13 doubles colleges title in '98.

Aoife and Marion who have been stars of handball over the last couple of years in Ballina lifted their first ever All-Ireland Colleges title with a great campaign to win the U-13 doubles title.

Aoife and Marion won the Munster final with a good win over Clare. In the All-Ireland final in Toonagh, Co. Clare, Aoife and Marion beat Helen Egan and Sandra Walsh (Roscommon) 15-5, 15-14. In the first game Aoife and Marion comfortably won it 15-5 but in a close fought second game Aoife and Marion showed great skill to just beat the Roscommon pair by just one ace to lift the title.



All-Ireland 40/20 U-13 Colleges Doubles champions - Aoife Hickey and Marion Coleman, St. Anne's, Killaloe.

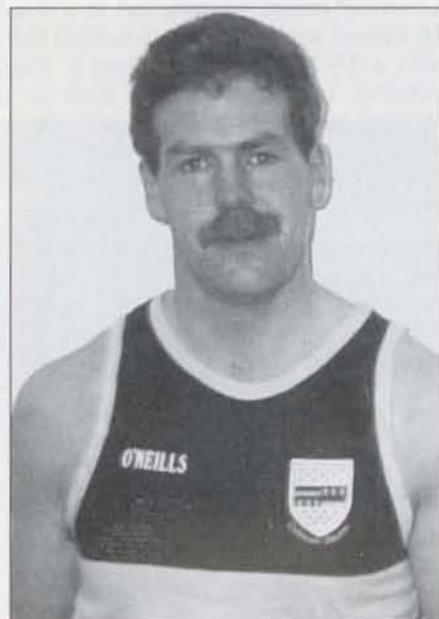
## 40/20 Championship

**T**ipperary handballers won four Munster 40/20 adult titles in this years championship. Tony Flaherty (Youghalarra) won the Masters (B) singles title with a semi-final win over Mick O'Dea (Cork) and Gerry Guiney (Cork) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Tony beat M. McCann (Armagh) in Nenagh but in the All-Ireland final in Garryhill, Co. Carlow, Tony lost out to Tony Breen (Wexford) 21-14, 21-12.

Tony Flaherty teamed up with Michael Kerwick (Horse and Jockey) to win the Masters (B) doubles title with wins over Cork and Limerick to lift the title. Tony and Michael made the long journey to Armagh and lost out to M. McCann and J. Shortt (Armagh) in a close fought three game struggle.

Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) and Martin Maher (Silvermines) won the Silver Masters (B) doubles title with a comfortable 21-7, 21-11 win over Jim Quinn and Garry Howard (Youghalara) in an all-Tipp Munster Final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, Billy and Martin easily beat Antrim. In the All-Ireland final Billy and Martin put up a great show but were out of luck, losing 21-11, 14-21, 21-11 to Con Moore and Pat Gardiner (Kilkenny) in Garryhill, Co. Carlow.

Michael "Bisie" Hogan and Jack King (Nenagh) won the Diamond Masters (B) doubles title with a comfortable win over John Ryan and Willie Sweeney (Cork) but in the All-Ireland final. Michael and Jack never got going against John O'Keefe and John Fleming (Carlow) losing out 21-4, 21-4 in the final in Garryhill, Co. Carlow.



Tony Flaherty (Youghalarra) Munster 40/20 Masters (B) Singles and Doubles winner.



Munster Diamond Masters B – Doubles and Singles winner Michael "Bisie" Hogan (Nenagh).



Munster Silver Masters B doubles winners – Martin Maher (Silvermines) and Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen)

## 60/30 Championship

**I**n this year's Munster 60/30 championship, Tipperary players won 10 adult titles, but only won one All-Ireland title.

Aidan Supple (Ballyporeen) won the U-21 singles title with a good win over Pat Buckley (Cork) in the semi-final and an easy win over Michael Reidy (Limerick) 21-11, 21-9 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final, in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan, Aidan was well beaten by Paul Brady (Cavan) 21-5, 21-4.

Aidan Supple and Paul Coleman (Ballina) won the U-21 doubles title with a comfortable win over Clare in the semi-final and easily beating Eddie Clancy

and Michael Reidy (Limerick) 21-4, 21-4 in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballina, Aidan and Paul turned in an excellent performance to beat James and Paul Brady (Cavan) 21-15, 21-17. In the All-Ireland final in Garryhill, Co. Carlow, Aidan and Paul lost out to Barry Goff and Colm Keeling (Wexford) 21-13, 21-11 in an exciting final.

John Ryan (Hollyford) won the novice singles title with a good win over Pat Madden (Clare) in the final. In the All-Ireland semi-final in Ballina, John had a good 21-7, 21-17 win over Donal Armstrong (Antrim). In the All-Ireland final, John turned in an excellent show but just lost out to Eddie Burke (Kilkenny) 21-7, 19-21, 21-14 in a thrilling match in Garryhill, Co. Carlow.

Pakie Mullins (Clonmel) won the Silver Masters (A) singles title with a 21-11, 21-14 win over fellow Tipperary player Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) but in the All-Ireland final in Tinahealy, Co. Wicklow, Pakie went under 21-9, 21-9 to John Rossiter (Carlow).

Pakie Mullins and Seán Doyle (Clonmel) won the Silver Masters (A) doubles title with a 21-14, 21-11 win over Billy McCarthy (Ballyporeen) and Martin Maher (Silvermines) in an all-Tipperary Munster final. In the All-Ireland final in Thurles, Pakie and Seán turned in an excellent performance, being very unlucky to lose out to Andy Ryan and John Rossiter (Carlow) 21-11, 18-21, 15-21.

Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna) won the Golden Masters (A) singles title but in the All-Ireland final in Roscommon, Vincent played well but lost out 21-15, 21-13 to Eugene Kennedy (Dublin).

John Ferncombe and Mick McGrath (Horse and Jockey) won the Golden Masters (A) doubles title but in the All-



Munster 60/30 Golden Masters (A) Singles Champion – Vincent O'Shea (Lahorna)

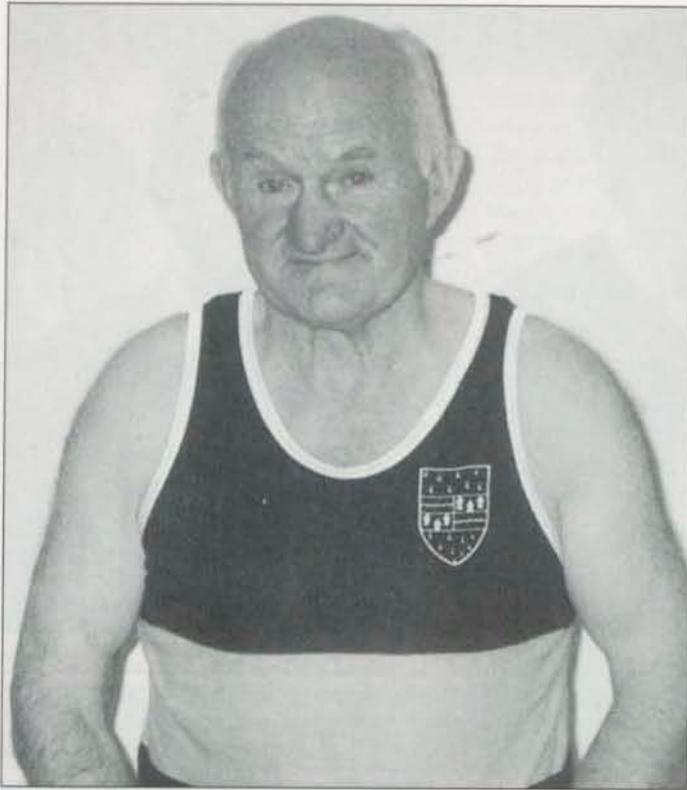
Ireland semi-final, Mick and John lost out to Patsy Hand and Greg Sheridan (Cavan) 21-11, 21-7.

Paddy "Musha" Maher (Clonmel) won the Diamond Masters (B) singles title and in the All-Ireland final, Paddy put up a good performance but lost out to John O'Keefe (Carlow).

Paddy "Musha" Maher and Michael "Bisie" Hogan (Nenagh) won the Diamond Masters (B) doubles title but in the All-Ireland final in Tinahealy, Co. Wicklow, Paddy and Michael lost out to John O'Keefe and John Fleming (Carlow).



John Ryan (Hollyford) Munster 60/30 Novice Singles champion.



Munster "Double" 60/30 Diamond Masters (B) Champion  
- Paddy "Musha" Maher (Clonmel).



Two titles for Tipp in Liscarroll Open - Liscarroll Champion -  
Michael John Meaney (Ballyporeen) U-13 Singles winner.

## Boys and Girls lift many Munster titles



Munster 60/30 U-13 Doubles champions - Niall Collins and  
Enda McKeogh (Ballina).



Munster U-17 girls, 40/20 winners - Una Ryan (Hollyford) and Maura  
O'Doherty (Silvermines)

Danielle O'Connell,  
Hollyford; Karen  
Collins, Ballina  
- U-12 Doubles;  
40 x 20 and 60 x 30  
Munster champions.



Munster 40/20 U-16  
Doubles champions  
- Noel Moroney  
and David Hickey  
(Ballina)



All-Ireland U-13 Singles Schools Champion  
Ger Coonan, Ballina



Munster 40/20 and 60/30 U-12 Singles  
Champion Ger Coonan (Ballina).



Ger Coonan (Ballina) Féile na nGael Skills  
Winner '98.

## Tipperary young handballers do well at All-Ireland Schools Finals



All-Ireland Schools Finalists  
- Harry English (Ballyporeen).



Féile na nGael Semi-Finalist - Ballina - Tracy Coonan, Aisling Horan, Karen Collins, Marion Coleman and Sarah Conroy.



Ballina boys pictured at Féile na nGael - Ger Coonan, Anthony Kennedy, Jerry O'Brien, Niall Collins and Enda McKeogh.



Brian Darcy (Nenagh) Liscarroll U-15  
Singles tournament winner '98.

# "Successful Munster Open"

The Munster 60/30 Open was a big success in the month of July. The Munster 60/30 Open proved successful for Tipperary players winning one title and finalist in another.

John Ryan (Hollyford) and James Kennedy (Silvermines) won the Novice doubles title with good wins over J. Ryan and K. Bourke (Limerick), Derek Slattery and Paul Mahon (Lahorra) and then in the final in Thurles, they met Martin Kelly (Tipp Town) and Jimmy Mullins (Clonmel) in an all-Tipperary final. In a close fought match, John and James played the better and won on the scoreline 21-17, 21-14, to lift the novice doubles title.

Carol Moloney (Cashel) reached the Ladies' Open Singles final with wins over Bernie Mee (Roscommon) and Sinéad Sherry (Antrim) to reach the final. But in the final, she met an in-



Ken Conway, the organiser of the highly successful Munster 60/30 Open.

form Bernie Hennessy (Limerick) and lost out 21-7, 21-5.

The results of the Munster Open were Men's Open Singles. Tom Sheridan (Meath) bt Walter O'Connor (Meath) 21-17, 2-21, 11-2.

Boys U-17 singles. Shamie Lawlor (Clare) bt Clive Counihan (Kerry) 21-14, 21-7. Masters (B) doubles: Michael Rossiter and John O'Rourke (Wexford) bt. Con Moore and Pat Gardiner (Kilkenny) 21-12, 21-14.

The Munster Open was a big success with credit to County Chairman Pat McKenna, County Secretary Ken Conway, Munster Secretary Peter Dennehy and all the clubs which were involved in games like Thurles, Lohorna, Ballina, Horse & Jockey, Roscrea and Clonmel. Thanks also to all the sponsors who helped make this tournament a success.



Féile na nGael finalists "Féile na nGael" Div. 1 finalists 40/20. Ballyporeen (back row) Darragh Lyons, Paul Hennessy, Michael John Meaney. Front row: Kevin Lynch, Danny and Harry English.



Munster U-12/13 champs - Munster 40/20, U-12 and U-13 team champions. Back row: Ger Coonan, Paul Hennessy, Gerry O'Brien, Danny English. Front row: Anthony Kennedy, Niall Quinn and Harry English. Missing from photo: Enda McKeogh, Niall Collins.



Tipperary United Sports panel Cidona Award winners for handball - Jackie Keating and Carol Moloney (Cashel)



U-16 All-Ireland team competition 60 x 30 Plate Winners - Tracy Coonan, Karen Collins, Marian Coleman, Aisling Horan, Ceraldine Horan.



All-Ireland Community Games Bronze winners - Tracy Coonan, Marion Coleman, Aisling Horan, Sarah Conroy (Ballina)



Bridín Uí Mhaolagáin, ladies' president, Paddy Collins, Tipp. team coach. Tipp U-16 All-Ireland team finals "Plate" winners - Geraldine Horan, Aisling Horan Marian Coleman, Karen Collins. (Tracy Coonan missing from photo)

# Tipperary Camogie

By Marion Uí Greacháin



**Tipperary Senior Team - All-Ireland Senior Semi-Finalists.** Back Row L to R: Jim Madden (Selector), Biddy Phillips (Coach), Triona Bonnar, Nora Dwan, Louise Ryan, Meadh Stokes, Jovita Delaney, Claire Madden, Siobhan Ryan, Suzanne Kelly, Siobhan Cusack, Niamh Bonar, Brian McDonnell (Selector). Front Row L to R: Una O'Dwyer, Helen Kiely, Deirdre Hughes, Ciara Gaynor, Noelle Kennedy, Eimear McDonnell, Cathriona Hennessey, Emily Hayden, Sinead Nealon, Helen Kiely.

**C**ongratulations to Cashel who retained the Senior title after seven years. Unfortunately at Munster level they did not do themselves justice in the Munster final and were beaten by last year's Munster champions Granagh/Ballingarry and the eventual winners of this year's All-Ireland Club Championship.

In the Feile Na nGael, Templemore represented Tipperary. They reached the final but were beaten by the narrowest of margins.

In the Feile Na nGael skills competition Elaine Ryan (Portroe) represented Tipperary. Unfortunately after a brilliant performance by Elaine she did not take National honours, but nevertheless represented both her Club and County with pride and dignity.

Tipperary were well represented in the All-Ireland seven-a-side competition in Kilmacudd. Tipperary playing in the Junior All-Ireland Final the following day left a number of clubs without their key players. However they accounted well for themselves even if they did not attain the honours they had in the previous years.

## COMPETITION

## WINNERS

## RUNNERS-UP

U/12 'A' Championship	Moneygall	Templemore
U/12 'B' Championship	Moneygall	Burgess
U/12 'C' Championship	Clonoulty	Sean Treacy's
U/12 'A' League	Templemore	Moneygall
U/12 'B' League	Knockavilla	Silvermines
U/12 'C' League	Lorrha	Sean Treacy's
U/14 'A' Championship	Templemore	Drom/Inch
U/14 'B' Championship	Portroe	Sean Treacy's
U/14 'C' Championship	Bournea	Lorrha
U/14 'A' League	Templemore	Drom/Inch
U/14 'B' League	Burgess	Kilruane McDonagh
U/14 'C' League	Lorrha	Burgess
U/16 'A' Championship	Templemore	Drom/Inch
U/16 'B' Championship	Toomevara	Silvermines
U/16 'C' Championship	Lorrha	Drom/Inch
U/18 'A' Championship	Not Completed.	
U/18 'B' Championship	Not Completed.	
Junior 'A' Championship	Moycarkey/Borris	Toomevara
Junior 'B' Championship	Clonoulty	Moneygall
(John Hogan Cup) Junior 'A' League	Moycarkey/Borris	Bournea
Junior 'B' League (Terry Griffin Geaney Cup)	Templemore	Kilruane McDonagh
Intermediate Championship	Templemore	Holycross/Ballycahill
Intermediate League (Jimmy Carroll Cup)	Templemore	St. Cronan's
Senior Championship	Cashel	Drom/Inch
Senior League (Ann Fraser Cup)	Burgess	Cashel

Congratulations to all the above winners and commiserations to the losers

## INTER COUNTY SCENE

### COUNTY SENIOR TEAM:

The first game of the season was against Cork (All-Ireland Senior Champions) on March 1st. in Our County Camogie Grounds, this game we lost by 3 pts. This result inspired all involved to make a very serious effort and a great win followed Kilkenny in Bennettsbridge on March 15th. On Sunday April 26th. we had a convincing win over Wexford. However, a surprise defeat by Clare on May 4th. forced both Tipperary and Kilkenny to meet again within six days to determine who would take part in the semifinals. This game was played on May 16th. and thus ended our League prospects for '98.

In the Munster Championship on June 1st. Tipperary had a good win over Clare. We played Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn on Saturday June 20th. and after an epic struggle Cork shaded Tipp by a single point. This was a great game of camogie and all involved with the team were well pleased with their performance. The players now realising what it took to win Senior games and training for the Championship was stepped up.

In the first round of the Senior Championship old rivals Tipperary and Kilkenny met in Semple Stadium on Saturday July 4th. After a spectacular game of camogie Tipperary emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins. This win earned them a place in the All-Ireland Senior semi-final in Nowlan Park, Kilkenny on Saturday August 1 st. The opponents were Galway and this game was the first of the two semifinals being played that evening, Cork playing Clare in the other game. Tipperary went down to Galway by 3 pts. The absence of Deirdre Hughes through injury in the Senior Club semi-final and the injury to Claire Madden at the end of the first half was a major blow to the team plus a disallowed goal which had quality written all over it made their task more difficult and ended our hopes for Senior All-Ireland glory for '98.

### COUNTY JUNIOR TEAM:

Our first game was the curtain raiser to the Senior game at the County Camogie Grounds on March 1st. where we suffered a huge defeat by Cork and it was clearly evident that much work needed to be done. Limerick again defeated us the following Sunday by 1pt. Next came Kilkenny and a win was vital a great performance on the day gave us a 12 pt victory. We were now putting a settled team together and the league was providing excellent team building opportunities. We next disposed of Clare by a huge score on Thursday April 16th and we faced a very fancied Wexford side on April 26th and notched up another fine win. We were now in the League Semi-final as Limerick had been disqualified from the competition because they had played Interme-



Junior Coach & Selectors.

L to R: Sheila Delaney (Coach), Bernie O'Dowd & Marion Graham.

diate All-Ireland medal holders on their Junior Team. We travelled to Down (a huge journey on the morning of the match) with a very depleted side due to exam commitments by a number of our players. We lost to a strong Down outfit who went on to defeat Cork in the League Final.

Saturday June 27th. saw us face Clare in their home ground and had a convincing win on the day. Next came Cork in the semi-final, despite trailing by 11 points at half time, we held Cork scoreless in the second half and went on to win by 10 points. This was a sweet and memorable victory. We played Limerick on June 25th. in the County Camogie Grounds and lifted the Munster Cup - a fitting reward for great commitment and dedication.

This win in the Munster Final qualified us for the All-Ireland semi-final against Derry again at our County Grounds on Sunday August 16th. which ended in a nail biting draw. Now we had to face the second crossing of the 'Border in the space of a couple of months to re-play Derry at Bellaghy in Derry on Sunday August 30th. The Northern Team lined out favourites, but Tipperary played with pride, spirit and style and emerged victorious by 4 pts. We had now booked our place in Croke Park on All-Ireland Final Day against Galway - Sunday September 6th.

It was a very wet and windy day and despite losing, our young team gained a multitude of admirers. As Con Houlihan reported in the Sunday World the following week, "As the Tipperary team returned to their dressing room after the game as he watched them go under the tunnel they got younger and younger looking and it was then you realised that this team were mere children who had just served up the best display of camogie he had seen for many a year at Junior level".

#### COUNTY MINOR TEAM:

The Minors first outing was against Limerick on May 4th. in Mary Immaculate College Limerick Grounds. A convincing victory was enjoyed. The Munster Final took place against Cork on Saturday May 4th. in the Hurling Field at the Ragg. This game went to extra time. It was a scorching hot day and took it's toll on the players, in extra time Cork availed of the opportunity to introduce another three subs and with a tiring Tipperary side Cork emerged victorious by 3 points. Much disappointment was expressed at this defeat as a lot was expected of this team. Cork went on to win the All-Ireland defeating Derry by a very high score.

#### COUNTY U/18 TEAM:

What a pity this competition does not go beyond Munster Final. Some great camogie is to be seen at this level.

We were defending our Munster Crown against Limerick on Saturday September 12th. at the County Grounds. We won well, with our players giving an exhibition of score getting. The team was mostly made up of Senior and Junior County players. In the semi-final we defeated old rivals Cork in a

thrilling game on Sunday October 4th. This fine win qualified us for our second Munster Final in a row. Our opponents were Clare and this game was played at Wolfe Tone G.A.A. Grounds, Shannon on Sunday October 11th. and once again the title belonged to Tipperary. Well done to all involved.

#### GAEL LINN:

Congratulations to the girls from Tipperary who represented Munster in the Gael Linn competitions in June both at Junior and Senior level. Munster recorded another victory at Senior level but the Juniors were unfortunate to be beaten by one point by Ulster, who incidentally went onto take the



**Munster Under 18 Champions.** Back Row L to R: Tommie Lanigan (Coach), Eimear Kennedy, Brid Kilbane, Niamh Connolly, Joanne Ryan, Norma Maher, Philomena Fogarty, Una O'Dwyer, Sheena Howard, Muireann O'Donoghue, Edel Bourke, Patsy Carroll (Selector), Noel Hennessy (Selector). Front Row L to R: Deirdre McDonnell, Mary Rose Ryan, Emily Hayden, Louise Ryan, Catheriona Hennessy (Captain), Michaela Graham (Mascot), Helen Campion, Niamh Harkin, Eimear McDonnell, Norma Coffey, Claire Kennedy.

title.

#### TALENT WITHIN OUR COUNTY TEAM:

Congratulations to Meadh Corcoran (Moycarkey) a member of our Junior squad who was the first camogie player to receive the a scholarship for combining her sporting talents with her career qualifications. Congratulations also to Grainne Shanahan (Toomevara) who represented Ireland in racquetball and handball in Moscow, also Niamh Dwyer (Thurles) who represented Ireland in Basketball. Congratulations also to Siobhan Cusack (Toomevara) who is at present a member of the Irish rugby team. We have a very talented bunch in our county.

#### INTER COUNTY REFEREES:

Thankfully Tipperary have two excellent referees who can boastfully say they have both refereed All-Ireland Senior Finals in Croke Park. Last year Bidy officiated at the Senior Final and this year against all the odds John Morrissey finally got the recognition he so righteously deserve. What a pity this honour bestowed on John was clouded by the fact that the Referees Committee in Croke Park have disbanded simply because the Fixtures Committee appointed a male referee. A man was also in charge of the Ladies Football All-Ireland and I did not hear one word of criticism on that issue. We are fast going into the year 2000 everybody is looking for changes in our Association, one change was made and all hell broke loose. Surely if a man is allowed to referee at the same level as a woman throughout the League and Championship campaign he is entitled to officiate in Croke Park. I compliment John on this distinction and also our appreciation of his sterling service as a referee within our County over the years. He did a wonderful

job in Croke Park and long may he continue to do so.

Well done to Bidy Philips on her appointment to officiate the All-Ireland Senior Club Final. Bidy has now got the distinction of refereeing games at all levels. We congratulate her on her achievement.

#### DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE:

The first sod was turned on the site for our new Development in the Camogie Pitch by Michael Lowry T.D. on Saturday March 7th. This was a historic occasion for camogie in Tipperary. At last the camogie players will have the much needed facilities that will bring our field at the Ragg in line with the best Development of it's kind in the Country, and will be something that all associated with camogie can be proud of.

Supporters and followers within the county will have seen steady and on-going progress on our dressing rooms since then. The inside work will soon be commencing, with outside windows and doors in place. When completed it will certainly be a fine development, and will bring facilities to a proper standard for all involved.

Clubs and Patrons who have contributed financially have our appreciation and gratitude. Those who failed to assist in this regard - Well what can one

say!!!!

Sincere thanks to the many people who gave us the use of their time and equipment during the year.

#### SPONSORSHIP:

Again we had to call on the good nature of a number of people during the year for sponsorship, particularly leading up to the Junior semi-final replay with Derry and our All-Ireland Junior Final. Thanks to all the G.A.A. Clubs who contributed to our appeal, to the County G.A.A. Board for their support, to Nenagh Co-Op for providing us with Kit bags and to the many sponsors who contributed to help raise funds to attire the girls for the all-Ireland. Thanks to Hayes' Hotel, Thurles who provided both Tipperary and Derry with a beautiful meal after the semi-final and for the reception we received after the All-Ireland final.

#### CONCLUSION:

I would like to pay tribute to my fellow officers, Noel, Bernie, Shiela and Bidy who have given so freely of their time during a year. At times we all felt like throwing in the towel, but continued to struggle on against all the odds and a fair bit of criticism.

Sincere thanks to the G.A.A. clubs for putting your pitches at the disposal of our teams, both at club and county level. We look forward to your continued cooperation. My appreciation also to Tommie Barrett, Martina Oakley and Tim Floyd, for their continued support and help during the year and the much needed use of the office facilities.

Finally I would like to thank the club officers, club and county players for their kindness and courtesy shown to me during the year and I wish them success for the coming season.

# Lorrha Camogie Club 1998

## County Champions, A Grand Title Indeed



**Lorrha U12 County League Winners.** Front Row L to R: Catherine O'Meara, Colette Cleary, Mary Hogan, Jennifer Lewis, Mairead Hoctor (Captain), Elaine Hough (Vice Captain), Jessica Kelly, Emma Naylor, Elaine Bourke. Back Row L to R: Mary Needham, Emma Kennedy, Katie Kennedy, Claire Hough, Bernie Cleary (Club vice chairperson), Catherine Power, Niamh O'Meara, Theresa Barry (Coach), Anne-Marie Mannion, Clodagh Bourke, Martina Houlihan, Rose Mannion (Manager/Coach). Missing from photograph, Catherine Burke, Colette Kelly, Muireann Brophy, Mary Walsh, Treacy Hogan and Natalie Duane.

1998 a year that brought two County titles to our club, titles that were history making in their own way as neither the U/12 or the U/16 s had ever won County titles before. This was a very successful year indeed. Starting off the U/16 championship with a small panel, one can never predict what the sporting season will bring, but one can hazard a guess, so in our first game against Ballinahinch we finished on a scoreline of 3-7 to 3-5. Bournea however proved more difficult as due to holidays and illness, we found ourselves short two of our key players on the evening and also on the losing side. With all not lost yet, we played Shannon Rovers and secured victory on a scoreline of 4-6 to 4-2.

Clonoulty were our opponents in the Semi-Final and proved to be the most enjoyable of the four with the girls serving up a spirited performance to finish on a scoreline of 2-6 to 1-1. And so to the County Final and yes we were here before, back in '95 when the County Board introduced this 'C' Group and our present day club chairman Liam Mannion agreed to donate a perpetual shield for this competition. We had hopes of putting the Lorrha name on the shield that year, but alas it was not to be. It took us four years to claim this title and now here are in '98 the holders of the County U/16 'C' Championship. Well done to One and all. Sincere thanks to all who supported and

encouraged us along the way.

### U/12:

The club witnessed it's biggest panel of girls at this age level with a grand total of twenty seven girls signing up for the championship.

Twenty four of them were again toting out on the day we played our League final.

The championship proved disappointing particularly our semi-final match against Clonoulty as some of the girls just failed to perform as expected on the day. Training however continued throughout the summer months and we had two good wins against Shannon Rovers and Newrort which took us to the final against Sean Treacy's. This game had it all and gave great entertainment. Near misses on both sides, mighty saves, heartstopping moments, the lot. The first half of the game saw the ball up and down the

By: Rose Mannion

pitch with both sides having equal amounts of possession but unable to score such was the defending from both. At half time both sides remained score less, so it was still all to play for.

Looking fitter and sharper in the second half with more possession now showed how determined we were and after about seven minutes we had netted our first score, a goal which came from newcomer to us this year Muireann Brophy. A change in the forward line brought a second goal from Elaine Hough's hurl, which sealed our victory. The final whistle brought a sea of supporters onto the pitch to congratulate this great 'dream team' on their first ever County win and to witness Runai Coiste Contae Marion Graham present the trophy to the captain Mairead Hoctor and vice captain Elaine Hough.

A very sincere thanks from yours truly who was in charge of this team, to all the players, their Parents and all who helped and supported us throughout the year. A special word of thanks to my helper this year Theresa Barry for her commitment to the club.

### U/18 COUNTY:

Edel Burke and Eimear Kennedy were members of the Co. U/18 panel that clinched the Munster title for the second year earning yet another Munster medal to add to last years. Well done girls.

We hope that 1999 will prove to be a fruitful year for us as we look forward after a well deserved winter break.



**Lorrha U16 County Championship Winners.** Front Row L to R: Anna Slevin, Jessica Kennedy, Noelle Killeen (Vice Captain), Claire Mahon (Captain), Pauline Hoctor, Elaine Hough, Sarah Moran. Back Row L to R: Bernie Cleary (Vice Chairperson), Doirrine Moran, Jennifer Hough, Claire Moran, Maeve Kennedy, Ann Hough, Michelle Kennedy, Rose Mannion (Manager).

# Knockavilla/Donaskeigh CAMOGIE CLUB

By Eamonn De Brun

1998 promised much for our club, but failed to provide us with the success we had hoped for. While we expected great things from some of our panels sadly they were not prepared to put in the effort when required.

The U/12 team played live games in the Championship winning three and losing two by 1 point which meant we lost a place in the semi-final. We knew we were unlucky and resolved to achieve success in the League and remained in training which yielded success in the later part of the year winning the County Final of the League.

Our U/14's played two games in the

Championship and lost one, they failed to fulfil a fixture through no fault of theirs and were thrown out of the competition. They didn't make the impression in the league we expected, through a lack of discipline.

Our U/16 team progressed much further than we hoped, and only lost out in the County semi-final to Silvermines by a narrow margin.

The Intermediate team early on in the year was in disarray and for a while wondered if there would be any team. As the year progressed things started to come together and in the end we were in a County semi-final clash with Holycross

which we lost. I'm sure all would admit it was not one of their better days. Nerves played a big part in the defeat. Still we have hopes for the future.

I would like to sincerely thank Conor Ryan who agreed to come to us late in the year and did great work.

Before concluding we salute one of our Intermediate players Angela McDermott who starred with the County Junior team all year and especially in the Junior All-Ireland Final. A tremendous example to any young player. To all our players and helpers we sincerely thank you.

# Moycarkey Borris CAMOGIE CLUB



**Moycarkey Borris League & Championship Championship 1998**

Back Row L to R: Mary Barrett (Selector), Cathriona Cantwell, Sarah Gleeson, Anne Ralph, Georgina Kearney, Meadhbh Kearney, Louise Graham, Tom Flanagan (Coach), Siobhan Doran, Louise Fahey, Anne Slattery (Selector), Lorraine Graham, Debbie Quigley, Niamh Dwyer. Front Row L to R: Elaine Gleeson, Joan Kearney, Lucy Kearney, Meadhbh Corcoran, Sharon Ralph, Anne Barrett, Muireann O'Donoghue, Marie Slattery, M. Graham (mascot).

1998 proved a great year for the Camogie Junior "A" team, who were winners of the league and championship finals.

## LEAGUE: THE JOHN HOGAN CUP

Reaching the semi-final stages of the league we came up against Toomevara. Two well matched teams and showing it with the end result with the score ending 2-10 to 2-10. The replay match was just as equal with the game going to extra time with ourselves coming out on top by the narrow margin of 1 point, with the final score being 2-3 to 1-5.

The final led us to play Bournea from Roscrea in the Ragg having played the

same team in the first round of the league and having been beaten badly, the team had trained very hard to help fight against the same result. Hard work and fitness showed on the final day when we came out gallant champions with a great win and a total u-turn of the first game. The final score being 4-11 to 0-4.

## CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship matches led us to play Fethard, Bournea and Drom Inch. Having top points in the championship we went through to the County Final.

We played our great rivals Toomevara again in the Ragg. With both teams anx-

ious to win and a point to prove it was a tough, well fought match. The final score was 1-3 to 0-2.

The double win in one year was long awaited by the club since the last win was eight years ago. With a lot going for such a young team, hopefully next year will be as successful. Next year the team will be upgraded to intermediate which will be a lot tougher.

The trainer for the year was Tom Flanagan. The selectors included Mary Barrett, Anne Slattery and Sally Duggan all of who played a big part throughout the year. The club would also like to thank the GAA for the use of the field.

## COUNTY PLAYERS

Three of our girls played at county level and were runners-up in the All-Ireland Final, they were Maeve Corcoran, Niamh Dwyer and Muireann O'Donoghue. Muireann also received an U18 Munster Final medal. At present we have five girls representing the club at county level, they are Maeve Corcoran, Muireann O'Donoghue, Siobhan Doran, Sarah Gleeson and Niamh Dwyer.

## UCD/GAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 1998/99

Our team captain Maeve Corcoran received the UCD/GAA Scholarship award for camogie. This year was the first time that camogie was included in the awards. Well done Maeve!

# Cappawhite Ladies Football A Successful Year

Cappawhite also represented Tipperary for the second successive year in the Feile Peil na nÓg in Donegal. Glenfin were the host club who entertained Cappa and treated them like royalty. Cappa had victories over Glenfin the host club. Errigal Carrian from Tyrone home club of the great Peter Caravan and St. Nauls of Donegal. These wins qualified them for a Semi-Final against Old Mill from Limerick.

In this match played in Glenties, Old Mill won by 0-6 to 1-0 and showed the kind of form which was to see them win out the competition.

Sheelagh Carew came 4th in the skills competition. Marie O'Neill, Sinead Buckley, Elaine Renehan, Marion Ryan, Sheelagh Carew, Anna Kennedy, Roisin McCarthy and Jane Ann O'Neill represented the club with Tipperary.



**Cappawhite U12 Ladies Football County Finalists.**  
 Front Row L to R: Marie T. McCarthy, Laura Mullins, Niamh Buckley, Michelle Grant, Claire Mullins, Jane Clancy, Antoinette O'Doherty, Noreen O'Doherty, Ann O'Dwyer, Emma Kennedy, Jacqueline Coughlan, Eugene Maguire (Trainer). Back Row L to R: Cecilia Walshe, Audrey Dangan, Michelle O'Neill, Marion Renehan, (Capt), Orla Ryan, Catherine Cranley, Ann Marie O'Neill, Ruth Kennedy, Mary Barry, Emma McHugh, Fiona Fox, Marie Loughman.



**Cappawhite U14 Ladies Football County Championships.** Front Row L to R: Ann O'Dwyer, Emma Kennedy, Orla Ryan, Marion Renehan, Mary Morrissey, Catriona White, Jane Ann O'Neill, Catherine Cranley, Fiona Fox, Middle Row L to R: Kathleen O'Connor, Michelle O'Neill, Joanne O'Doherty, Ann Treacy, Roisin Ryan, Antoinette Murnane, Cathy O'Neill, Roisin McCarthy, Anna Kennedy. Back Row L to R: Denise Renehan, Ann Marie O'Neill, Marion Ryan, Mary Claire O'Neill, Sinead Buckley, Helen Kennedy, Elaine Renehan, Marie O'Neill (Captain), Sheelagh Carew, Jennifer Buckley.

## THE HURLERS OF GLENN-ACOS-LAN

'Tis well I remember the good olden time,  
 When I was a fine strapping boy in my prime;  
 When young men had spirit and plenty of brawn,  
 Who belted the leather at Glennacoslan.

Of that famous spot I would have you take note,  
 It might be the scene of "The Peeler and the Goat,  
 For it lies close to Bansha and Lowe's of Kilshan,  
 That "field of the hurlers," famed Glennacoslan.

I knew the place well, I was there in my day,  
 With caman well polished, prepared for the fray;  
 For with "parish bullies" I then took my stand,  
 Although you could blow me to-day from your hand.

Not mine to disparage, not mine to run down,  
 Our hurlers to-day of the country or town;  
 Nor say that the best in the merest Sprisan  
 Compared to the hurlers of Glennacoslan.

We sported no tights, that pure modesty hurts,  
 But wore our knee-breeches and bandlecloth shirts,  
 With handkerchiefs over our nappers well drawn  
 To show our true colours at Glennacoslan.

Our rules were so simple that all understood,  
 Except some poor drone or a "stick in the mud,"  
 'Twas shoulder to shoulder, 'twas brawn against brawn  
 The sight was entrancing at Glennacoslan.

There was Delany, the best known of all,  
 Whose duty was always to strike up the ball,  
 Whose cabin stood near on the slope of Kilshan -  
 He was the old stand by at Glennacoslan.

And there from Kilfeakle, came Paddy Guilfoyle,  
 Who long felt to tyrants as sore as a boil;  
 With Kellys and Hogans, from Kyle and Grenane  
 And tested their mettle at Glennacoslan.

And from ancient Emly came Jacky McGrath,  
 And many bold boys who despised Saxon law;  
 The Finnans, of Latteen: Matt Ryan, of Kilross -  
 All stripped for the fray when the ball got the toss.

There were Ryans of Shronell, and Ryans from elsewhere,  
 And Caseys and Condons from Mitchelstown square;  
 While "Boland the fiddler" who hailed from Brockbawn,  
 Astonished the natives at Glennacoslan.

From nigh Ballineety came Kennedy Mor,  
 As strong as Cuchullin, that hero of yore,  
 With doughty Tom Bradshaw, from Cullen's greenbawn,  
 To loosen their muscles at Glennacoslan.

Brave Bansha, Kilmoyher and Aherlow Glen,  
 Prepared for those meetings, the pick of their men;  
 Old Tubberadora sent Billy Marnane,  
 As dauntless as any at Glennacoslan.

To name all my heroes would make a big book,  
 Who went with their parties to goal or to puck;  
 Their deeds should be blazoned as bright as the dawn,  
 They honoured old Ireland at Glennacoslan.

But, Alas' for our land, in those strenuous hours,  
 We then could if only aware of our powers,  
 Have chased the false Saxon and all his vile spawn  
 Like chasing the leather at Glennacoslan.

So now to conclude and to finish my rhyme,  
 The "boys" were superb in your grandfather's time,  
 Then heed well the tales the old "Senachie" tells,  
 And treasure them all, while the heart proudly swells.

The above poem is taken from "The Patriotic Songs and Poems of J. J. Finnan (Myles)", the Fenian poet, who although living most of his life in exile in America, was born and died at Ardavillane near Tipperary Town. His collection of poems was published in 1913 by Guy & Co. Ltd, Limerick.

# The Anne Frazer comes to Burgess

Liam Ó hÓgáin



**Burgess U14 "C" County League Winners 1998**

Front Row L to R: Aoife Ryan, Ann Marie O'Brien, Bernadette Fogarty, Marian Hogan, Emer O'Connell, Lisa Howard, Claire Maxwell, Sarah Hayes, Claire Kearns, Patricia Hogan. Back Row L to R: Liam Hogan (Selector), Eileen Hogan (Treasurer), Norma Hanrahan, Breda Cosgrave, Michelle Griffin, Aoife Naughton, Margaret Hogan, Áine Mulcahy, Mairead Hogan, Denise Darcy, Tracy Seymour, Emma Hogan, Pdraig Meagher (Team Manager). Missing from photo: Elaine King, Mary Ryan, Rebecca Reidy, Tara Collins, Dervla Barry and Elaine Fogarty.

1998 will be held as a very special year in our little club. We had achieved success at every age and level, but a senior title always seemed to elude us. But 1998 was to be our year as we defeated Cashel in the Senior Ann Frazer Cup on Saturday 17th of October in the county camogie grounds. This may be the stepping stone we needed to give us the momentum to win a senior championship county title. We have the material and with the assistance of good management this goal can be achieved.

On the underage front we contested the U12 "B" County Final and were defeated by the smallest of margins, one point by Moneygall, who went on to take the U12 "A" title also. If these underage players progress over the next two years, we should have a strong team for the

U14 championship. Our current U14 team, although very short of players in the U14 age group succeeded in bringing a county league title to the parish when they defeated Kilruane. Our U16 team though entered in a lower grade had to compete in the A championship, we were out of our depth here and the results of our matches bore this out. Nevertheless our players performed with pride.

The U18 championship is going with one win to date under our belt over Templemore. We had a junior team entered for the very first time this year and they performed admirably and adequately although we had to field some very young and inexperienced players. We hope to do much better in this competition in the coming year.

In the inter-county scene we supplied

players to the senior, junior, minor and U18 inter-county teams. The players to the fore here were: Emer McDonnell, Deirdre McDonnell, Sheena Howard, Sinead Nealon, Sinead Collins, Niamh Bonar, Therese Brophy and Amy Kissane.

We would like to thank those involved in the management of our club, who give of their time unselfishly and without such commitment our little club would not function. On this regard we compliment Pdraig Meagher (Chairman), Marie Hogan (Vice-Chairman), Deirdre McDonnell (Secretary), Liam Hogan (PRO), our team managers and committee.

Nollaig shona dhíbh eile.

"Mol an óige agus tiocfaidh siad".



**Burgess Senior Camogie Panel which defeated Cashel, in the Ann Frazer League Final**

Back Row L to R: Brian McDonnell (Manager) Edel Hogan, Josephine McKeogh, Sinead Collins, Eimear McDonnell, Amy Kissane, Niamh Bonar, Sheila Kyne, Niamh Hogan, Catherine Keating and Elaine O'Brien. Front Row L to R: Olive Gleeson, Anne McKeogh, Sheena Howard, Therese Brophy, Nuala Nealon, Sinead Nealon (Captain), Fiona Hanrahan, Deirdre McDonnell, Jenny Slattery (Mascot), Lorraine Gleeson, Olive Slattery and Ailish Kennedy. Missing from photo: Liam Hogan (Selector) Pdraig Meagher (Selector), Orla Hogan and Áine Hogan (Players). D.B.

# Templemore Camogie Club



**Templemore County U12 "A" League Champions 1998**

Back Row L to R: Martin Bourke, Sinead Bourke, Clarissa Bohan, Marlyn Purcell, Catherine O'Doherty, Emma O'Meara, Sinead Bourke, Grace Hennessy, Jim Brennan. Front Row L to R: Karen Maher, Elaine Bourke, Ciara Johnston, Carmel Phelan, Claire Grogan (Captain), Eimear Buckley, Siobhan Bourke, Marie Bourke, Deirdre Brennan. Missing: Claire Murphy and Laura O'Connor.

1998 has been the club's most successful year since its inception nine years ago, the highlight being the attainment of senior status in 1999 for the first time.

The U12 "A" team had easy victories in the championship over Silvermines, Drom Inch, Moneygall, Ballingarry and Burgess to qualify for the final but a late Moneygall recovery in the dying minutes clinched victory for them on a 5-3 to 3-4 scoreline. In the league final Templemore reversed the earlier defeat with a four point winning margin. The U14 "A" team had easy victories over St. Cronans, Drom Inch, Knockavilla and Toomevara to qualify for the final and in a great final

they emerged victorious over Drom Inch on the score 2-4 to 2-3.

In June they represented Tipperary well in Wexford in the Feile na nGael Division 1 and with victories over Bunclody, Iniscara, Rathnure, Clarinbridge they qualified for the final against Outlart the Ballagh. The team put up a great performance and in the early stages of the second half they led by six points. With time almost up, a draw looked the likely outcome but a late Outlart point snatched victory. Later they retained the U14 "A" league with victories over Moneygall, St. Cronans and Drom Inch.

The U16 "A" team retained the All-Ire-

land Pan Celtic tournament in Tralee in April with victories over Bishopstown, Craughwell, Clarinbridge and Kinvara in the final on the score 2-6 to 1-5. For the first time the club affiliated a junior "B" team as well as an intermediate team and the club won the county league with victories over Clonoulty, Brian Borus, Drangan, Bournea on the score 7-13 to 1-0. In the championship they went out at the semi-final stage having lost a number of players to the intermediate team. In the intermediate league Templemore were county champions with comprehensive victories over Knockavilla, Portroe and St. Cronans in the final on a 5-5 to 0-1 scoreline. They were similarly impressive in winning the intermediate championship with victories over St. Cronans, Knockavilla, Portroe and a draw with Holycross Ballycahill. In the final they easily disposed of Holycross on a 5-11 to 3-5 scoreline.

Two tournaments were also won, U14 "A" perpetuating the memory of the late P.J. Jones and a junior tournament perpetuating the late Linda O'Connor. The club is equally involved in promoting ladies football and fielded teams at U14, U16, U18 and senior level.

The club was well represented in the various county teams and the following won Munster championship medals: Finoa Loughnane (junior), Norma Maher (U18) and Niam Connolly (U18 and junior).



**Templemore Junior "B" League Winners 1998**

Back Row L to R: Martin Bourke, Noelle Bergin, Aileen Brennan, Leona Bohan, Claire Grogan, Iorraine Bourke, John Grogan, Joanne Carton, Michelle Purcell, Mairead Bourke, Eilish Meagher, Jim Brennan. Front Row L to R: Laura Bourke, Fiona Purcell, Laurena Meagher, Andrina Webster, Elizabeth Jones, Brigid Jones, Siobhan Burke (Captain), Jemell Devaney, Grace Fogarty, Ashling Brennan, Shirley Bergin, Sara Kennedy.



**Claire Grogan Templemore  
'Star of the future'**



**Templemore County U14 "A" League & Championship Winners**  
**All-Ireland Feile na nGael Division 1**  
**Runners-up**

Back Row L to R: Martin Bourke, Orlaith McDonnell, Siobhan Kiely, Jean Timmons, Claire Grogan, Brid Keely, Siobhan Brennan, Marguerite Bourke, Marlyn Purcell, Jim Brennan. Front Row R to L: Sinead Scully, Noelle Bergin (Captain), Barbara Larkin, Patricia Jones, Sara Ryan (Captain), Lisa Buckley, Freida Morgan, Catherine Ryan, Patricia Ryan.

**Templemore Camogie Club 1998 Winners**  
**Intermediate League & Championship**  
 Back Row L to R: Jim Brennan (Coach), Martin Bourke (Coach), Maura Brennan, Sorcha Loughnane, Michelle Purcell, Helen Grogan, Ciara Ormond, Michael Curley (Mentor), John Grogan (Masseur). Front Row L to R: Bridin Jones, Linda Grogan, Lizie Jones (Captain Championship Team), Nora Maher, Tissie O'Brien, Niamh Connolly (Captain League), Fianna Loughnane, Lorraine Bourke, Eilish Delaney. Missing from photo Clare Grogan, Grace Ormond, Noelle Bergin.



# Moneygall Camogie Club

**Moneygall U14 Camogie Team County Community Games Champions 1998**  
 Back Row L to R: Eilish Qunilan, Maeve Kennedy, Bernadette Devereux, Caitriona Jones, Miriam Greene, Margaret Carroll, Deirdre Kirwan. Front Row L to R: Michelle Kirwan, Mary Ryan, Eimear Ryan, Maire Kirwan, Maria Jones, Julie Kirwan, Niamh Greene.



**Moneygall U12 Camogie County "A" Champions & County "B" Champions 1998**  
 Back Row L to R: Laura Newe, Krista O'Brien, Ellen Donnelly, Maria Jones, Julie Kirwan, Fiona Kennedy, Michelle Kirwan, Sarah Doherty, Lisa Gleeson, Niamh Greene, Eimear O'Connor, Marie Bergin, Annette Maher. Front Row L to R: Maeve Kennedy, Geraldine Cahill, Aileen Moten, Lisa Spillane, Mary Ryan, Eimear Ryan (Captain), Lisa Larkin, Aisling Deane, Niamh Whyte.

**Guím Sonas agus Síocháin na Nollag agus na h-Aithbhliana ort.**

# Cashel back as Senior Champions

Cashel girls bounced back after a six year lapse to take the County Senior title at the hands of a gallant Drom/Inch team. This years championship was a long drawn out affair having played their first round of the championship on Sunday April 1st., the final was not played until August 5th.

In the Ann Fraser final they fell to Burgess. They reached the Munster Final against a strong Grannagh/Ballingarry team who were the champions for the past two years and were not going to relinquish their title too easy. They beat Cashel by seven points although the final score did not do us justice. On Sunday last Grannagh/Ballingarry were crowned All-Ireland Club Champions for the first time ever when they beat St. Vincent's of Dublin by eleven points.

We had many representatives at County level, Meadhb Stokes, Una O'Dwyer, Jovita Delaney, Triona Hennessey, Emily Hayden, Helen Carnpion all Senior. Philomena Fogarty, Paula Bulfin and Olivia Hayden represented us at Junior level. Billy Coffey was a selector at Minor



**Cashel Senior Champions:**

Back Row L to R: Martin Browne (Coach), Triona Hennessey, Meadhb Stokes (Capt), Marie Tobin, Marie O'Dwyer, Ann Barry, Philomena Fogarty, Jovita Delaney, Emma Danney, Sile Nash, Libby Twoomey, ann Marie Fitzgearld, Timmy Moloney (Selector). Front Row L to R: Kaiiffe O'Connell, Maura Tarrant, Helen Campion, Norma Coffey, Emily hayden, Teresa Bourke, Michelle Kennedy, Una O'Dwyer, Geraldine Meagher, Julia O'Dwyer (Selector). Missing from photograph, Denise Manton, Paula Bulfin and Martin Kennedy (Selector).

level and again Philomena Fogarty, Norma Coffey, Maura Tarrant and Mary Barron were our Minor representatives...

Get well wishes are sent to Paula

Bulfin and Olivia Hayden who are both undergoing major surgery for injuries received during the year.

# Eire Óg Donohill Camogie Club

*Formed February 1998*



**Members U14 Eire Óg - Donohill Camogie Panel**

Back Row L to R: Rita Ryan, Tracy Guerin, Maragert Ryan (Mentor), Joanne O'Doherty, Eimear Quinn, Brid Heffernan, Maragert O'Dwyer (Mentor), Christine O'Dwyer, Aislinn McGrath, Joesia Fox (Mentor), Roseanne Hennessy, Anna Kennedy, Antoinette O'Doherty, Claire Dawson Fr. Tony Ryan (Selector/Coach), Clare O'Neill. Front Row L to R: Noreen O'Doherty, Aoife Barry, Emma Kennedy, Ann O'Dwyer, Fiona Fox, Patricia English, Sheelagh Carew, Mary Keane, Sinead Barry, Caroline Furlong, Ann Marie Ryan. Missing from photograph is Kay Ryan & Clare Ryan.



Church & General  
Cumann na mBunscol

# TIPPERARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS



The Tipperary Primary School team that played their Waterford counterparts prior to the Munster senior hurling championship semi-final at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Front row: James Woodlock, Inch; Daniel Shanahan, Templederry; Brian McKeogh, Boher; Gerry Kennedy, Killenaule; Michael Coleman, Cashel; Sean Horan, Drangan; Terry Delaney, Toomevara; Peter Halley, Grange; Paul Brett, St. Oliver's, Clonmel. Back row: P. J. Harrington, Upperchurch (selector) Donal McCarthy, Ballylooby (selector); Sean Ryan, Moneygall; Dermot Cahill, Cloughjordan; Edward Connelly, Loughmore; David Sheppard, Ballytarsna; Daragh Egan, Puckane; Niall Teehan, Gortnahoe; Brian Carroll, St. Oliver's, Clonmel; Vivien Dooley, Cloughjordan (selector).

1998 was another great year for Cumann na mBunscol in Tipperary. Most pleasing aspect of the year was the big increase in the numbers of ladies taking teams in our leagues. Another dimension to our programme was the further extension of the Primary Game. Tipperary had two football games, one hurling game and one camogie game. The reaction to these games was terrific and the joy the children experienced was there for everyone to see. We are looking forward to the coming year and we hope it is as successful as last year.

#### LIATHROID LAIMHE:

As for many years now handball has again got a very poor response from our schools. As heretofore a handful of schools entered our competitions -and these were again dominated by Ballina N.S. and Ballyporeen N.S. Cumann na mBunscol, Coiste na Mumhan, have begun a process from which it is hoped to do something about handball in the coming year.

#### MINI - SEVENS:

Among some schools this is the most popular competition of the year. Around

fifty schools from the county took part in the original regional games. From these the winners went forward to play in the county finals. After some very exciting games the following schools became county champions.

IOMANAIOCHT:- INCH N.S.  
CAMOGAIOCHT:- ST.JOSEPH'S  
G.N.S., TEMPLEMORE.  
PEIL na mBUACHAILLI:-  
LISVERNANE N.S.

#### PEIL NA MBAN:-ARDFINNAN N.S.

The above schools went forward to represent Tipperary in the Munster Regional game from which players were selected to represent Tipperary in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-finals and finals days.

#### "THE PRIMARY GAME"

After the success of the Primary Game in 1997, the Munster Council decided to continue with it in 1998. Some alterations were made to the rules for 1998, two of which were that no county could play the same squad twice and that girls would play in the Munster finals. Another rule change was that no county could play more than two games in any code. Teams who represented Tipperary:

#### TIPPERARY V KERRY

##### (LADIES FOOTBALL):

Helen Kennedy (Cappawhite N.S.), Maria Nugent (Ardfinnan N.S.), Selina Prendergast (Kilsheelin N.S.), Julie Kirwin (Dunkerrin N.S.), Marion Renehan (Cappawhite N.S.), Maria Jones (Moneygall N.S.), Amanda Grace (Ardfinnan N.S.), Sarah White (Ballyclerihan N.S.), Lorraine Power (Powerstown N.S.), Eimear Ryan (Dunkerrin N.S.), Janeanne O'Neill (Ayle N.S.), Nicola English (Clogheen N.S.) Noelle Browne (Grange N.S.), Sarah Gleeson (Rosegreen N.S.), Caitriona Gahan (Mullinahone N.S.) and Laura Kennedy (Kilsheelin N.S.).

##### SELECTORS:

FOOTBALL (Boys):- Liam O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan N.S.), Brendan Horan (Cahir B.N.S.), Tom O'Brien (Clonoulty N.S.).

FOOTBALL (Ladies):- Liam O'Sullivan (Ardfinnan N.S.) and Jacinta Coman (Kilsheelin N.S.).

HURLING:- Donal McCarthy (Ballylooby N.S.), P. J.Harrington (Upperchurch N.S. and Vivian Dooley (Cloughjordan N.S.).

##### CHAMPIONSHIPS: IOMANAIOCHT:

Overall again it was a very good year for hurling. A few schools came through again to win but once again a number of schools made the big breakthrough to

win their first ever final. Once again the highlight of the year was our county finals day in Semple Stadium in June. It was a great day of hurling and everyone went home satisfied that hurling was the big winner on the day.

#### RESULTS:

ROINN A:- Scoil Ailbhe (Durlas):- 5 - 10  
Dromakeenan N.S. O - 3  
ROINN B:- Inch N.S. 6 - 8;  
Toomevara N.S. O - 1  
ROINN C:- Loughmore N.S. 4 - 2  
Templederry N.S. 2 - 5  
ROINN D:- Burgess N.S. 3 - 8;  
New Inn N.S. 1 - 1  
ROINN E:- Boher N.S. 3 - 4  
Drangan N.S. 2 - 2  
ROINN F:- Rossmore N.S. 4 - 11  
Slieveardagh N.S. 1 - 2  
Camogie:- Templemore G.N.S. beat Portroe N.S.  
Faoi 11:- Carrick C.B.S. beat Thurles C.B.S.

#### PEIL:

Our county finals in football were to be held in Clonmel, but at the of going to print the atrocious weather has forced us to cancel the games. All schools involved are now arranging to play their final as soon as possible. The following is the line-up for the same finals:

ROINN A: Carrick C.B.S.  
v Scoil Ailbhe, Durlas.  
ROINN B:- Grange N.S.  
v St. Mary's C.B.S. Clonmel.  
ROINN C:- Upperchurch N.S.  
v Littleton N.S.  
ROINN D:- New Inn N.S.  
v Lisvermane N.S.  
ROINN E:- Lismackin N.S.  
v Clonoulty N.S.  
ROINN F:- Leugh N.S. v Ballagh N.S.  
ROINN A(Ladies):- Ardfinnan N.S.  
v Cappawhite N.S.  
ROINN B(Ladies):- Ballylooby N.S.  
v Mercy ConvEnt, Cahir.  
FAOI 11:- St. Oliver's N.S.(Clonmel)  
v Carrick C.B.S. or Scoil Ailbhe C.B.S. (Thurles).  
COISTE: HON. PRESIDENT  
PRESIDENT: CHAIRMAN: VICE-CHAIRMAN:  
RUNAI: TREASURER: COUNTY BOARD REP.  
P.R.O.: Jerry Daly, Monadreen, Thurles.  
Sean Horan, Clonmel Rd., Cahir, Tomas Ó Slatara, Grange N.S. Paudie Butler, Inch N.S. Christy Clancy, Littleton N.S. Donal MacCarthaigh, Ballylooby N.S. Paul Brett, St. Oliver's N.S., Clonmel. Jerry McDonnell, St. Oliver's N.S. Paul Brett, St. Oliver's N.S.  
DELEGATES TO COISTE NA MUMHAN:- Tomas O Slatara and Donal MacCarthaigh.  
DELEGATES TO COISTE NAISIUNTA:- Tomas O Slatara, Donal MacCarthaigh and Paul Brett.  
COISTE na MUMHAN:  
RUNAI:- Jerry McDonnell, (Tipperary).  
TREASURER:- Paul Brett (Tipperary).

On behalf of Cumann na mBunscol, I wish to thank the County Board, the teachers, parents, referees, the children and all the clubs who helped us during the year. Without their help and co-operation there would be no board. We have had great publicity during the year and for this we would like to thank The Nationalist, The Tipperary Star, The Nenagh Guardian and South Tipp Today. Rath Dé oraibh.

Paul Brett (P.R.O.)



Scoil Chaomhín, Littleton U-11 C football winners. Back row (l. to r.): Daniel Fitzpatrick; Kevin Moran, Ciarán Clohessy; Anthony Healy (capt.); Eoin Cantwell, Aidan Ryan, Thomas Molloy, Matt Purcell. Front row (l. to r.) Thomas Farrell, Jason Barron, Bobby Bracken, Stephen Quinlan, Joseph Grace, Patrick Shortall, Tony McCarthy (absent: Ken Ryan)



Primary County Hurling Finals – Scoil Ailbhe N.S, Thurles, who beat Drumakeenan N.S. in the Primary Schools County Hurling 'A' Final.



The Tipperary team that took part in the Primary Game against Limerick at Páirc na nGael, Limerick. Back row (l. to r.) Paul Brett, N.T. (St. Oliver's N.S., Clonmel), co-ordinator; Brendan Hogan NT (Cahir BNS), selector; James McCarthy (Golden NS), Colm Campion (Loughmore NS), Niall Hickey (Ardfinnan NS), Gerard Looby (Thomastown NS), David Russell (Ballyporeen NS), selector: Michael O'Sullivan (Boher NS), Liam O'Sullivan NT (Ardfinnan NS), selector. Front row: Chris Fogarty (Templemore BNS), Eoghan Ryan (Moneygall NS), Michael Kenny (Mount Bruis NS), Brian McCormack (Drangan NS), Ian Barnes (St. Peter and Paul's CBS, Clonmel), Mark O'Brien (Tankerstown NS), Kevin Quinlan (Kilruane NS), William McLoughney (Lismackin NS), Darren Killackey (Cloughjordan NS).

Upperchurch N.S. – County U-11 hurling champions – Back row: Matthew Carey, Eamonn Fogarty, Gearoid Crowe, Leonard Purcell, Patrick Lowry, Joseph Ryan, John Ryan, Padraig Stapleton, Martin Bourke. Front row: Colm Stapleton, Ml. Ryan, Jamie O'Toole, Colm Ryan, Ml. Ryan (captain), Peter Ryan, Wm. Gleeson, Matt Ryan.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Rossmore N.S. who beat Slieveardagh N.S. in the Primary Schools County Hurling 'F' Final.



The Primary Schools ladies' football panel and selectors that played their Kerry counterparts on Munster senior and minor football final day at Semple Stadium.



Primary County Camogie Final – Templemore N.S. who beat Inch N.S. in the Primary Schools County Camogie 'A' Final played at Semple Stadium last week.



Burgess N.S. panel which defeated New Inn in the Primary Schools (Section D) county final at Semple Stadium, Thurles. Back row (l. to r.): Michael Ryan, Brendan Sheehan, Thomas Fogarty, Patrick Hogan, Gerry Ryan, Cian McDonnell, John McGrath (capt.), Jonathan Maher, Daniel McMahon, Tadhg Hogan, Elizabeth Gleeson and Denis Floyd (principal). Second row: Siobhan McGrath, Denis Kearns, Shane Slattery, Paddy Fogarty, Brian Slattery, Michael Mulcahy and Eoin McGarry. Front: Kieran Corrigan, Alan Reid, Shane Looby and Donagh Maher.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Linesmen photographed at the Primary Schools Co. Hurling Finals at Semple Stadium are (l. to r.) John McDonnell, Paul Corby and Paul Brett, all from Clonmel.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Loughmore N.S. who beat Templederry N.S. in the Primary Schools County 'C' Final. Also included is school principal Mr. Stephen Maher.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Officials pictured at the Primary Schools County Hurling Finals in Semple Stadium last week (l. to r.) Tom Wall, Noel Fitzgerald, T. J. Corby, John Morrissey, Tom Walsh and Eddie Gott.



Ardfinnan N.S. Girls Football team – Back row (l. to r.) Siobhan Lambert, Claire Murphy, Carmel Long, Amanda Condon, Erica Condon, Sabrina Bray, Maria Nugent, Kim Gilligan. Front row (l. to r.): Niamh O'Mahony, Kiera Flynn, Lisa Grace, Bridget Lonergan, Amanda Grace, Fiona Murphy, Ruth O'Donnell. Two in front (kneeling) (l. to r.): Deborah Doolan, Michelle Griffin.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Boher N.S. who beat Drangan N.S. in the Primary Schools County Hurling 'E' Final.



Primary County Hurling Finals – New Inn N.S. – County D finalists. Also included is school principal Mr. Michael Heffernan.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Drangan N.S. – County E finalists. Included is school principal Mr. Willie O'Grady.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Slievardagh N.S. – County F Finalists.



Primary County Hurling Finals – Inch N.S. who beat Toomevara N.S. in the Primary Schools County Hurling 'B' Final. Also included is trainer Mr. Paudie Butler.

# North Tipperary Primary Schools Championships

**T**he North Tipperary primary school's football championships began in February and were completed by Easter '98. In all there were four sections.

In Section A, there were two schools Nenagh C.B.S. and Roscrea N.S. After a number of games Nenagh emerged winners.

In Section B, Ballina N.S., Templederry N.S., Moneygall N.S., Dunkerrin N.S. Youghalarra N.S. and Cloughjordan N.S. After a series of exciting games played on a League basis Templederry N.S. claimed their first football championship title in this section. In the Plate championship Rathcabbin N.S., Puchane N.S., Borrisoleigh N.S., Gael Scoil an t-Aoinach, Carrig N.S. (Nenagh) and Portroe N.S. competed. In an excellent competition Borrisoleigh emerged as Plate winners for 1998.

In Section C Kilbarron N.S., Lorrha/Redwood N.S., Carrig N.S. (Birr), Ballinree N.S., Burgess N.S., Kilruane N.S., Silvermines N.S., Ballinahinch N.S. were the schools taking part. After a series of first round games Kilbarron N.S., Burgess N.S., Ballinahinch N.S. and Ballinree N.S. contested the championship proper. In the final Kilbarron emerged victorious over Ballinahinch N.S.

In the plate competition the first round losers of the championship prop-



Templederry N.S. who made history in 1998 when they became North Champions in the primary schools competition Section C in both the hurling and football.

Team back row (l-r): Gearóid Ryan, Christopher Murray, Pat Ryan, Michael O'Dwyer, Andrew Ryan, Eoghan Ryan, Morgan Carey, Alan Carey, Ronan Ryan.

Middle Row (l-r): Thomas Hogan, Thomas Stapleton, James Fahey, Pdraig O'Leary, Matthew Ryan, Ronan Russell, Donal McGrath, Séamus O'Dwyer.

Front Row (l-r): Eddie Fahey, Eoin Russell, Michéal O'Leary (Capt. hurling), James Hogan (Capt. football), Brendan Hayes. Daniel Shanahan, Damien Carey.

er were the teams taking part. Carrig N.S. (Birr) defeated Lorrha/Redwood in one semi-final while Kilruane N.S. accounted for Silvermines in the other. Kilruane N.S. emerged plate champions for '98 after a closely contested game against Carrig N.S.

In Section D, Boher N.S., Ballinaclogh N.S., Rearcross N.S., Kilkeary N.S., Gortagarry N.S. and Kyle Park N.S. took part in the championship proper. The schools were divided into two groups. Boher N.S., Ballinaclogh and Rearcross in one with Kilkeary, Gortagarry and Kyle Park in the other. After a series of league games Kilkeary and Boher emerged to contest the final. After an exciting game Boher ran out convincing winners to maintain their excellent run in hurling and football of recent years.

In the Section D Plate competition Aglish N.S., Fantane N.S., Terryglass N.S., Killinaive N.S. and Lackamore N.S. took place. The games were played on a League basis. After each team played each other once, Lackamore and Killinaive emerged as the two teams to meet in the final. Lackamore taking part in their first schools competition for many years emerged victorious.



Primary County Hurling Finals  
Drumakeenan N.S. County 'A' Finalists

# North Tipperary Primary Schools Hurling

**T**he hurling championships began after the Easter holidays and were completed by mid June.

In Section A, Dromakeenan N.S., Nenagh N.S. and Roscrea N.S. played each other on a League basis. Dromakeenan N.S. emerged convincing champions.

In Section B, Toomevara N.S. got a walkover from Borrisokane N.S. in their first round game. They defeated Cloughjordan N.S. in the semi-final. Cloughjordan had a first round victory over Monegall N.S.

In the other semi-final Ballina N.S. got a walkover from Gael Scoil an Aoinach. In the final Toomevara ran out convincing winners against a gallant Ballina side.

In the Section C championship Borrisoleigh, Youghalarra, Dunkerrin and Templederry had first round victories over Corville N.S., Puchane N.S., Lorrha/Redwood N.S. and Carrig N.S. (Nenagh) respectively. Games were played on a knockout basis. Borrisoleigh defeated Youghalarra in one semi-final while Templederry were too strong for Dunkerrin in the other. In the final Templederry emerged victorious to

win their second schools championship of the year.

In the Plate championship Puchane N.S. defeated Corville in one semi-final while Carrig were too strong for Lorrha. In the final Puchane N.S. had too much in store to defeat their gallant neighbours Carrig N.S.

The Section D championship was played on a knockout basis with the first round loser going into the Plate competition. Kilbarron N.S., Ballinahinch N.S., Burgess N.S. and Kilruane N.S. had first round victories over Carrig (Birr), Silvermines N.S., Ballinree N.S. and Rathcabbin N.S., Ballinahinch N.S. and Burgess N.S. emerged to contest the final. Burgess were convincing winners.

In the Plate competition Carrig defeated Silvermines in one semi-final while Rathcabbin defeated Ballinree in the other. In the final Carrig N.S. had a good win over Rathcabbin.

In the Section E championship Ard-



Primary County Hurling Finals  
Toomevara N.S. County 'B' Finalists

croney, Terryglass N.S., Boher, Rearcross, Lackamore, Gortagarry, Kylepark, Ballinacloy, Fantane, Kilkeary and Aghlish National Schools took part. In the championship proper

Boher N.S. defeated Kilkeary N.S. to win another school's championship. In the plate competition Rearcross N.S. defeated Aghlish N.S. in an exciting contest.

## Commemorative plaque unveiled to Bawnmore hurlers

**T**he last two surviving members of the Bawnmore junior hurling team which won the club's only North title 65 years ago, unveiled a special plaque to commemorate the achievement recently in the Borrisokane townland.

Dinny Kelly and Frank Heenan, both in their eighties, were on hand to perform the unveiling beside the Kelly family home where the team trained. Dinny Kelly, who flew home specially from England for the occasion, was one of five brothers on the successful 1933 team. His father, Denis trained the team which defeated Kilruane MacDonagh's by 1-7 to 1-6 in the division final played on October 23rd at the old Showgrounds, Nenagh.

Bawnmore lost to Borrisleigh in the 1933 county final, having beaten Cashel in the semi-final.

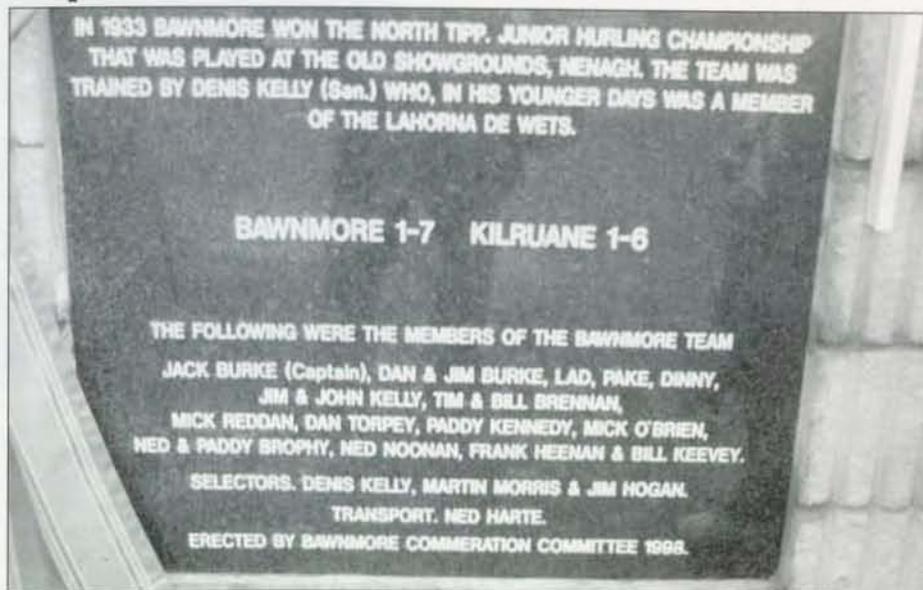
The two other team selectors were Martin Morris and Jim 'Jeff' Hogan.

The unveiling ceremony was also attended by members of the Bawnmore Commemoration Committee, former G.A.A. President Seamus O'Riain, North Tipp - G.A.A. Board Chairman Donal Shanahan, Board Secretary Michael O'Brien and representatives of Borrisokane G.A.A. club, including the club's President Mick Darcy, Chairman Paul Hogan and Treasurer Vivian Dooley.

Noel Morris son of team selector Martin was master of ceremonies while the commemorative plaque was blessed by Fr. Martin O'Brien, P.P. assisted by Canon Jimmy Madden.

'Son' Kelly, who had five brothers on the '33 team later sang the 'Ballad of the Bawnmore Hurlers'.

In his address at the unveiling of the plaque, Jimmy Morris said it was a



The plaque to commemorate the achievements of the Bawnmore Club in 1933.

remarkable achievement for a team 'drawn from a few homes from the corner of the Borrisokane parish' to win a North junior title in the same year Borrisokane won the senior crown.

Jimmy Morris pointed out that the Ireland of 1933 was very different from the one we know today. Gaelic games were a 'highlight' in a time which involved much 'back breaking work and drudgery'.

Jimmy Morris recalled being brought along to training sessions at Kelly's field by his late father Martin'. The field was thronged with both hurlers and spectators. The Kelly home later became a renowned gathering place for G.A.A. lovers who came to listen to Michael O'Hehir's unforgettable commentaries on the 'wireless'.

Jimmy Morris also paid great tribute to Mrs. Kelly who was an 'unsung hero' of

the area. Her interest in parish and county teams as well as all things Irish was deep-rooted.

"The present success of the G.A.A. is phenomenal with its influence to be seen in every parish and home in all of Ireland. There are some 800,000 players playing the games. 2,700 clubs participating and over 20,000 teams. What giant strides have been made since that historic meeting in Thurles in 1884.

The hurlers of Bawnmore, including Dinny and Frank who are, thank God, still with us, passed on a great love of the games to us. "It is up to us not just to keep that alive, but to enhance, refine and adjust them to the demands of an ever changing world," Jimmy Morris added.

The attendance later retired to The Yanks, Borrisokane for refreshments.

# Tipperary Post Primary Schools Review (1997-98)

By Seán Ó Costagáin

In what was quite a good year at Post Primary level in Gaelic games it is once again my privilege to record the happenings. For the 1997-98 school year, we initiated a first year competition recommended to us by Munster Hurling Committee as a means of getting first year pupils into the post-primary scene and I would think it quite successful. Ultimately, it is envisaged that this both at A and B level will proceed to Provincial Final.

In the (A) section, we had seven teams affiliated dividing them into two sections of 4 and three with each school playing each other in their respective divisions. The top two teams emerged to contest the final, they being Our Lady's, Templemore, and Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary. Our Lady's emerged winners by 3-10 to 0-4.

In the (B) division, we had six teams affiliated with two sections of three teams. Following the preliminary games, Convent of Mercy, Newport and Cashel Cs. emerged to contest final and North Tipp School, Newport were deserving and appreciative winners on the score:

**Convent of Mercy, Newport** 1-7  
**Cashel C.S.** 1-1

Hopefully, next year, we will have more affiliations and I would welcome ideas as to how we could organise it better. It was run during September and October which I believe will have to be continued.

## FITZGERALD CUP (U-17) A HURLING

### Semi-Finals:

Our Lady's, Templemore 4-11  
Roscrea V.S. 1-5

Thurles C.B.S. 2-11  
Killenaule V.S. 0-10  
(Replay)

Thurles C.B.S. 2-11  
Killenaule V.S. 1-14  
(Draw)

### Final:

Thurles C.B.S. 1-12  
Our Lady's, Templemore 2-5

This competition is the Premier Hurling Post-Primary competition in our county and once again, the final series of games provided excellent hurling with the final being a great contest played in The Ragg on a beautiful May evening. It was fought with great passion and commitment by neighbouring schools, Thurles C.B.S.



The Our Lady's, Templemore panel that defeated Thurles CBS in the final of the Croke Cup (Tipperary under-16 schools hurling) at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.) John Sweeney, Mark Bourke, Declan Bolger, Peter Bourke, Gearóid Byrne, Paul Brennan, Brendan Corcoran, Damien Bergin, Martin Costigan, Derek Bourke, Martin Gleeson, Ian Conroy. Front row: Kevin Fogarty, Owen Shortt, Kevin Ivers (captain), John Cahill, M. J. Murray, Pat Shortt, Ricky Fogarty, Darren Danagher, John Hassett, Patrick Kelly.



Scoil Mhuire, Newport – winners of the first year B hurling championship in 1998. Back row (l. to r.) Shane McGrath (Ballinahinch), James Ryan (Murroe-Boher), E. Larkin (Newport), E. Carroll (do.), P. Condon, T. Morgan (Newport), C. McCabe (do.), A. Hickey (do.), J. Powell (do.). Front row (l. to r.): David Quinn (Newport), Philip O'Brien (do.), Ger Conway (do.), Daniel Meskell (Ahane), John O'Connor (Ahane), Conor O'Mahoney (Newport), Declan Kett (Boher-Murroe), Joseph Ryan (Seán Treacy's), Padraig Berkery (Ballinahinch), Shane Ryan (Newport). Absent – John Lysaght (Ahane), Seán Connolly (Monaleen), Anthony Ryan (Seán Treacy's).



The Thurles CBS panel that defeated Our Lady's Secondary School, Templemore, in the final of the Fitzgerald Cup (Tipperary Post-primary Schools Under-17 hurling) at The Ragg. Back row (l. to r.): Joe Ryan, Benny Cahill, Macdara Butler, Frank Dwan, Eamonn Ryan, Aidan Dundon, Damien Young, Eoin Costello, Pat Carey, John Kelly, Colm O'Rourke, Colm Ryan, David Maher, P. J. McCormack. Front row: Philip Maher, Kieran Joyce, Ger Joyce, John Devane, Brian O'Loughlin, Colm Everard (captain), William Dempsey, Larry Corbett, Aidan Fogarty, Paul Horan, Philip O'Dwyer.

and Templemore and in the end, Thurles C.B.S. emerged worthy and deserving winners after an uncompromising contest.

### FITZGERALD SHIELD (U-17) B HURLING

#### Semi-Finals:

Roscrea C.B.S.	8-10
Carrick-on-Suir C.B.S.	2-18
Clonmel High School	4-6
Thurles V.S.	2-3

#### Final:

Clonmel C.B.S.	1-13
Roscrea C.B.S.	1-7

Once again, after an excellent final, we had deserving winners in the High School who deserve our congratulations. A disturbing feature of this competition was the fact that both Rockwell College and Borrisokane V.S. though affiliated did not participate. I think each school should not affiliate if they do not intend to participate as it mitigates against the efficient running of competitions and makes life difficult for organisers.

### CROKE CUP

#### TIPPERARY U-16 A HURLING

##### Semi-Finals:

Our Lady's, Templemore	4-10
Roscrea V.S.	0-5
Thurles C.B.S.	4-12
Nenagh C.B.S.	0-3

In this year's 'Croke', it appeared that the two finalists were much better than the remaining teams entered and I suppose that was not surprising as both Thurles C.B.S. and Our Lady's, Templemore, had won their respective Munster Championships (U-15) level the previous year. Thurles being A champions while Templemore captured the B title. So much was at stake in this years county final and after a great contest, Our Lady's who are renowned for creating surprises defeated their more fancied neighbours after a cracking contest on the score, **Our Lady's, Templemore 2-9; Thurles C.B.S. 0-5.**

Thus the prestige trophy returned to Templemore for the first time in twenty years giving the school its eleventh title and keeps them in second place in the roll of honour behind Thurles C.B.S.

### HENNESSY CUP U-16 B. HURLING

#### Semi-Finals:

Cashel C.S.	8-8
St. Sheelan's, Templemore	1-5
Nenagh V.S.	2-10
Convent of Mercy, Newport	2-6

#### Final:

Cashel C.S.	2-13
Nenagh V.S.	1-8

In this years final, Nenagh V.S. who were attempting to win the trophy for the third year in succession were denied by a very good Cashel C.S. outfit in an



1997-98 Fitzgerald Shield winners - High School C.B.S. - Front row (l. to r.) Richard Ryan (Moyle Rovers), Peter O'Connell (Kilsheelan), Aidan Slattery (Kilsheelan), Kieran O'Brien (Ballybacon-Grange), Pdraigh Quinlivan (St. Mary's), Michael Phelan (Ballybacon-Grange), Brian Lonergan (Ballybacon-Grange), John Carroll (St. Mary's), James Nugent (Ballybacon-Grange), Paul Doyle (St. Mary's), Derek Byrne (Four-Mile-Water). Middle row (l. to r.): Mr. Colm Keher (coach), Mr. Michael O'Donoghue (coach), James Bourke (Moyle Rovers), Emmet Prendergast (Newcastle), Donal Kennedy (St. Mary's), David Lonergan (Newcastle), Barry Hickey (Newcastle), Cormac McCarthy (Cahir), Peter Egan (St. Mary's), Kieran Coffee (Ballybacon-Grange), Stephen Dunne (Moyle Rovers). Back row (l. to r.) Patrick Norton (Ballybacon-Grange), Justin Walsh (St. Mary's), Shane Walsh (Four-Mile-Water), Pierce Larkin (Kilsheelan), Kevin Dempsey (St. Mary's), Brian Carroll (St. Mary's), Martin Walsh (Four-Mile-Water), Niall Morrissey (Newcastle), David Cahill (St. Mary's), Mr. Tony Gleeson (coach).



Our Lady's secondary school, Templemore, winners of inaugural first year (A) hurling championship 1998. Back row (l. to r.): Gerry Ryan (coach), Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny), Lorcan Egan (Brackens), Jerome Ryan (Drom), Eddie Kelly (Templetuohy-Moyne), Gerard McGuinness (do.), Lorcan Madden (Errill), Paul Brennan (captain), Castleiney, James Moore (JK Brackens), Ml. Sheridan (Drom), Ml. Lynagh (J. K. Brackens), Brendan Maher (Loughmore), Brian Kennedy (Drom), Eddie Everard (Templetuohy), Gerard Smith (Clonakenny). Front row (l. to r.) Pdraig Maher (JK Brackens), Kevin Stapleton (Castleiney), Owen Sweeney (do.), Pat Shortt (Upperchurch-Drombane), Richie Ryan (Templetuohy-Moyne), David McGrath (Loughmore-Castleiney), Matthew Maher (Drom-Inch), David Kennedy (Durlas Óg), Ml. Costigan (Clonakenny), Paul Guidera (Brackens), Trevor Hassett (Drom-Inch).



Cashel C.S. - Hennessy Cup - Tipperary U-16 B hurling champions - Back row (l. to r.): John Foster (coach), Paul Breen, Knockavilla; Brian Creed, Boherlahan; Billy Lonergan, Golden; Alan Horgan, Knockavilla; Richie Ryan, Cashel; David Delahunty, do.; Ronan Wade, Boherlahan; Diarmuid O'Connor, do.; Philip Taylor, Cashel; Pat Stapleton, Golden; Stewart Hickey, Cashel; Gavin Ryan, Golden; Martin Quirke, vice-principal. Front row: David Slattery, Cashel; Donnadh Carr, Golden; Marcus McCarthy, Cashel; P. J. Mooney, do.; John E. O'Connor (captain), Boherlahan; Tommy Lawrence, Cahir; Kieran Farrell, Cashel; Robert Costigan, Cahir; Brendan O'Connor, Boherlahan; Roger O'Dwyer, Cashel.

entertaining final. Again, it gives me no pleasure to recall how both Rockwell College and Presentation, Ballingarry, failed to fulfil fixtures after holding up proceedings for a time. This, I think was unacceptable and gamesmasters must be a little more conscious of their responsibilities in this regard.

**CORN MHIC GABHANN  
U-18 A FOOTBALL  
Semi-Finals:**

Tipperary C.B.S.	2-17
Nenagh C.B.S.	1-6
Fethard Secondary School	0-14
Killenaule V.S.	1-6

**Final:**

Tipperary C.B.S.	3-15
Fethard Secondary School	1-8

This, the premier football competition in our county once again provided some excellent games and of added interest in the final stages of the competition, we had the All-Ireland B Senior football champions attempting to add the Tipperary championship to their roll of honour. This they did in an excellent contested final with Fethard who gave as much as they got for 45 minutes, but who had to give best in the end of a great game of football, whose final scoreline does not do justice to the great effort of a game Fethard outfit. This was the Abbey's third championship in a row and I extend a sincere well done to them. A disturbing feature again here was that both Roscrea V.S. and once again Rockwell College did not participate even though affiliated.

**McGABHANN SHIELD  
U-18 B FOOTBALL**

**Semi-Finals:**

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh	5-7
Roscrea C.B.S.	3-5
Nenagh V.S.	1-12
St. Ailbe's, Tipperary	1-6

**Final:**

St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh	2-8
Nenagh V.S.	0-8

Once again, despite the fact that Borrisokane C.C. though affiliated did not participate, we had a very good competition and in the end, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, indicated the great work being done for Gaelic games in their school with an excellent victory. Well done to them and I think the great progress of football in the Borrisoleigh club may be linked to the success of the school at the big ball over the past number of years.

**CUSACK CUP  
U-15 A FOOTBALL**

**Semi-Finals:**

Cashel C.S.	3-12
Tipperary C.B.S.	1-0
Nenagh C.B.S.	3-2
Our Lady's, Templemore	2-4



St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh U-18 football team – winners of the MacGabhann Sheild '98. Back row (l. to r.): Pádraig O'Halloran (Galtee Rovers/Bansha); Eoin Brislane (Toomevara); Kevin O'Regan (Moycarkey-Borris); Billy Kelly (Durlas Óg); Paul Dempsey (Moycarkey-Borris); Mr. Pádraig O'Shea, principal; Kevin Cummins (Toomevara); Eoin O'Connor (Boherlahan); Paddy Ryan (Moneygall); Darragh Rabbitte (Borrisoleigh); Morgan O'Donnell (Eire Óg, Nenagh). Front row (l. to r.): Pierce Ryan (Borrisoleigh); Liam Brett (Drom-Inch); Eamonn Óg O'Donnell (Cashel); Martin Maher (Borrisoleigh); Mr. Pat Crowley (manager); Bobby Stakelum (Holycross-Ballycahill); Wayne MacLeish (Durlas Óg); Derek Ryan (Moneygall); P. J. Kiely (Borrisoleigh); Ailbe Cummins (Borrisoleigh). Paul members missing from photo: Eoin Stapleton (Borrisoleigh); Jason Seymour (Burgess); Eoin Butler (Moycarkey-Borris); Eoin Kennedy (Borrisoleigh)



McGrath Cup Munster U-15 F champions and Cusack Cup (Tipp Colleges U-15 F 'A') Back row (l. to r.) Robert O'Brien, Rosegreen; Brian Creed, Boherlahan; Liam Cantwell, Cahir; Darren Redmond, Cashel; Paul Brien, Knockavilla; Christopher Keane, do.; Brendan O'Connor, Boherlahan; Trevor Downey, Rosegreen. Middle row (l. to r.): Brian Pattwell, Rosegreen; James Hayes, Boherlahan; Trevor Downey, Rosegreen. Middle row (l. to r.): Brian Pattwell, Rosegreen; James Hayes, Boherlahan; Daniel Carrie, Cashel; Martin Hickey, do.; Christopher Ryan-Preston, Golden, Brian Slattery, Clonoulty; Mark Ryan, Cashel; David Ryan, Rosegreen; Philip O'Connor, Clonoulty; Joe Ryan, Boherlahan. Front row (l. to r.): David Kennedy, Clonoulty; Padraic Hickey, Boherlahan; Roger O'Dwyer, Cashel; Paddy O'Flaherty, Cahir; Mark Harnett (captain), Rosegreen; Padraic Whelan, Cahir; David Byrne, Boherlahan; Nicholas Maher, Cashel.



Coláiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir, Co. Tipperary – Cusack Shield winners – 1997-98 – Back row (l. to r.) Eamon Hally (Cahir), Kevin McGuire (Cahir), Thomas Maher (Ardfinnan), Anthony Ward (Ardfinnan), Shane Sweeney (Ardfinnan); Shane Lonergan (Ardfinnan); Paudie O'Shea (Ardfinnan); Daniel McGuire (Cahir); John O'Donnell (Fr. Sheehy's). Middle row (l. to r.): Mr. Stephen O'Brien, David Fox (Ballylooby/Castlegrace); Francis O'Neill (Ardfinnan); Alan McGrath (Fr. Sheehy's); David Byron (Galtee Rovers); Daniel McSorley (Cahir); Jonathan Sandvoss (Ardfinnan); Barry O'Gorman (Ardfinnan); James D'arcy (Cahir); Mark Kearney (Cahir); Mr. Seán Landers, Mrs. Mary Finnegan-Burke (principal). Front row (l. to r.): Kevin Bergin (Galtee Rovers); Liam Murphy (Ardfinnan); John Whelan (Ballylooby-Castlegrace); Mr. Peter Lambert, Gavin Berry (capt.) (Cahir); Thomas O'Mahony (Ardfinnan); Anthony Boles (Galtee Rovers); Martin Ryan (Ardfinnan); Padraigh Slattery (Ballylooby/Castlegrace). Missing from photo: Thomas Foley (Cahir).

**Final:**

Cashel C.S.	1-11
Nenagh C.B.S.	1-4

This competition produced some excellent football and was won by Cashel C.S. who also won the Munster (U-15) C. football title with the same team. Well done to Cashel. It was disappointing to see Roscrea V.S. failing to play in this competition despite the fact that the school won the B title in the grade last year. I hope we have not reached a stage where if we cannot see ourselves win a competition, we cop out. That would be a sad day for our school's and our pupils.

**CUSACK SHIELD  
U-15 B FOOTBALL  
Semi-Finals:**

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh	4-9
Nenagh V.S.	2-2
St. Ailbe's, Tipp Town	6-11
Convent of Mercy, Newport	2-5

**Final:**

Coláiste Dún Iascaigh	4-7
St. Ailbe's, Tipp Town	0-7

This competition was very much tarnished by the withdrawal of three of the affiliated teams, Thurles V.S., St. Joseph's, Newport and Presentation, Ballingarry. However, it provided us with a great final and very deserving winners in Coláiste Dún Iascaigh who will be pleased with a county title in this amalgamated school. My sincere congratulations to them on their victory and I am looking forward to great things from that South Tipp school on the Gaelic fields in the years ahead.

This years (U-14) football blitz found a new venue in Templemore. This was due to the fact that the Garda College and Our Lady's Secondary School made their recently developed facilities available. As a result, we had six or seven playing pitches with dressingroom facilities in close proximity and as a result, an occasion on par with what we were able to organise at Rockwell College for many years was again possible. Once again, Colm O'Flaherty used his excellent organising qualities to make the day enjoyable, ably assisted by County Servicing Officer, Tom Collum. My thanks to all involved for a great days sport, especially to the Referees and the providers of the playing facilities.

After a great day's football, the Abbey C.B.S. emerged winners of the U-14 A championship and St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh, captured the Shield and B championship.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate schools from our county who had success at national and provincial level over the past year. Pride of place must go to Tipperary C.B.S. or the Abbey as it is better known, on bringing the first All-Ireland football title at Colleges level to



Back row (l. to r.): Tom Harney (Moneygall); William Comerford (Shinrone); Henry Begans (Shinrone); Brian Brooks (Roscrea); Kevin Mullally (Shinrone); Paddy Whelehan (Kinnitty); John McLoughney (Coolderry); Joseph Brady (Coolderry); Alan Abbot (Clonakenny); Brian Keeshan (Ballyskneagh); William Smith (trainer); Barry Keeshan (Ballyskneagh); Gareth Ryan (Clonakenny); Michael Cordial (Shinrone); Ger White (Moneygall); Eoin Comerford (Shinrone); Jason Ryan (Shinrone); Damien Murray (Coolderry); Emmet Dooley (Coolderry); Trevor Fletcher (Roscrea); Jonathan Murray (Coolderry); Seamus Mullaney (principal). Front row (l. to r.) Brendan Greaney (trainer); David King (Shinrone); Barry Teehan (Coolderry); Ger Egan (Shinrone); Mick O'Hara (Ballyskneagh); Ger Houlihan (Roscrea); Conor Ryan (Moneygall); Michael Burke (Clonakenny).

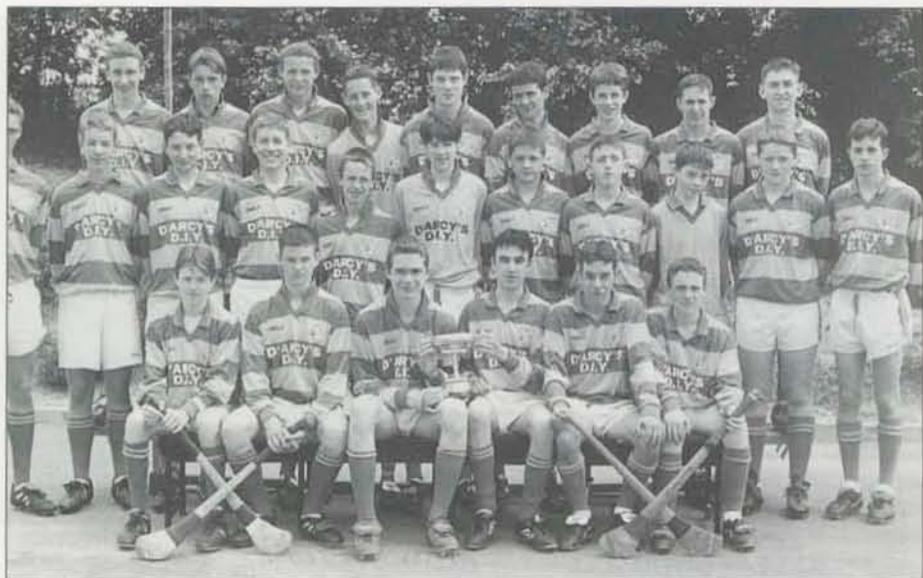


Scoil Ruain, Killenaule Junior Hurling team, All-Ireland Junior 'A' champions 1997-98. Back row: Eamon Cahill (Ballingarry); John Brett (St. Patrick's); Eoin Teehan (Gortnahoe-Glengoole); Joe Ceasau (Killenaule); Niall O'Dwyer (Killenaule) (capt.); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Patrick Kerwick (Killenaule); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone). Front row: Vincent Doheny (Mullinahone); Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Jonathan Guilfoyle (Gortnahoe-Glengoole); Andrew Lawlor (Gortnahoe-Glengoole); T. J. Noonan (St. Patrick's); Mark Hayes (St. Patrick's); Declan Ryan (Killenaule); Noel O'Grady (Killenaule). Mentors: Vincent O'Dwyer (manager); Gerry Maguire (coach).



Our Lady's, Templemore, Rice Cup team (Munster U-14 A Colleges champions 1998 - Back row (l. to r.): James O'Shea (headmaster); Paul Gunder (Brackens); Eddie Kelly (Moynempletuohy); Owen Houlihan (Clonakenny); Gerard McGuinness (Moynempletuohy); Brendan Healy (Loughmore-Castleiney); Seamus Bourke, Paul Brennan (Loughmore-Castleiney); Derek Bourke (do.); Brian O'Toole (Brackens); Lorcan Egan (do.); Owen O'Shea (do.); Keith Nolan (Drom-Inch); Gerry Ryan. Front row (l. to r.): Joe Egan (Drom-Inch); Kevin Fogarty (Moynempletuohy); David Kennedy (Dúrlas Óg); Pdraig Maher (Brackens); Peter Maher (do.); Michael Costigan (Clonakenny); Richie Ryan (Moynempletuohy); Hugh Coughlan (do.) (capt.); Declan Ryan (Drom-Inch); Mark Dunne (Errill); Ollie Delaney (Borrisoleigh); Pat Shortt (Upperchurch - Drombane); Evan Sweeney (Loughmore-Castleiney).

the county. It was indeed the result of many years of hard work by Tom O'Donoghue and company and I congratulate them sincerely. My congratulations also to Roscrea V.S. on winning Munster Vocational title and on reaching All-Ireland final. Also to Killenaule V.S. who won All-Ireland Junior V.S. title, to Cashel C.S., who captured Munster titles at U-15 level in both hurling and football and to Our Lady's, Templemore, who won Rice Cup with a great win over Ardscoil Rís of Limerick. I must not forget our Tipperary V.S. football team who in defeating Sligo in a replay captured a very well deserved and much appreciated All-Ireland title. I must also congratulate our domestic winners and thank every school for their excellent co-operation over the past year. The spirit in which our games are played is to be applauded and the win at all costs philosophy is thankfully missing and long may it be so. I thank you all and wish each and every school the best of luck for 1998/99 and let a disciplined, manly and sporting approach be the philosophy permeating our games in '98-99.



Cashel C.S. - Corn Solo - Munster U-15 H. (C) champions. Back row (l. to r.): Mark Ryan, Cashel; Martin Hickey, do.; Paul Breen, Knockavilla; Trevor Downey, Rosegreen; Darren Redmond, Cashel; Christopher Keane, Knockavilla; Liam Cantwell, Cahir; Christopher Ryan-Preston, Golden; Brian Creed, Boherlahan. Middle row (l. to r.): Brian Pattwell, Rosegreen; Daniel Carrie, Cashel; Philip O'Connor, Clonoulty; James Hayes, Boherlahan; Roger O'Dwyer, Cashel; Joe Ryan, Boherlahan; David Kennedy, Clonoulty; Patrick Halley, New Inn, James McGrath, Boherlahan; Paul Ryan, do.; Pádraig Whelan, Cahir; Front row: David Quirke, Rosegreen; Padraig Hickey, Boherlahan; Brendan O'Connor, do.; Robert O'Brien, Rosegreen; Paddy O'Flaherty, Cahir; David Ryan, Rosegreen.



Scoil Ruain, Killenaule senior football panel - Munster Football 'B' winners 1997-98. Back row: Mr. Tony O'Connell, Colm Coen (Fethard); Jason Walsh (Killenaule); Adrian Tobin (Killenaule); Rory Rice (Four-Mile-Water); Michael Carroll (Fethard); Sean Brennan (Ballingarry); Tony Doyle (Killenaule); Conor O'Donnell (Fethard); Sean O'Connor (Killenaule); Darren Kenny (Gortnahoe-Glengoolie); Eoin Kelly (Mullinahone); Matthew Galligan (Killenaule); Mr. Paddy O'Reilly. Front row: Donal Shelly (Ballingarry); Eddie O'Brien (Killenaule); Peter Kennedy (Killenaule); Gary Collins (Mullinahone); Thomas Fitzgerald (Killenaule); Niall Curran (Mullinahone) (captain); Paul Curran (Mullinahone); Vincent Doherty (Mullinahone); Damien Gleeson (Killenaule).



St. Joseph's College, Borrisoleigh, first year County Football Shield winners, who beat Roscrea in the final. Back row (l. to r.): Mr. Pat Crowley (manager); Stephen Carey (Kiladangan); John O'Meara (Toomevara); Seamus Ryan (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Paddy Kennedy (Drom-Inch); Mr. Padraig O'Shea (principal); Noel O'Brien (Drom-Inch); Thomas Everard (Drom-Inch); Neil Stapleton (Borrisoleigh); Gerard Dempsey (Moycarkey/Borris); Ger Cuddihy (Toomevara); Mr. John Mulcahy (selector). Front row (l. to r.): Martin Corcoran (Moycarkey/Borris); Colm Kennedy (Upperchurch-Drombane); Kieran O'Connor (Durlas Óg); Mark O'Dwyer (Moycarkey-Borris); Stiofán Ryan (Durlas Óg); J. J. Fahy (Borrisoleigh); Tadhg Flanagan (Holycross-Ballycahill); David Ryan (Drom-Inch); Andrew Kinane (Upperchurch/Drombane); Sean Carroll (Borrisoleigh). Panel members missing from photo: Cian O'Connor (Boherlahan); Seamus Hickey (Clonoulty-Rossmore); Matthew Stapleton (Borrisoleigh); Daniel Cleary (Cashel King Cormacs); John Walsh (Borrisoleigh); John and Harry Johnson (Clonoulty/Rossmore); Michael Ryan (Upperchurch).



# Abbey C.B.S. make History



County U-14 Football Post-Primary Schools champions – Abbey C.B.S. – Front row (l. to r.): Donough Shanahan (Pallasgreen); Danny Hennessy (Aherlow); Conor O'Brien (Éire Og); David Morrissey (Galtee Rovers); Alan O'Neill (Aherlow); Gary Flood (Golden); David Whelan (Arravale Rovers). Back row (l. to r.): Eamon O'Brien (Solohead); Bernard Callaghan (Arravale Rovers); Peter O'Hora (Solohead); Alan Noonan (Galbally); Alan Dillon (Pallasgreen); Wayne Rogers (Arravale Rovers); Roger O'Connor (Arravale Rovers).

**"In the "B" final, St. Louis (Ballymena) and Abbey C.B.S. (Tipperary) take centre stage-a unique pairing in football and a chance for both schools to make history. It is a very special occasion for them and their families, and long after they have gone from their schools this weekend will remain as an abiding memory of their school days."**

The above paragraph is taken from the programme of the All Ireland Colleges Finals, played on May 2nd and 3rd, 1998, at Croke Park. The hurling finals, "A" and "B" on Saturday were followed by the football on Sunday. What a day that Sunday was for the Abbey as the All Ireland was annexed in style on the biggest stage there is.

It was in Ardfinnan, on Wed. 22nd October '97, that the great campaign began. Dungarvan C.B.S. were sub-

born opponents as the Abbey set out to defend the Munster Cup, Corn an Uachtaráin, won in Pairc Uí Rinn the previous March.

An injury to centreback Pat Duggan after 10 minutes upset the team but after a tense second half, the 2-12 to 1-10 scoreline favoured the Abbey. Jonathan Harty's two splendid goals, one in either half, proved invaluable.

Rosscarby were overcome in round two at Carraig na bhFear on Wednesday December 3rd, after the Abbey were rocked by 1-2 inside 5 minutes. Mark Hanly's blistering goal after a great run sparked a revival leaving the Cork boys ahead at the break.

Two second half goals from Mark Hanly again and Niall O'Shea, provided the foundation for a hard-earned 3-9 to 2-7 victory. This was the display that really put the team firmly on their way.

The lads began to dream that maybe the Munster title could be retained! And then....?

After the Christmas holidays training and challenge games were organised and the team began to develop a distinct pattern of play. Teamwork improved and every ounce of the sides ability was required in a thrilling Munster semi- final victory over John the Baptist School, Hospital. Played at Emly on Wednesday. 4th February, this was a marvellous game, brimful of high class football. Tremendous scores were taken by both sides while the defensive work was of the highest quality. Pat Duggan and Damian Fogarty were heroic in defence for the Abbey with John Morrissey inspirational at midfield. Damian O'Brien's late pressure points left the final score, Abbey C.B.S. 1-12, Hospital 1-11.

## MUNSTER FINAL

St. Colman's, Fermoy, defeated Clonmel High School and faced the Abbey in Mitchelstown, in the Munster final, on Wednesday March 11th. Bad weather caused the postponement of the final from the previous Sunday. Though the pitch was very heavy, this final was a stirring contest, full of excitement and incident. Inside one minute the Abbey were a goal ahead, as Niall O'Shea rounded off a great move that began when Don Holmes saved Colman's first attack; the ball was dispatched by hand and foot-passes, without a Cork player managing to get a touch on the leather. O'Shea's shot was unstoppable on its way to the roof of the net. However, the remainder of the first half belonged to St. Colman's, who ran up an 0-8 to one goal lead by the break. With the aid of the wind in the second half, the Abbey scored 1-1 inside 5 minutes, cutting the lead of the minimum. The Cork college replied with a brilliant goal per county minor, Niall Ronan and added a good point, to restore their half-time lead. After some hectic play in wintry conditions Jonathan Harty fisted a vital goal and with the Abbey on top, the points began to flow. When the final whistle blew the Abbey had triumphed, 3-5 to 1-10. Don Holmes proved the hero of the hour with his late penalty save preserving the crucial lead. It was back to back Munster titles for the Abbey after a gripping game!

## ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL

In the All-Ireland semi-final Knockbeg College, Carlow, a famed football nursery, were the Abbey's opponents. Played at Callan, Co. Kilkenny, the Leinster Champions had the better of a scrappy first half, to lead by 0-4 to 0-3 at the short whistle. Though the Abbey conceded the first score after the resumption, they took over at midfield, and two-goal Eddie Grace, a super-sub if ever there was one, put the Carlow boys on the back foot. Before 10 minutes had elapsed after the break, the score was 2-6 to 0-6. The Tipp. boys were on their way. Though Laois county minor star Brian "Beano" McDonald pulled a late goal back, Mark Hanly's two points near the end, sealed Knockbeg's fate. The final score was: Abbey C.B.S. 2-9, Knockbeg College 1-6.

## ALL-IRELAND FINAL - CROKE PARK

Sunday May 3rd will forever be recalled by the Abbey senior football team, their families and followers, as a day to remember. St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena were the opponents and what a game the two teams produced. The Ballymena Chronicle newspaper predicted that "... the Ballymena side will be fancied", as they pipped a very good Summerhill College Sligo side in their All Ireland semi-final, 2-10 to 1-12. It was to be the Abbey's day, however.



West Tipperary players on Doon CBS Munster Senior Hurling B champions 1998 - Back row (left to right): Eamon Ryan (Sean Treacy's); John Ryan (Cappawhite); Paul Shanahan (Sean Treacy's). Front row (l. to r.): Shane McDermott (Cappawhite); Philip McLoughlin (Annacarty).

Ballymena started very well and had two points over the Railway End crossbar after 3 minutes play. Then Damian O'Brien pointed from under the Hogan Stand and the Tipp. school settled, to lead by 0-3 to 0-2 after 10 minutes. By half-time the Munster champions were 0-8 to 0-5 ahead after playing with the light breeze and more importantly, Ballymena were a man down.

The second half began with the Ulster men under severe pressure but the Abbey recorded three bad widest. When Ballymena replied with three points to level matters, the signs were ominous for the southern followers. A fine Eddie Grace point from a quick free by Mark Hanly steadied the Abbey ship and in the next 10 minutes - the game was won and lost. Two points by Mark Hanly and Peter Leonard were followed by Diarmuid O'Halloran's golden goal, to create a commanding 1-1 to 0-8 lead, with just over 10 minutes remaining on the clock.

There were many in West Tipperary and East Limerick who thrilled to David Bymes' fine commentary on Tipp Mid West Radio, as the Abbey defended their hard-won lead. Though Ballymena came forward in waves the game was beyond them and Damian O'Brien's tremendous seven points ruined their chances. Great was the jubilation, as captain Peter Leonard and his elated companions, mounted the steps of the Hogan Stand, to accept the All Ireland Cup. It was over 70 years

since a Tipperary man captained an All-Ireland winning Tipperary Football team in Croke Park: "A moment of huge significance for Tipperary football" said Michael Frawley on his visit to the Abbey dressingroom after the game.

Abbey Scores: Damian O'Brien 0-7, Diarmuid O'Halloran 1-0; Peter Leonard and Mark Hanly 02 each; Niall O'Shea and Eddie Grace 0-1 each.

Abbey Team: Don Holmes (Oola), Michael Cosgrave (Solohead), Leo Leonard (Aherlow), Vincent Murphy (Galtee Rovers), Damien Fogarty (Golden), Pat Duggan (Arravale Rovers), Robert O'Grady (Pallasgreen), Ger Stapleton (Arravale Rovers), John Morrissey (Galtee Rovers), Damien O'Brien (Eire Og, Annacarty), Niall O'Shea (Galtee Rovers), Mark Hanly (Arravale Rovers), Diarmuid O'Halloran (Lattin-Cullen), Jonathan Harty (Oola), Peter Leonard (Aherlow) Capt.. Subs: Eddie Grace (Galtee Rovers), Alan Riordan (Solohead).

## MacGABHANN CUP

Having overcome Templemore and Nenagh, the Abbey faced Fethard in the final of the Tipperary Schools senior football McGabhann Cup, at Fethard on Tuesday April 12th. A free flowing game of top-class football, saw the form team emerge with a comprehensive victory, 2-16 to 1-8 and retain this prestigious championship.

The Abbey's greatest football season was over.

# SCOREBOARD '98

Compiled by Seamus O'Doherty

## COUNTY FINALS - HURLING

### Senior:

Toomevara.....	0-16
Clonoulty-Rossmore.....	1-10

### Inter:

Upperchurch-Drombane.....	1-11
Ballybacon-Grange.....	1-10

### Junior 'A':

Moyle Rovers.....	
J.K. Brackens.....	

### Junior 'B':

Portroe.....	3-10
Thurles Fennellys.....	1-15

### Under-21 'A':

Golden-Kilfeacle v. North or South

### Under-21 'B':

Burgess.....	
Loughmore-Castleiney.....	

### Minor 'A':

Drom-Inch.....	3-7
Toomevara.....	1-8

### Minor 'B':

Kildangan.....	2-8
Moycarkey-Borris.....	1-10

### Under-16 'A':

Dúrlas Óg.....	2-5
Cashel K.C.....	1-6

### Under-16 'B':

Silvermines.....	3-5
J.K. Brackens.....	1-5

### Under-16 'C':

Ballinahinch.....	2-6
Clonakenny.....	1-5

### Under-14 'A':

Dúrlas Óg.....	3-3
Toomevara.....	1-7

### Under-14 'B':

Moneygall.....	4-6
Holycross-Ballycahill.....	2-3

### Under-14 'C':

Upperchurch-Drombane.....	1-7
Borrisokane.....	0-4

### Under-12 'A':

J.K. Brackens.....	
Toomevara.....	

### Under-12 'B':

Loughmore-Castleiney.....	2-4
Silvermines.....	1-3

### Under-12 'C':

Templederry.....	1-3
Upperchurch-Drombane.....	0-4

### Intermediate:

Cahir.....	2-15
Rockwell Rovers.....	2-5

### Junior 'A':

Solohead.....	
North or South.....	

### Junior 'B':

### Under-21 'A':

Clonmel Commercials.....	1-7
Golden Kilfeacle.....	0-7

### Under-21 'B':

Killenaule.....	1-15
Éire óg Annacarty.....	0-4

### Minor 'A':

Galtee Rovers.....	0-9
Ardfinnan.....	0-8

### Minor 'B':

Éire Óg Annacarty.....	1-9
Moyle Rovers.....	1-8

(replay)

(Draw 2-6 to 1-9)

### Under-16 'A':

Ballina.....	1-13
Killenaule.....	2-7

### Under-16 'B':

Moyle Rovers.....	2-13
Éire Óg Annacarty.....	0-8

### Under-16 'C':

Rockwell Rovers.....	3-9
Holycross B.....	3-3

### Under-14 'A':

Newport.....	5-9
Clonmel Commercials.....	0-3

### Under-14 'B':

Ballina.....	2-7
Clonmel Óg.....	2-3

### Under-14 'C':

Rockwell Rovers.....	1-6
Ballylooby/Castlegrace.....	1-2

### Under-12 'A':

Aherlow.....	2-6
Carrick Swans.....	1-8

### Under-12 'B':

Kilsheelan.....	3-9
Borrisoleigh.....	1-3

### Under-12 'C':

Silvermines.....	1-6
Marfield.....	1-0

### Intermediate:

7th June at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

Tipperary.....	0-25
Waterford.....	0-5

1st July at Limerick:

Tipperary.....	2-21
Kerry.....	3-12

24th July at Limerick:

(Munster Final):

Limerick.....	2-11
Tipperary.....	0-15

### UNDER-21

24th June at Semple Stadium:

Tipperary.....	7-15
Kerry.....	1-3

19th July at Semple Stadium:

Tipperary.....	4-16
Limerick.....	1-8

23rd August at Páirc Uí Chaoimh:

(Munster Final):

Cork.....	3-18
Tipperary.....	1-10

### MINOR

1st July at Limerick:

(Munster semi-final):

Clare.....	1-17
Tipperary.....	1-11

### UNDER-16 Munster Championship:

28th March (Round 1):

South Tipperary.....	3-16
East Waterford.....	3-6

Mid Tipperary.....	6-24
Avondhu, Cork.....	1-5

Muskerry, Cork.....	1-9
West Tipperary.....	1-4

East Clare.....	3-13
North Tipperary.....	2-8

18th April (quarter-finals):

Imokilly, Cork.....	4-6
South Tipperary.....	1-13

Mid Tipperary.....	3-12
Cork City.....	0-7

28th April at Ballyduff (semi-final):

Mid Tipperary.....	3-4
Imokilly, Cork.....	0-8

10th May at Limerick (final):

Mid Clare.....	2-11
Mid Tipperary.....	1-7

## INTER-COUNTY C'SHIPS - HURLING

### Senior:

7th June at Páirc Uí Chaoimh

(Semi-Final):

Waterford.....	0-21
Tipperary.....	2-12

## COUNTY FINALS - FOOTBALL

### Senior:

Moyle Rovers.....	3-12
Ardfinnan.....	1-8

## CHURCH & GENERAL NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE '98 (Division 1 'B')

8th March at Semple Stadium:

Waterford.....	1-17
Tipperary.....	4-6

<i>22nd March at Portlaoise:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-13
Laois .....	1-13
<i>29th March at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary .....	3-13
Kilkenny .....	1-13
<i>12th April at Páirc Uí Rinn:</i>	
Cork .....	2-11
Tipperary .....	2-10
<i>19th April at Enniscorthy:</i>	
Wexford .....	2-13
Tipperary .....	0-10

### INTER-COUNTY C'SHIPS – FOOTBALL

#### SENIOR:

<i>10th May at Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-13
Limerick .....	1-12
<i>30th May at Clonmel:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-16
Waterford .....	0-7
<i>28th June at Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-16
Clare .....	0-12
<i>2nd August at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Kerry .....	0-17
Tipperary .....	1-10

#### JUNIOR:

<i>10th May at Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-14
Limerick .....	0-3
<i>30th May at Clonmel:</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-9
Waterford .....	1-5
<i>28th June at Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-8
Clare .....	0-6
<i>15th July at Páirc Uí Rinn (Munster final):</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-6
Cork .....	0-5

<i>15th August at Ardfinnan:</i> (All-Ireland semi-final)	
Tipperary .....	4-22
Warwickshire .....	0-4
<i>28th August at Portlaoise:</i> (All-Ireland final)	
Tipperary .....	2-9
Offaly .....	0-6

#### UNDER-21:

<i>14th March at Kilmallock:</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-13
Limerick .....	1-7
<i>28th March at Páirc Uí Rinn:</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-11
Cork .....	0-9
<i>11th April at Tralee:</i> (Munster final)	
Kerry .....	3-10
Tipperary .....	1-11

#### MINOR

<i>15th April at Limerick (Round 1):</i>	
Limerick .....	0-17
Tipperary .....	1-8
<i>23rd April at Dungarvan (Round 2):</i>	
Waterford .....	2-9
Tipperary .....	1-12

<i>6th May at Limerick (Round 3):</i>	
Clare .....	2-7
Tipperary .....	1-8

### ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL 1998

<i>24th October at Dromard:</i>	
Fermanagh .....	2-12
Tipperary .....	2-11
<i>(after extra-time)</i>	
(Normal Time):	
Fermanagh 1-8, Tipperary 2-5	

### CHURCH & GENERAL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1997/98 (Sect. D)

<i>7th December at Ardfinnan:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-7
Roscommon .....	0-7
<i>1st February at Stradbally:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-12
Waterford .....	0-7
<i>15th February at Limerick:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-11
Limerick .....	0-7
<i>1st March at Cashel:</i>	
Wicklow .....	3-7
Tipperary .....	0-11
<i>5th April at Milltown Malbay:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-7
Clare .....	0-7

### CHURCH & GENERAL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1998/99 (Div. 2B)

<i>1st November at Ardfinnan:</i>	
Tipperary .....	0-11
Fermanagh .....	0-11
<i>15th November at Carlow:</i>	
Carlow .....	2-5
Tipperary .....	1-7
<i>29th November at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Wexford .....	0-11
Tipperary .....	0-9

### MASTERS HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

<i>25th May at the Ragg:</i>	
Clare beat Tipperary by one point.	
<i>8th June at Portumna:</i>	
Tipperary w.o. Galway (scr.)	
<i>18th July at London:</i>	
Tipperary .....	4-18
London .....	0-5
<i>30th August at Clarecastle:</i>	
Tipperary .....	6-12
Clare .....	2-11
<i>20th September at Semple Stadium:</i> (All-Ireland Final):	
Kilkenny .....	2-11
Tipperary .....	1-10

### MUNSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

#### HURLING:

<i>22nd November at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Toomevara .....	1-12
Blackrock (Cork) .....	1-10

<i>6th December at Limerick:</i> (Munster Final):	
St. Joseph's (Clare) .....	0-12
Toomevara .....	0-8

#### FOOTBALL:

<i>22nd November at Dunmanway:</i>	
Moyle Rovers .....	1-7
Bantry Blues (Cork) .....	0-7
<i>13th December at Limerick:</i> (Munster final):	
Moyle Rovers .....	.....
Doonbeg (Clare) .....	.....

### IARNRÓD ÉIREANN INTER-PROVINCIALS

#### HURLING:

<i>8th November at Kilkenny:</i> (Semi-final):	
Leinster .....	2-15
Munster .....	0-9

#### FOOTBALL:

<i>25th January at Killarney:</i> (Semi-final):	
Leinster .....	2-8
Munster .....	0-12

### FITZGIBBON CUP (Hurling)

<i>February 4th at Templemore (first round):</i>	
Garda College .....	0-16
Univ. College Galway .....	0-11
<i>February 18th at Limerick (quarter-final):</i>	
Garda College .....	1-9
Univ. Limerick .....	0-9
<i>February 28th at Limerick (semi-final):</i>	
Waterford I.T. ....	1-11
Garda College .....	1-9
<i>February 28th at Limerick (semi-final):</i>	
U.C.C. ....	3-14
U.C.D. ....	1-6
<i>March 1st at Limerick (final):</i>	
U.C.C. ....	2-17
Waterford I.T. ....	0-13

### ALL-IRELAND 'ELEVENS' HURLING

<i>2nd May at Carlow (quarter-finals):</i>	
Ballygarry (Tipp.) .....	0-6
Naomh Eoin (Carlow) .....	0-2
Ballyhea (Cork) .....	2-3
Loughmore Castleiney (Tipp.) .....	0-4
(semi-final):	
Ballyhea .....	2-5
Ballygarry .....	0-10
(final):	
Glynn Barntown (Wexford) .....	0-7
Ballyhea .....	1-2

### ALL-IRELAND 'SEVENS' HURLING

<i>13th September at Kilmacud</i> (quarter-finals):	
Moneygall .....	3-9
Dunhill (Waterford) .....	4-1
Borrisoleigh .....	2-4
St. Mary's (Athenry) .....	2-11

Portumna (Galway).....	5-10
Portroe.....	2-3
Midleton (Cork) .....	2-6
O'Tooles (Dublin).....	1-5
(semi-finals):	
Athenry.....	3-5
Moneygall .....	1-7
Portumna.....	6-7
Midleton.....	3-2
(final):	
Portumna.....	3-13
Athenry.....	4-8

### McGRATH CUP SENIOR FOOTBALL

<i>11th January at Ardfinnan:</i>	
Waterford .....	2-14
Tipperary .....	2-13
<i>after extra time</i>	
(full time – 2-7 (W), 1-10 (T))	
<i>18th January at Fermoy:</i>	
Cork .....	2-9
Tipperary .....	0-8

### SENIOR HURLING CHALLENGE GAMES

<i>24th January at Boherlahan:</i>	
Tipperary .....	3-17
Clarecastle (Clare) .....	2-10
<i>25th January at Cloughjordan:</i>	
Galway .....	2-15
Tipperary .....	1-11
<i>15th February at Newport:</i>	
Tipperary .....	5-8
Limerick .....	0-13
<i>22nd February at Enniscorthy:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-15
Wexford.....	2-15
<i>5th April at Newport:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-15
Clare.....	1-8
<i>3rd May at Clonmel:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-22
Offaly .....	3-14
<i>17th May at Danesfort:</i>	
Kilkenny .....	1-15
Tipperary .....	1-9

### OIREACHTAS CUP SENIOR HURLING

<i>26th October at Dungarvan:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-19
Waterford .....	1-8
<i>22nd November at Templemore:</i>	
Tipperary .....	1-18
Dublin .....	0-9

### SOUTH EAST LEAGUE SENIOR HURLING

<i>31st October at Midleton:</i>	
Tipperary .....	3-12
Cork .....	0-8
<i>8th November at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary .....	4-19
Limerick .....	0-9

<i>29th November at Dungarvan:</i>	
Tipperary .....	2-10
Waterford .....	1-6
<i>5th December at Semple Stadium:</i>	
Tipperary .....	5-11
Wexford.....	3-10

### NENAGH CO-OP U-16 HURLING

<i>10th October at Holycross:</i>	
Cork .....	3-10
Tipperary .....	1-14
<i>10th October at the Ragg:</i>	
(Shield semi-final):	
Tipperary .....	4-21
Limerick .....	1-9
<i>17th October at Cloughjordan:</i>	
(Shield final):	
Tipperary .....	2-22
Kilkenny .....	1-12

### FÉILE NA nGAEL U-14 HURLING

<i>22nd May at Drombane (county final):</i>	
Toomevara.....	2-4
Dúrlas Óg.....	1-4
<i>26th June at Enniscorthy (Div. 1):</i>	
Toomevara .....	2-12
Enniscorthy Shamrocks .....	1-2
Toomevara.....	2-4
St. Vincent's, Dublin .....	2-1
<i>26th June at Oulart (Div. 1):</i>	
Toomevara.....	5-4
Oulart the Ballagh .....	3-2
<i>27th June at Oylgate:</i>	
Toomevara.....	3-8
Éire Óg (Clare).....	0-7
<i>28th June at Enniscorthy:</i>	
(All-Ireland final):	
Shamrocks (Kilkenny) .....	1-10
Toomevara.....	1-2

### PEADAR CUMMINS U-14 HURLING

<i>18th July at Borrisoleigh:</i>	
Mid Tipperary.....	6-5
West Tipperary .....	1-2
<i>18th July at the Ragg:</i>	
North Tipperary .....	2-11
South Tipperary .....	1-5
<i>18th July at Borrisoleigh (Final):</i>	
Mid Tipperary.....	0-13
North Tipperary .....	0-6
Losers final: South beat West	

### TONY FORRISTAL U-14 HURLING

<i>29th August at Waterford:</i>	
Galway .....	1-11
Tipperary .....	1-6
Wexford.....	1-8
Tipperary .....	2-3
(Tipp. did not qualify for play-off stages)	

### GARDA CUP U-16 HURLING

<i>1st August at New Inn:</i>	
Mid Tipp. beat South Tipp.	
<i>1st August at Drombane:</i>	
North Tipp.....	4-19
West Tipp .....	0-6
<i>8th August at the Ragg (final):</i>	
Mid Tipp.....	2-12
North Tipp.....	1-12

### FRIENDS OF TIPPERARY U-16 FOOTBALL

West Tipp. beat North Tipp.	
<i>27th September at New Inn:</i>	
Mid Tipp. beat South Tipp. by 5 points.	
<i>26th October at New Inn (final):</i>	
Mid Tipp.....	4-4
West Tipp. ....	0-5

### CO. PRIMARY SCHOOLS HURLING FINALS – CHURCH & GENERAL

<i>16th June at Semple Stadium:</i>	
<i>Roinn 'A':</i>	
Scoil Ailbhe, Thurles .....	5-10
Dromakeenan, Roscrea .....	0-3
<i>Roinn 'B':</i>	
Inch N.S. ....	6-8
Toomevara N.S. ....	0-1
<i>Roinn 'C':</i>	
Loughmore N.S. ....	4-2
Templederry N.S. ....	2-5
<i>Roinn 'D':</i>	
Burgess N.S. ....	3-8
New Inn N.S. ....	1-1
<i>Roinn 'E':</i>	
Boher N.S. ....	3-4
Drangan N.S. ....	2-2
<i>Roinn 'F':</i>	
Rossmore N.S. ....	4-11
The Commons N.S. ....	1-2

### CROKE CUP U-16 HURLING FINAL

<i>1st May at the Ragg:</i>	
Our Lady's, Templemore.....	2-9
Thurles C.B.S. ....	0-5

### CANON FITZGERALD CUP U-17 HURLING FINAL

<i>20th May at the Ragg:</i>	
Thurles C.B.S. ....	1-12
Templemore C.B.S. ....	2-5

### CANON FITZGERALD SHIELD FINAL

<i>7th May at Thurles:</i>	
High School, Clonmel .....	1-13
Roscrea C.B.S. ....	1-7

### RICE CUP U-14 HURLING FINAL

<i>22nd May at Nenagh:</i>	
Our Lady's Templemore.....	5-12
Árd Scoil Rís, Limerick .....	1-4

**MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR HURLING 'B' 1997/98 FINAL**

8th March at Cappawhite (draw):  
 Cashel C.C. .... 0-12  
 Doon C.B.S. .... 0-12

25th March at Cappawhite (replay):  
 Doon C.B.S. .... 6-9  
 Cashel C.C. .... 1-5

**DR. HARTY CUP MUNSTER COLLEGES SENIOR HURLING 1998/99**

October 14th at Kilfinane:  
 Thurles C.B.S. .... 1-15  
 Coláiste Chríost Rí ..... 2-4

October 14th at Mitchelstown:  
 Our Lady's, Templemore ..... 3-6  
 Scoil Phiarsaigh, Glanmire ..... 2-8

**COLLEGES SENIOR FOOTBALL 'B' 1997/98**

11th March at Mitchelstown:  
 (Munster final):  
 Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary ..... 3-5  
 St. Colman's, Fermoy ..... 1-10

3rd May at Croke Park:  
 (All-Ireland Final):  
 Abbey C.B.S., Tipperary ..... 1-13  
 St. Louis, Ballymena ..... 0-10

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES FOOTBALL LEAGUE FINAL**

17th February at Rath:  
 Rockwell ..... 0-8  
 Warrenstown ..... 0-6

**AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES ALL-IRELAND HURLING FINAL**

27th May:  
 Rockwell ..... 5-9  
 Kildalton, Piltown ..... 1-9

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS INTER-COUNTY HURLING**

3rd May at Loughrea:  
 (All-Ireland semi-final):  
 Galway ..... 0-12  
 Tipperary ..... 0-6

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SENIOR HURLING 'B' 1997/98 FINAL**

18th March at Croagh:  
 Scoil Craobhan, Kanturk ..... 2-10  
 Nenagh V.S. .... 1-12

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS INTER-CO. FOOTBALL - All-Ireland 'B' Final 1997/98**

31st January at Ballindereen (replay):  
 Tipperary ..... 2-10  
 Sligo ..... 1-11

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS INTER-CO. FOOTBALL - Munster 'B' Final 1998/99**

17th October:  
 Limerick ..... 3-8  
 Tipperary ..... 1-9

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS MUNSTER JUNIOR HURLING FINAL**

27th March at Mallow:  
 Newcastlewest ..... 4-7  
 Thurles V.S. .... 0-6

**VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SENIOR HURLING**

1st April at Ballygiblin:  
 (Munster final):  
 Roscrea V.S. .... 3-7  
 St. Brogan's, Bandon ..... 2-6

26th April at Banagher:  
 (All-Ireland final):  
 Athenry V.S. .... 1-13  
 Roscrea V.S. .... 0-4

**MUNSTER U-14 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

25th July at Bruff:  
 Limerick ..... 1-9  
 Tipperary ..... 1-6

**UNDER-14 FOOTBALL JIM POWER TOURNAMENT**

Tipperary ..... 3-6  
 Limerick ..... 1-7  
 (Final):  
 Tipperary ..... 1-11  
 Laois ..... 0-12

**MUNSTER U-16 FOOTBALL C'SHIP**

14th November at Foynes:  
 (First round):  
 South Kerry ..... 0-15  
 Tipperary ..... 1-7  
 14th November at Askeaton:  
 (Plate semi-final):  
 Tipperary ..... 1-9  
 Limerick ..... 1-7

**OUTSTANDING RESULTS 1997**

**County Finals - Hurling**  
 Under-21 'A':  
 Borrisoleigh ..... 3-13  
 Ballingarry Gaels ..... 2-12  
 Under-21 'B':  
 J.K. Brackens ..... 0-16  
 Fethard ..... 0-15

**County Finals - Football**  
 Intermediate:  
 Nenagh Éire Óg ..... 3-7  
 Carrick Swans ..... 1-6  
 Junior 'A':  
 Arravale Rovers ..... 2-5  
 J.K. Brackens ..... 1-7  
 Junior 'B':  
 Kildangan ..... 0-16  
 Killenaule ..... 3-2

**All-Ireland Vocational Schools Junior Hurling 'B' Final:**  
 Scoil Ruain, Killenaule ..... 2-16  
 St. Fergal's, Rathdowney ..... 1-3

**Munster Club Football C'ship Final:**  
 Castlehaven (Cork) ..... 1-14  
 Fethard ..... 1-8

★ *Outstanding results will be published in next year's production.*

• Public Relations Officers are requested to include the name of the competition, the score, the date and the venue in **ALL** match reports.



Secretary of Mid Tipperary Bord na nÓg, Martin Treacy, presents the trophy to North representative, Eoin Mannion (Lorrha), winner of the Co. Poc Fada Competition which took place at Drombane. Included are (l.-r.): Martin Treacy; Eoin Mannion; West rep. Donal Condon, Emly, 2nd; Mid rep. Joe Ryan, Boherlahan-Dualla, 3rd; South rep. Mark Kearney, Cahir, 4th.

**Le gach dea-ghyí agus Comhgháirdeachas do Coiste Cho.  
Thiobraid Árann ó Chomhairle na Mumhan CLG  
Comhairle na Mumhan C.L.G.**

**IOMÁINT SINSIR/IDIRMHÉANACH**

		<b>Dáta</b>	<b>Ath-imirt</b>	<b>Ionad</b>
<i>First Round</i>	Tiobraid Árann v Ciarraí Luimneach v Portláirge	22/5 or 23/5 30/5	29/5 6/6	Dúrlas P. Uí Chaoimh
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Clár v Tiobraid Árann/Ciarraí	6/6	12/6	P. Uí Chaoimh/ Cill Áirne
<i>Final:</i>	Corcaigh v Luimneach/Portláirge Sinsir Idirmheanach	13/6 4/7 21/7 (Wed.)	20/6 11/7 28/7	Deferred/Dúrlas

**PEIL SINSIR/SOISIR**

<i>First Round</i>	Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann Corcaigh v Portláirge	23/5 23/5	29/5 29/5	Deferred DunGarbhain
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Clár v Ciarraí/Tiobraid Árann Luimneach v Corcaigh/Portláirge	20/6 19/6 (Sat.)	27/6 26/6	Cill Áirne/ Luimneach P. Uí Chaoimh/ Luimneach
<i>Final</i>	Sinsir Soisir	18/7 8/7	25/7 15/7	

**IOMÁINT Fe 21**

<i>First Round</i>	Ciarraí v Tiobraid Árann Corcaigh v Luimneach	23/6 24/6	30/6 30/6	Tra Lí. Luimneach/ Cill Mocheallog Dun Garbhain/ Portláirge Dúrlas or H. & A/Inis.
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Portláirge v Ciarraí/Tiob. Árann Clár v Corcaigh/Luimneach	14/7 14/7	21/7 21/7	
<i>Final</i>				

**IOMÁINT NA MIONÚIR**

<i>First Round</i>	Ciarraí v Corcaigh Portláirge v Luimneach	28/4 28/4		Báile Thaidhg Dúrlas or H. & A. Inis/Luimneach Fearmai or H & A/Dúrlas
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Clár v Ciarraí/Corcaigh Tiob. Árann v Pórtláirge/Luimneach	12/5 or 23/6 12/5 or 23/6		
<i>Final</i>		4/7	9/7	

**PEIL Fe 21**

<i>First Round</i>	Clár v Corcaigh Ciarraí v Portláirge	20/3 (Sat.) 20/3	24/3 24/3	Cill Mocheallog Cill Áirne Luimneach/ T. Árann venue Cill Mocheallog
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Tiobraid Árann v Clár/Corcaigh Luimneach v Ciarraí/Portláirge	31/3 (Wed.) 31/3	7/4 7/4	
<i>Final</i>		14/4 or 18/4	21/4	

**PEIL NA MIONÚIR**

<i>First Round</i>	Tiob. Árann v Luimneach Clár v Portláirge	15/4 (Thurs.) 15/4		Tiob. Árann Inis Luimneach Luimneach Tiob. Árann venue
<i>Second Rd.</i>	Tiob. Árann v Clár Luimneach v Portláirge	22/4 (Thurs.) 21/4 (Wed.)		
<i>3rd Rd.</i>	Tiob. Árann v Portláirge Luimneach v Portláirge Luimneach v Clár	5/5 (Wed.) 5/5		
<i>Semi-Final</i>	Corcaigh v Team No. 1 Ciarraí v Team No. 2	7/7 (Wed.) 7/7	10/7 10/7	Sráid na Cathrach
<i>Final</i>		18/7	23/7	

**CORN MHIC CHRAITH**

<i>First Round</i>	24/1
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3rd Rounds	21/2

## Claire Boland

(1984-98)



**A** CLOUD hung over the village of Moneygall on Ash Wednesday as news of the death of Claire, the previous night spread. Two months short of her 14th birthday she will be a huge loss to her family and friends.

Claire's big love was camogie and when the camogie club was established in Moneygall she was in her element. Good enough to be on the U/12 and U/14 teams she captained the U/12s to the Co. Final where they were unfortunate to lose. But she collected an U/14 medal when they won the County final.

When news of her illness broke in early '97, we were shocked, but true to form she battled on, and on April 9th she lined out in a practice match. She continued to play her part and two particular performances stand out against Lorrha and Portroe. She was really a tower of strength in these games. Little did we realise at the time that the Portroe game was to be her final outing for Moneygall.

Sincere sympathy to her mother, Margaret, brothers, Eamonn and Seamus, sisters Fiona, Caroline and Emma and her dear friend and neighbour, Neasa.

## Jerry Bourke



**D**URING the year past, the Kickham club also lost a former player and great supporter in the person of the late Jerry Bourke, (Maude-mount) R.I.P. During his playing career he was a valuable member of our Junior hurling team, and won a couple of West Tipp.

# Friends we lost in 1998

titles with them. A forward with no little skill he contributed handsomely to the various successes, in a period where our Club was very successful, and it was hard to make the breakthrough to the Senior team. After his playing career ended Jerry retained a great interest in club fortunes and was always enquiring about it. To Jerry's beloved wife and family we again convey our condolences, and assure them of our prayers.

## John (Jackie) Carew (Clonoulty-Rossmore)



**J**OHN Carew, originally from Doorish, Rossmore, passed to his eternal reward on 14th March 1998. In 1950 he left his native place to live in Leugh, Thurles, where he spent the rest of his life. He held the position of chairman of the Clonoulty club for a long number of years. As a loyal supporter he served his club and county over many years. His coffin was draped in the club colours. To his wife, Maggie, and all his family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

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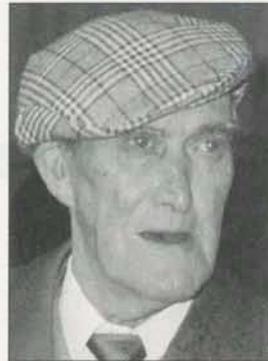
## John Cleary (Shannon Rovers)



**A**FTER a long and brave illness John Cleary died at the young age of forty-five. Although he did not attend many of our games he kept a keen interest on club affairs.

As a juvenile he was a very skillful hurler. John was a farmer and a great neighbour.

## Michael Collins (Burgess)



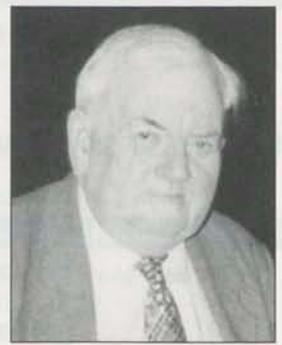
**M**ICHAEL COLLINS, Pallasmore, passed to his eternal reward on October 31st. Michael was a noted hurley maker and he passed on this trade to his son, John. The art of hurley-making requires good wrist-work, so it came as no surprise that he easily adopted the skills of hurling.

Michael played for parish teams under the banner Duharra (1947-49), Youghalarra (1950), Burgess (1951-56). Duharra were regraded from senior to intermediate grade in 1949 and later that year the two sides of the parish decided to form separate clubs, as they did a decade earlier.

Michael, Seamus and Thomas Collins from Pallasmore played with the Youghalarra team in 1950, that was defeated by Borrisokane in the North I.H.C. semi-final. Michael Collins rapped the net twice in the first half from frees. He received two more North intermediate championship medals in 1953 and 1956.

The Collins family have a genuine love for our native games, and are great supporters of both Burgess GAA and camogie clubs.

## Jim Costello



**J**IM COSTELLO was a member of the Borrisoleigh senior team, winning three county medals in 1949, 1950 and 1953. He was secretary of the club and a member of the panel that lost the 1955 county final.

## Donie Crosse (Golden-Kilfeacle)



**M**AY Bank Holiday Monday became Black Monday for the family and friends of Donie Crosse when news filtered through of his tragic and untimely death on his way home from the county under-21 football final between Commercials and Golden-Kilfeacle at Cashel.

A long-time playing member with his club, he was turning his attention to a coaching and administrative role when death struck him down at the young age of thirty years.

During his playing career he gave all his free time and talents to his club and served for many years as a solid corner-back. The esteem in which he was held in his own parish and in those surrounding Golden-Kilfeacle was reflected in the thousands who turned out for his removal and burial.

To his wife, Martha; his daughters, Joanne and Aoife; his mother, Mary; his brothers, John and Mattie, and all the Crosse family, our sincere sympathy. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

## Phil Crowley



**P**HIL CROWLEY played minor hurling for Tipperary. He was a playing member of the Borrisoleigh senior winning teams of 1949, '50 and '53. He could have won a lot more but he emigrated to England at an early age.

## Mary Darcy (Burgess)



**T**HE death of Mary Darcy (nee McCarthy), Ballywilliam, Carrigatoher, occurred in October after a short illness. Affectionately known as Molly, she and her family are held in high esteem in our community, and testimony to this is the large crowd that attended her funeral.

Molly was a great follower of Gaelic games and G.A.A. activities as was her late husband, Dinny.

May they rest in peace.

## John Downey Shannon Rovers



**O**N March 30th John Downey of Terryglass and Shannon Rovers

died at Nenagh General Hospital after a short illness.

Always a loyal supporter, John had attended a parish auction the previous Sunday. The proceeds of this auction were to go to our parish sportsfield. He never missed any Shannon Rovers hurling game.

A farm labourer by trade, it was his fervent wish that Shannon Rovers would bring home some silverware – a wish that he had expressed to me earlier in the year. The club would like to express its sympathies to his wife Maura and to his relatives and friends.

## A tribute to Gerry Doyle

**W**HEN we heard the sad news that Gerry Doyle had only a few months to live, it shocked all of us. "The Bowler", as he was known, had never been ill; had always been regarded as a hardy man.

Gerry battled bravely, did not give in to self-pity and was alert until the end. When he attended the Club Social last March it was hard to accept that here was one of the club's greatest hurlers from the 1947-1960 era who would not be around in the year 2001 to celebrate the golden jubilee of the first county final that he won. It was a sad and sobering thought.

Though born and reared in Galbertstown – then in Moycarkey parish – Gerry always played for our club. His first appearance was in 1944 when the Juvenile team defeated Moycarkey to win the Mid under-15 championship.

That team, captained by Liam Skelly, included among others John Doyle, Michael Maher, Claus de Bheil, Conor Stakelum and Neddy Ryan who all helped the club to win senior county championships. The team failed in the county semi-final to Ardcroney who fielded what was described as a fine big team. Where did all their good hurlers go?

Gerry continued to play juvenile hurling until 1947. The Mid championship was again won in 1946 but the county semi-final was again lost to a stronger opposition.

In 1949 he was selected on the county minor panel. He did not play in the first round but played in every game on the team that defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland Final by 5-6 to 2-4. He was appointed captain of the county minors for the 1950 championship. The team reached the All-Ireland Final but surprisingly lost to Kilkenny.

He made his first appearance on the club senior team in 1950 and, apart from a spell in 1951 when he was seriously ill, kept his place for every game until he retired in 1962 at the comparatively young age of thirty.

During that period he won two county senior medals and many tournament awards. On the inter-county front he won National League and St. Brendan Cup medals as a player in 1955. The St. Brendan Cup was presented to the winners of a game between League champions and New York. He was a member of the county senior panel in 1952, 1953, 1955 and 1956, playing throughout the 1955 championship and coming on as a substitute in the other years.

May he rest in peace.  
*Bob Stakelum*

## John Joe Fitzgerald



**W**HEN news filtered through on March 6th of the death of John Joe Fitzgerald, it was greeted with a deep sense of sadness by the people of his beloved Ballyporeen. While he had been in failing health for some time, his demise left a yawning void in the community.

A man of many interests, John Joe's greatest love was the G.A.A. and Gaelic games, in particular football. Being one of the founder members of the Ballyporeen Football Club, John Joe enjoyed many happy years with the club. He saw the teams go from junior to intermediate to senior level and he also saw the club provide their own playing pitch and dressing rooms. He gave his full commitment to all his duties.

John Joe took a keen interest in juvenile games and even up to recently he travelled to see all games. John Joe was certainly the greatest Gael the parish produced. He was chairman of our club for 17 years and he will never be forgotten as long as football is spoken of in Ballyporeen.

Ar dheis Dé go mbeidh a h-anam dílis, agus tá súil agam go mbuailfhimis le céile arís.

## Mary Fogarty



**O**N April 22nd widespread sympathy and a great sense of loss was felt especially among G.A.A. followers when we heard of the sad news that Mary Fogarty was dead.

Mary was wife of Ned, a great Gael, masseur and gate-checker with the North Tipp G.A.A. Board. Mary had been ill for a short time, an illness which she bore bravely and with remarkable resilience.

Mary was well known far and wide by G.A.A. people. She had boundless energy, enthusiasm and was always proud of her native club in Knockshegowna and especially when her sons played for Knockshe

## Senan Flanagan



**S**ENAN Flanagan, Birdhill and formerly of Newtown, Nenagh and Tulla, Co. Clare went to his eternal reward on Wednesday, June 24th after a long illness, borne with great dignity. Senan will be remembered as a kind, caring and honest person, who carried out his duties in a very efficient manner, and his undoubted organising skills ensured that nothing was left to chance. Senan hurled with Tulla and ran cross-country in Clare. He gave outstanding service to Burgess G.A.A. club while living in Newtown. In Senior Scor '77, Burgess were declared Munster Champions for the Novelty Act event in March 11th. The title of the act was "Execution Irish Style" and the winning team comprised of Senan Flanagan, Donie Ryan, John Joe Buckley and Donie Nealon. A month

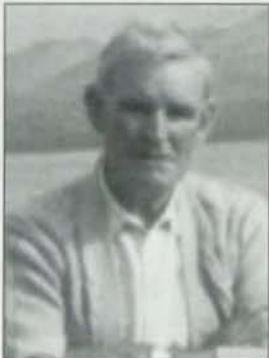
later, this team was placed second in the All-Ireland final at the Savoy, Limerick.

In 1980 Senan was a member of the Burgess G.A.A. Juvenile Committee and on that December, he was appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary of the Senior G.A.A. club along with John Maher. At the Burgess G.A.A. Club A.G.M. on December '81, John Hogan stepped down as Secretary, and at a later date Senan Flanagan became club secretary and held the position until the completion of centenary year, 1984.

The M.W.H.B. Ambulance Supervisor and Fleet Manager ran nine marathons, seven Dublin and one each in Cork and London. A number of charities gained by his efforts. This great sportsman's roots were always with his native Clare, and he was naturally delighted when the Clare Senior hurlers made the breakthrough to All-Ireland honours in 1995.

It was appropriate perhaps that the Banner County were reigning All-Ireland Champions and looking good for '98, when Senan was called to his eternal reward.

## Paddy Furlong (Kickhams)



**K**ICKHAM G.A.A. Club lost one of its most famous sons during 1998 with the death in July of Paddy Furlong R.I.P. Whenever Kickham affairs are discussed the name of the late Paddy is sure to be mentioned, being just one of two players from our club to hold a Senior Hurling All-Ireland medal. The respect and the regard he was held in, was obvious at his removals and burial, when some of his illustrious team mates during his Inter County and Club career paid their respect.

Paddy's club career started in the early '40s and he was a member of the Kickham team, which beat Eire Og Anacarty in 1943 shortly after they had become County Senior Hurling Champions. Over the next couple of years, he was to give

some sterling performances which led to a call up to the County Senior hurling team in 1947, his first game being against Kilkenny, his opponent being the great Terry Leahy. He held his place through the League of '47 and retained his place for the Championship of 1948, giving some excellent performances. At the end of '48 a six team League competition was held, and Tipp. reached the final where they beat Cork, and Paddy starred. He was an automatic choice for the first round game, against Cork in Limerick, playing at centre-back. This game ended in a draw, and for the replay, he didn't start but made his appearance during the game, and really impressed, being instrumental in setting up the winning goal. Tipp. played Limerick in the Munster final in Cork and Paddy was fitted against the great Jackie Power where he more than held his own. This game was won by a goal. Between this game and the All-Ireland, playing in a West Tipp. divisional game Paddy suffered a foot injury, which was to keep him out of contention for an All-Ireland final place. The selectors though afforded him the honour of tagging out, and he received an All-Ireland medal, winners having played in the earlier rounds.

He recovered sufficiently to line out with his club (Kickhams) in the County Senior final of '49, between Borrisoleigh, which was to his last game. A truly great performer.

He always retained an interest in his club, and it and all his former Inter County colleagues did him justice at his removals. We will miss him sadly. To his beloved wife Clare, daughter Joyce and son Robert we extend our sympathy.

## Mick Gorman (Skeheenarinky)



**I**T was with deep regret and sadness that we learned on November 2nd of the death of Mick Gorman, Black Road, after

a short illness. It cast a shadow of gloom around Skeheenarinky and the surrounding areas.

Mick, known as "The Russian" was a well-known figure around the parish and the neighbouring parishes in cCork and Limerick. In his young days he was a playing member of the Skeheenarinky Hurling Club and was the club's first captain when it was formed in 1952. A tradition carried on by his sons Liam and Sean in the '70s and '80s.

The very large crowd that attended his funeral from his home to the Church of the Assumption, Ballyporeen, and his burial in Kilbehenny was a fitting tribute to the popularity and esteem in which he was held.

A guard of honour was provided by former team mates, club members and officers. His coffin was draped in the club colours.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family and to his many relatives and friends.

Go ndéann Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## Dan Grogan

(Cashel King Cormacs)

**D**AN GROGAN passed to his eternal reward in May. He was a long-time member of Cashel King Cormacs but his stronger association was with the Cashel Sportsfield Committee. He was one of the committee which purchased what was to be Leahy Park in 1949 after hearing from Fr. Murphy of Nenagh that Cashel would never host a county final while the field was on the Ardmayle Road.

Foley's Field, where rugby used to be played, was purchased for the huge sum of £4,000, developed and officially opened in May 1956. Dan was involved in these developments and was a stalwart of the committee until the time of his death, acting as a groundsman, ticket seller, steward or whatever capacity he was required. To his wife Bernie and family our sincere sympathy.

## Jimmy Hanley



**I**T was with deepest regret that we heard of the death of Jimmy Hanley after a long illness. He was a staunch supporter of Gaelic games. After some years on the playing fields he became involved as secretary of Kilcommon/Rearcross club in the '40s and '50s and later became selector.

In 1964, when the Sean Treacy's club was formed, he was one of the first secretaries of those teams. A great conversationalist, he loved to talk of matches past and present and always kept a keen interest when the local teams were playing.

## Frank Hallinan (Newcastle)



**O**N Wednesday, 6th May, 1998, Newcastle GAA Club lost one of its greatest Gaels on the death of Frank Hallinan. Frank was one of the founder members of the club. At its formation in 1932 he was elected president and remained in the post up to the time of his death.

Frank was a strong hurler in his playing days. He captained the Newcastle junior hurling team which won its first South Division Championship in 1949. He was also involved in getting land from the Land Commission for a playing field, which is now home of the club.

He served for many years as a selector in the club and was always ready to help with juveniles and to take them to matches.

To his wife, son, daughters and grandchildren deepest sympathy on the loss of a great Gael.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



## Chris Kennedy



**C**HRS KENNEDY, who died during the year, was a well-known player and follower of the Nenagh Éire Óg club. As a young man Chris headed for Wolverhampton with the workers of the Irish Aluminium Company and took pride in being one of those who played hurling in Wolverhampton.

Chris was a member of a number of winning Éire Óg teams including the 1938 minor hurling team, the 1945 junior football team and the 1947 St. Mary's team which captured junior hurling honours.

In later years Chris was a well-known supporter who along with his wife Peg travelled to every Éire Óg match. Chris took pride in every Éire Óg team but his proudest moments were when his son Paul captained Nenagh to North Tipperary honours and when son-in-law P.J. Maxwell played with club and county. In later years Chris took particular pride in seeing his grandchildren, Brian and Claire, carry on the tradition.

Chris and Peg were well known for their love of a sing-song and were to the fore in many an Éire Óg victory celebration.

## Alice Kennedy

(Clonoulty)



**B**ORN Alice Ryan-Lacken in Newport in 1928, her family were well-known in Gaelic and Nationalist circles in Tipperary and further afield.

When she married in 1957 and came to live in the parish of Clonoulty-Rossmore, she

became involved in the local community and contributed generously to many organisations. Her love of Irish music and dance was particularly evident and she was very much involved in Scór activities in the parish, helping to bring many successes during the '70s and '80s.

Her widespread popularity was reflected in the huge numbers who attended her funeral in Clonoulty in November. To her husband, Paddy, and family we extend our sincerest sympathy.

I measc na naomh is na n-aingeal go raibh a h-anam uasal.

## Tim and Teresa Kennedy



**O**N Saturday evening, October 3rd, Tim and Teresa Kennedy, from Melrose, Nenagh, left their home for Mass in St. Mary of the Rosary Church. There they set the seal on the celebration of their wedding anniversary, afterwards driving out to the Brocka-on-the-Water restaurant close to Lough Derg at Kilgarvan Quay.

Some hours later the couple set off for home, happy with their celebration. However, a wrong turning as they emerged on to the road coming off the restaurant drive-way meant that their journey was not completed. Instead, they tragically ended up in the waters of Lough Derg, their car plunging in at the pier.

It wasn't until the following Tuesday night that the alarm was raised and the grim discovery made. It was an incident that shocked the entire community, their sudden and tragic passing having repercussions particularly in GAA circle in which both and their families were very prominent.

Tim hailed from Moneygall and he won a county intermediate hurling medal with his club back in 1949. His late sister, Mary, was wife of former GAA President Séamus Ó Riain. He loved hurling and he took a great pride in the achievements of his nephews, the Kennedys

from Éire Óg and the Ryans from Moneygall.

Teresa was a member of the Casey family from Toomevara, another great GAA family. Her sister, Nance, was wife of the late Sean Ryan, one of Toomevara's towers of strength in earlier decades and a subsequent Tipp selector while her nephew, Michael Young, distinguished himself in both the Toome and Tipp colours.

## Kitty Kennedy



**T**HE community was devastated at the sudden passing of Kitty Kennedy, Clashbeeda, Carrigatoher, on Thursday, September 10th last. Kitty was part and parcel of the local scene and loved the joys of life. She was a great conversationalist, equally at home with all ages and groups, and had a word for everybody.

Kitty's jolly personality ensured that she had instant company at social functions including the annual Burgess GAA Dinner Dance.

## Johnny King

(Skeheenarinky)



**T**HE sudden death on the 26th May of Johnny King left the people of Skeheenarinky stunned on hearing the news of his death. Age 51 years.

A man of a quiet nature but well liked by all who came to know him. A member of the farming community, he went about his work in a quiet easy going way. Always a great follower of gaelic games, he joined the Skeheenarinky hurl-

ing club a number of years ago as a committee member.

At the removal of his remains members of the club formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the club colours. To his mother, brothers, sisters and relative we extend our deepest sympathy.

Go ndeaná Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## Thady Lowry

(Moyaliffe, Drombane)



**T**HADY LOWRY died on Christmas Eve 1997 at the age of 92.

The Lowry name is synonymous with the GAA in Co. Tipperary and the contribution of Thady and his brother Paddy who died in September 1980 deserves recognition.

In the late twenties and thirties when the lines of demarcation between club territories were less important than now, Thady played at least occasionally with Clonoulty winning West Finals in 1931 and 1932 and most importantly had the medals to prove it. In 1933 he was a tower of strength on Upperchurch Drombane team that won the mid junior hurling final under the captaincy of his brother Paddy, well documented is the visit of the Co. Tipperary junior team to Belfast on 1st December 1928 to play Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final - Thady often wore the blue and gold in those years.

While in Belfast they met a policeman Thady recognised as a former R.I.C. man at Shevry, Upperchurch. Their new found friend took them to his Orange Lodge where more than the orange drinks flowed freely. The following morning the team was taken on a tour of the famous Glens of Antrim.

After a good win over Antrim the visitors, led by Captain Johnny Leahy were royally entertained to an enjoyable reception and ceili. Lets hope that all those Gaels and their hosts of all persuasions enjoy a happy re-union in the Green Glens of Paradise.

## Larry Maher

(Bansha/Kilmoyler)

WHEN news broke of the death of Larry Maher, the parish of Bansha & Kilmoyler was shocked and greatly saddened. It was indeed difficult to comprehend given that his very form and splendid physique enhanced his reputation as a modern day 'Matt The Thresher'. He was we believed quite indestructible.

Larry began a long and distinguished career in his native parish of Kilmoyler. He played minor with Cahir Slashers winning a South Minor Football Title in 1943, and a Minor Hurling title in 1944, while continuing to develop his football skills with his beloved Galtee Rovers/St Pecaun. He played a pivotal role in the Galtee Rovers Junior Title win of 1946, and was the very heart and soul of the great Galtee Rovers team that won six West Tipp titles in a row during the early 50's and won the County Senior title in 1949 & 1950., captaining the team in '49. His presence at centre back provided inspiration for his colleagues and provided a bulwark to all opponents efforts. Larry wore the Blue & Gold of Tipperary in all grades, the nearest to National Honours being 1952 when Tipp were defeated by Dublin in NFL semi-final.

He continued to play and inspire the teams of Bansha & Kilmoyler during leaner periods, a tribute in itself to his durability - and finally finished his career with West Tipp titles in 1962/63.

Larry Maher enjoyed a reputation as a fearless leader, superb footballer, dedicated clubman and gained respect far and wide. He retained his love and interest in Galtee Rovers and Tipperary football to the end.

We laid our hero to rest in his beloved Killaldriffe, a fitting resting place for a High King, and there reflected on the life of the man we were privileged to know and love over half a century.

"For I passed my boyhood's hours and the days of long ago,

In the old home by the river where the Sallow bushes grow".

Seamus McCarthy

## Tom Mason

(Thurles Sarsfields)

THE death of Tom Mason, Friar Street, Thurles came as a shock to us all in Thurles Sarsfields and brought an end of an era as one of the

clubs best known men of the past had been called to his eternal reward. A man who always had interest in the club and was one of the best supporters we could have had, Tom Mason



was a true blue and his death leaves a deep void in our saddened community.

On the field of play Tom Mason was a shrewd operator. A man who was always extremely fit, it was said that he covered every blade of grass in each and every game he played. He was also a great reader of the game and his commitment and dedication to training and preparation for the games set him apart from most. He was also an athlete of note but hurling was his main interest and he represented Sarsfields on the Tipperary senior hurling team on many occasions. His county final medals were counted as some of his most valuable treasures and his pride in wearing the blue and white of Sarsfields was evident every time he lined out.

Tom was as proud as punch when his grandson Stephen pulled on the blue and white jersey for the first time also as the third generation of Masons kept their associations with the club.

Tom's coffin was draped in the blue and white of Sarsfields as we walked with him on his final journey from The Hospital of the Assumption to Boheranave Church, a short step from Semple Stadium the pitch he graced so often in the past. Many of the former great Blues men walked alongside the hearse to form a guard of honour along with current officials and players and at burial too there was a fine Sarsfields representation as they turned out to pay their last respects.

May he sleep with all the great Gaels in the peace and happiness of Heaven.

## Trás McDonnell

(Burgess)

PALLASMORE, Carrigstoher was called to heaven on Monday, May 4th after a long illness.



This popular lady was a former treasurer of Burgess juveniles club and served this role when Scor was the main winter activity on the GAA calendar. Trás was also a tremendous back-up to husband Andreas, when he was Chairman of North Tipperary Bord na nÓg 1975-77, or was involved in other GAA activities. Trás was a devoted mother to Colm, Chaoifhinn and Sorcha, all lovers of gaelic games. This inspirational lady loved the gaelic culture, rowed in behind club fund raising activities and was always available to lend a hand. All tasks entered were carried out in a most efficient manner and absolutely nothing was left to chance by this affectionate lady who had natural administrative and counselling skills. Trás striking positive attitude and warm personality ensured a wide circle of friends, all of whom felt privileged to knowing a great giver to society.

## Donal McCarthy

(Cashel King Cormacs)



ON a pleasant evening in May, after a training session with his teammates in Leahy Park, Donal McCarthy was killed in a freak accident in the Green, Cashel. Aged only eleven years he played hurling and football and represented the club at under-12. He also trained for the under-14 teams.

On the evening of his tragic death he should have played a match against Aherlow but it was called off. To his family and friends sincerest sympathies.

## John McDonnell

(Loughmore/Castleiney)

THE death took place at Portiuncula hospital, Ballinasloe of Mr. John McDonnell, Killimor Road, Portumna, a Native of Killanigan, Castleiney.

An outstanding footballer and hurler in his youth, he won a county minor medal in 1956 when they beat Mullinahone 0-6 to 0-3. His first senior final was in 1959, when the two teams from the parish contested it, but Castleiney lost to Loughmore by 3-3 to 1-5.

After the two clubs merged, Loughmore Castleiney established a dominance in the Mid from 1965 on to the present time, the only senior title loss being in 1986. John was wing back until 1972, when he retired. He was captain that year when they beat Templemore after a replay, 2-11 to 0-4. Sadly a county senior medal eluded him, Loughmore won their first county-senior title since 1955 in 1973.

On marriage, John came to live in Rathcabbin, and the family moved to Portumna in 1991.

The coffin was draped in the green and red of Loughmore - Castleiney, and a guard of honour was provided by colleagues from the Loughmore Castleiney teams of those years.

## Martin McLoughney

(Shannon Rovers)



ON Monday 9th of November the sad news of the sudden death of Martin "Murt" McLoughney had filtered through to the parish of Shannon Rovers and the remainder of the division.

Aged 84 Martin was a loyal supporter of his beloved Shannon Rovers and he had attended most of the clubs games this year. A club selector in the '70s and 80's he was elected to the position of club President in the late eighties.

Martin was born in Soolmoy Ardcroney and in 1949 he came to live in Brooka to earn a living as a farmer along with his brother Jack. Martin hurled with

Congor and Kilruane MacDonaghs. He won a North Tipperary Senior Hurling medal in 1940.

His sons Patrick, Jim and Martin all hurled with Shannon Rovers and are well known for their heroics with both club and county. He will also be missed by his wife Cess and daughter Mary.

## Noel Murphy

(Thurles Sarsfields)



**U**PON hearing of the death of our great friend Noel Murphy, Thurles Sarsfields was rocked to the very core.

His passing was a timely reminder to us all how life can be taken at the drop of a hat and before Noel had fallen ill he had attended a game of hurling in Semple Stadium, a field he had graced so often in the past in his beloved Blue jersey or the blue and gold of Tipperary.

The GAA was Noel's main interest and the commitment and dedication he gave down through the years was remarkable and unequalled. He was known far and wide through his involvement as a player and as an administrator and his easy going and cheerful manner made high most popular man with everyone he came in contact with.

As a player Noel was a stylish wing back and along with his brothers Michael and the late Sean, he helped to bring the name of Sarsfields to where it belongs at the top of Tipperary's hurling elite. He was a member of Tipperary's 1958 All-Ireland hurling squad and when Michael captained Tipp to glory in 1964 was there a prouder man than Noel? I doubt it.

As an administrator with the Mid Board, Noel always had the interests of Sarsfields at heart and yet he balanced these perfectly with his own sense of duty to the Board. His efficiency as Mid Board Assistant Secretary and Treasurer won him many admirers from all over and he will be dearly missed by the Board in Mid Tipperary.

While we all miss Noel Murphy and his gentle character it brings home to us the loss that his wife Carmel, his sons Peter, Mark and Jamie, and daughters Louise and Claire have suffered. Noel was a great father and husband and there is a deep void in the lives of his loved ones. His brother and sisters too feel the loss as do his many many friends and neighbours.

Suaimeas Sioraí tabhair dó a Thiarna agus go ionraí solas sutháin air.

## Paddy O'Donoghue

(Nenagh)

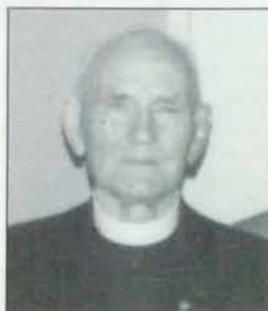


**P**ADDY O'DONOGHUE - Richmond, Nenagh who died aged 79 years was the caretaker for McDonagh Park in Nenagh. The smiling face of the always good natured Paddy was the first person that any gael who used the field met. Paddy tended McDonagh Park as if it were his own garden. Paddy had a particular love of juveniles and as well as groundsman of McDonagh Park was a leading follower of the Nenagh Eire Óg club and took delight in any of the clubs victories. In recent years Paddy was appointed joint club president a position he held at the time of his death.

Paddy took great joy in his family and took pride in seeing his grandson Damien and Cianan playing with his beloved team.

## Fr. Tom O'Dwyer

(Cashel King Cormacs)



**F**R. TOM O'DWYER - of the Green, Cashel died in Queensland, Australia on

October 27 at the age of 86 years.

Soon after his ordination at Thurles in 1937, he departed for Australia, where he spent all his priestly life. Prior to his departure he played with Cashel King Cormacs in the county senior hurling final against Moycarkey-Borris. A talented hurler, he played at an early age with Cashel C.B.S. and later with Rockwell, with whom he won a Harty Cup medal in 1931. His hurling career was cut short by his priestly training but he always retained an interest in Cashel and Tipperary hurling and kept in contact with developments at home through his family. His last visit to Cashel was in 1995 for the 200th anniversary of the building of the church of St. John the Baptist.

Go ndeaná Dia trócaire ar a anam.

## Michael O'Dwyer

(Cashel King Cormacs)

**T**he death took place in February of Michael O'Dwyer, originally from Boherlahan but living in Cashel since 1933.

When he took up employment with the late E.D O'Dwyer in Friar Street. He played with the Cashel King Cormacs. He was also secretary of the club and he gave many years of dedicated service to the development of Leahy Park. When it came to hurling, the grade didn't matter or the distance to be travelled because he regarded time spent at a hurling match as time well spent. He was a keen and shrewd observer of the game and always managed to discover a redeeming feature even in the weakest of displays.

Ar dheis de go raibh a anam.

## Phil O'Leary

(Ardfinnan)



**T**HE death this year of Phil saw one of the few remaining footballers of the great Ardfinnan team of the 1930, 1940 era pass to his eternal reward. Phil better known in

his football days as the Mention Leary, was a top class wing forward in his day depending on speed and tenacity to gain scores. Phil won his first county medal in 1934 when Ardfinnan won three first county championships at junior level.

He went on to win two county senior medals in 1935 and 1939. Also during that period he won three Tipperary mens cup medals. His last one coming in 1944 when they beat Jimmy Hickeys Drangan in the final. Phil also had a Munster junior medal won in 1935 with Tipperary and is unlucky not to get All-Ireland as Tipperary reached the final only to be beaten by Sligo.

He also had a great interest in hurling and the GAA up to very end. He had the good luck to have good health until a month before he died. His wife Peg predeceased him at a young age, but Phil looked after his family well. He also enjoyed the social evening with his friends and nothing better if the music was playing it was a chance to show his skill on the dance floor. The game of cards also took pride of place. Phil will sadly missed by all his family but will take great pride in knowing that his son Thomas is chairman of the Ballybacon hurling club and on the county board and he is keeping the GAA tradition alive & well.

May he rest in peace.

## Paddy O'Neill

(Ardfinnan)



**T**HE passing of Paddy O'Neill of Barrack Street, Ardfinnan on Friday 23rd October 1998 severed another link with the great Ardfinnan football team of the 1930/40 era.

Paddy was a top class footballer & hurler. he won many honours playing senior football for Ardfinnan winning a county medal in 1939. He also won 3 Tipperary cup medals between 1935 and 1944. He was also on the Tipperary minor panel that won the Munster Final in 1935. In the 1940 period Paddy received a serious injury play-

ing football, losing a finger. Another man would have given up but Paddy came back and played on until the 1950s. On the hurling field he has won a south junior medal in 1943 and was honoured by the Ballybacon - Grange Hurling club at a function in 1984. He won a couple of South Tipperary handball titles at senior level. His partners were Christy Burke and Billy White. He was one of the founder members of Ardfinnan Beagles.

In his leisure time he liked to do a bit of fishing and was a dab hand with the dry fly. Paddy enjoyed great health all of his life but things took a turn for the worst over the past two years. He was looked after diligently by his loving wife Joan, who will miss him alot.

As one looks back on Paddy all one can say is "what he did in life, he did it well".

May he rest in peace.

### Mick O'Reilly

(Boherlahan)

**D**URING the year the death took place in England of Mick O'Reilly, formerly of Ballinroe in Boherlahan parish.

Mick O'Reilly was a member of the Boherlahan senior hurling team which won the mid senior title in 1953. In that final they defeated Thurles Sarsfields but later lost to Borrisleigh in the County Final.

Mick continued to wear the Boherlahan jersey up to 1956 but like so many other young players he then emigrated to England.

We tender our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved widow and family.

Go ndeanaf Dia trócaire ar a anam.

### Paddy O'Shea

(Clonoulty)



**G**REAT sadness was experienced in Clonoulty and surrounding areas at the unexpected death of Paddy O'Shea of Laffana, Clonoulty on

the 10th September 1998. Paddy was a lifelong supporter of the GAA and its objectives. An accomplished hurler himself, he represented Clonoulty/Rossmore with honour and distinction. He played in the 1936 County Junior final when they were beaten by Boherlahan. He was also on the team beaten by Holycross in the 1951 County final. At the removal of his remains, members of the Clonoulty/Rossmore GAA formed a guard of honour and his coffin was draped in the Club colours.

To his wife Kitty, son John, daughter Kathleen, brother Tom, sister Kitty and all his relations, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Ar dheis de go raibh an anam.

### Martin Peters

(Rockwell Rovers)



**M**ARTIN PETERS - Died on Saturday 4th April, 1998. His death at such an early age (53) cast an air of gloom and sadness over the Rockwell Rovers Club. Both Martin and his wife Mary had been involved in many fund raising events on behalf of Rockwell Rovers for many years.

Martin was never a man to sit back when there was work to be done. He worked tirelessly to develop the Rockwell Rovers pitch. He was also a selector/club officer in recent years and when elected Chairman in January, put the same effort into this job as he had done for years as fundraiser/selector for many years. He was a member of the Cahir under 15 team which reached the County Final in 1957. Martin was involved with the Festival Committee down through the years. He was a very strong supporter of Tipperary football and hurling teams and followed them through good times and bad.

To his wife Mary and family, Rockwell Rovers G.A.A. Club extends its sympathy.

### Edward Prendergast

(Kilsheelan)

**T**HE death of our honorary President, Ned Prendergast

on the 20th January came as a great shock to all who knew him.

As a player, he was a member of the Junior Football team of 1950 which won South and County honours. As a referee his services were often availed



of at Divisional and County level. In 1964 he became secretary of the Club and excelled in the performance of his duties. He was well known at Board meetings and Conventions where his views were highly respected.

When transport was scarce Ned had a hackney car which was used to pack in juveniles to ferry them to matches throughout the division. He always volunteered his services willingly as the well being of the Club was of utmost importance to him.

In later years he maintained his interest in Club affairs and rarely missed a match at any level. Together with his brothers, Jimmy and Michael, they were very familiar figures when Tipperary were playing and were no strangers at Croke Park on All-Ireland Final Day irrespective of who was playing.

At the time of his death he was Club Co-ordinator for the County Draw - a difficult assignment which he carried out in a relaxed and efficient manner.

Go ndeanaf Dia trócaire ar a anam.

### Dinny Ryan

(Rockwell Rovers)



**T**he death took place on Wednesday 25th July of

Denis (Dinny) Ryan of Clonmel Road, New Inn. Dinny had been a lifelong supporter of Rockwell Rovers and had travelled to all matches both senior and juvenile over the years. He hurled with Rockwell Rovers in his young days and a number of his family also played for Rockwell Rovers down through the years. Not alone was he a supporter of Rockwell Rovers but he obligingly stood in as an umpire, linesman on many an occasion. He followed the fortunes of the club through good days and bad, right up to his death.

To his wife Nellie and all his family, Rockwell Rovers G.A.A. Club extends its sympathy.

### Jim Quinn

**J**IM played hurling for Borrisleigh for 18 years. During his playing career he won 3 county medals 1949, '50 and '53.

He came from a family of steeped in hurling tradition, a first cousin of Liam Devaney. He also played senior hurling for Tipperary winning a national league medal.

### Karl Richardson

(Emly)

**I**T was a crisp autumn Sunday evening October 4th last when the sad news began to filter from the village of Emly that Karl Richardson has suffered a fatal accident on the family farm at Monemore, Emly. From where Sean McManus, Mike Bourke and myself stood at that moment was right at the spot in Emly where little James Ryan lost his life crossing the road after a match in St. Ailbe's Park in June 1996.

Within a short few hours the gravity of the tragic event began to lay heavy on the hearts and minds of everybody in the parish and the surrounding areas. One could only imagine the pain, anguish and disbelief felt by his parents Charlie and Aileen, brothers Tom and Michael and sister Emma as well as the wider Richardson and Ring families.

In stark contrast of personality to his older brothers, Karl's arrival on the juvenile scene had his mentors scratching their heads. His out front approach, his likeness to dictate where he would play, his robust tackling in training and the odd con-

frontation with referees set him apart from his less vocal peers. In spite of all his boyish pranks he was never any trouble at all that is trouble in the real sense. A well known Emly mentor, Michael Concannon, after some thought suggested that one should always play Karl in mid field because it would be there that he would end up no matter where you placed him. No, Karl wasn't endowed with an abundance of skill, but he fairly made up for it with his fearless tackling and his ever present confidence and enthusiasm. The Emly dressing room will be a sadder place without the presence of this great little warrior Karl.

Karl Richardson could only be described as a fanatical Tipperary supporter. In a true example of the old parried phrase, he wore his heart on his sleeve, vocal to the extreme and in full coloured attire always. On one occasion arriving in Rings to get a lift to a Tipp match his uncle Liam reckoned he had enough bits and pieces of Tipp colours to do all 5 who were travelling.

Again our deepest sympathy to Charlie and Aileen, Tom, Michael and Emma - Karl was unique.

Ar dheis de go raibh a ainm dhlis.

## Liam Russell

(Moyné-Templetuohy)



On Friday, September 25th the parish of Moyné-Templetuohy and surrounding areas was shocked at the tragic death of Liam Russell in a farm accident.

Liam was only 38 years of age. He was a member of a noted G.A.A. family. Liam himself was a very accomplished hurler and footballer particularly at juvenile level. He also showed this ability at Templemore C.B.S., winning a Rice Cup title in 1974. However, a serious knee injury curtailed his playing career.

Liam however was not lost

to the G.A.A., as he got involved in the club at administrative level. He made an immense contribution to the amalgamation of the hurling and football clubs in the parish. His no-nonsense approach to this issue won him many admirers. He was Moyné-Templetuohy club delegate on the Tipperary Football Board from 1994 to the time of his death. In that period of time, he missed only one meeting.

He was a tremendous Irishman and loved everything Irish. He has left those of us privileged to know him with many memories and host of stories to remember him by.

As was fitting his coffin was draped in the Moyné-Templetuohy colours and the cortege was met on arrival in Templetuohy by a guard of honour.

We tender our sympathy to his mother, brother, sister, relatives and friends.

## Lar Ryan



When news filtered through on September 4th of the death of Lar Ryan, it was greeted with a deep sense of sadness by the people of his beloved Clonmore-Templemore and his demise has left a yawning void in the community.

Lar's career began with Clonmore in the late 'forties and he played a prominent role at centrefield in the mid Junior Football final of 1951 when Clonmore Killea were defeated by Boherlahan, eventual county champions. In the first round of the 1953 junior football championship he gave a 'man of the match' performance in a teak tough encounter when

Templemore defeated Clonmore Killea. His talents as a footballer were soon recognised by the Templemore Éire Óg club and he figured prominently in their senior football team for a number of years. He was equally adept as a hurler and he figured on the Clonmore Killea junior hurling team that narrowly lost the 1956 Mid final to Gortnahoe on the score 2-3 to 2-2. In 1961 he played centre-back on the Templemore senior football game between Clonmore and Templemore, the 'Star reporter remarked that Clonmore were heartened by a dynamic display from Lar Ryan at centre-back. He continued playing senior football up to 1964 and in a 1963 junior football championship game between Clonmore and Templetuohy, Clonmore got a great boost by the 'trojan work of Lar Ryan who played himself to a standstill'. With no club in Clonmore he transferred to Templemore at the end of 1964 and was a committee member of the Éire Óg club in 1965. With the reformation of the Clonmore club in 1968 Lar again threw in his lot with them and his playing career ended in 1972 when he lined out at full-back on the Clonmore junior football team. With his playing days over he took a keen interest in the affairs of the clubs of the parish and was a regular attendant at most games involving club teams.

It was appropriate that his remains were draped in the blue and gold of his beloved Clonmore and a guard of honour was formed by the G.A.A. fraternity from Templemore and Clonmore to pay their final respects to a great Gael.

Ar dheis lámh Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

## Mick Joe Ryan

The late Mick Joe Ryan who died during the year was a former member of Knockavilla Donaskeigh G.A.A. club and also a former player of distinction, who won a couple of junior West titles. Emigration then took him away from his native Ballinahinch to England where he lived

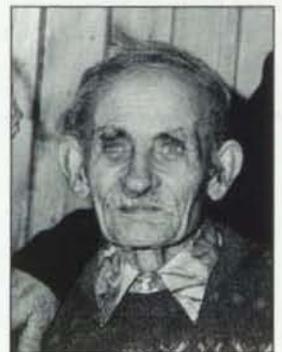


for a number of years, always retaining a keen interest in his former club. His brother Billy was a valued member of the club U-21 team which won county honours in 1967. Mick J. returned home to Cashel in recent years to live, until the time of his death. To his beloved wife and family, we extend our condolences.

## Joe O'Brien

The Kickham club, also lost another staunch ex-player and supporter during the year with the death of Joe O'Brien (Cuddy) as he was better known. Joe was one of the clubs promising players during his early years and played very well at Minor level before progressing on. He then emigrated to England and gave a number of years there before returning to support the club over the past number of years. To his sisters and brother and relatives our sympathy.

## Willie Ryan-Hanrahan



(Cashel King Cormacs)  
The longest serving member of the Cashel King Cormac's club, Willie Ryan-Hanrahan, passed away in the month of March at the fine age of 88 years. He joined the club in

1926 and served it as a player and administrator for most of his life. One of the highlights of his playing career was an outstanding display against Golden in a tournament final in New Inn in 1939. Playing on Bill O'Donnell of county fame, Willie scored 3-1 off his distinguished opponent. He served as a committee member for many years and in 1980 was elected President of the club, a role he filled with conscientiousness and distinction until the day of his death.

Ar dheis dé go raibh an anam.

## Michael Ryan



(Burgess)

Michael Ryan, Carrigal, Carrigatoher, passed away last June after a long illness, borne with dignity and courage. Michael was a well noted Gael, and when in good health, this witty gentleman attended hurling matches, Sunday after Sunday. Indeed he attended the League final in Semple Stadium a fortnight before his

death. The "Box" would never suffice as he wanted to absorb the atmosphere and witness the skills of top class hurlers. He liked nothing more than to trace back to the 40's, 50's and 60's and recall the feats of Ring, Mackey, Doyle, Nealon, McKenna etc.

May he rest in peace.



## Tom Ryan

(Youghalarra)

Tom Ryan, Sandymount, Dublin, and formerly of Newtown, Nenagh, passed away peacefully at St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, in his 91st year, in November. He was the last surviving member of the Youghalarra junior team which defeated Borrisokane in the 1931 Junior North final. Tom had moved to Dublin and this tenacious corner-back transferred to Commercials, with whom he won two Dublin county championship medals. He remained a fanatical Tipperary supporter and followed their fortunes through thick and thin, and also could be

seen at championship matches involving his native parish.

## Thomas 'Mossy' Tuohy

On November 19th, 1998, the death took place of Mr. 'Mossy' Tuohy, Bawnmore, Cashel. Only in his late 'fifties "Mossy's" untimely death was a great shock to his family and to his many friends throughout the length and breadth of Tipperary.

Mossy Tuohy was a talented hurler in his day and gave many years of service in his native parish. Mossy's early hurling years were spent with the Suir View club - based mainly in the Ardmayle area and won a junior Mid title with that club in 1959. All through the sixties Mossy played with the Boherlahan - Dualla club and was still an active player in 1972 when our juniors lost to Kiladangan in the county final.

In later years Mossy was better known to G.A.A. followers as a talented hurley maker and his hurleys were used by many clubs in the county. He was brother-in-law of Mid secretary Matty Connolly. We tender our deepest sympathy to his widow Pauline, to his daughter Sinéad and son Niall and to all his relatives and friends.

Go ndéanaí Dia trócaire air.

## Noel Treacy

On the 14th December 1997 Knockshegowna people and



the surrounding areas were saddened to hear of the death of Noel Treacy. When the news broke there was widespread grief in the local area, and more so by the fact that Noel would be buried in Ballingarry on his 46th birthday. As far back as 1965 Noel has been part of Knockshegowna G.A.A. club. He was a member of Knockshe Juvenile teams that was victorious over Moneygall (U-15). He represented North Tipperary Vocational School that won the All-Ireland championship. In 1967 he played wing back on Tipperary Minor team.

On the field of play he was a leader in attack and was feared and respected by opposing defenders, strong and courageous in the tackle and he was top scorer frequently either from placed balls or from play. When Knockshe won the county Junior title in 1969 Noel played a major part to achieve victory.

He also won North Tipp Junior medals in 1972, 1974 and 1988. His contribution to the club will be long remembered by his team mates and friends.



Solas na bhFlaitheas  
dá n-anamnacha

# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

## All-Ireland Junior Camogie Finalists 1998



Back Row: (l. to r.) - Siobhán Ryan, Paula Bulfin, Joanne Ryan, Mary Looby, Jane Ryan, Grainne Shanahan, Siobhán Cusack, Fiona Loughnane, Nicola Kennedy. Front Row: Angela McDermott, Niamh Connolly, Alice Deane (captain) Meadh Corcoran, Tess Bourke, Louise Ryan, Philomena Fogarty, Sheena Joward, Niamh Dwyer, Muireann O'Donoghue, Michaela Graham (mascot). Missing from photograph: Orla Fleming

# TIOBRAID ÁRANN

## All-Ireland Junior Football Champions 1998



The Tipperary junior football panel that won the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1923 by defeating Offaly by 2-9 to 0-6 at Portlaoise. Front Row: (l. to r.) - Martin Healy (Selector), Chris Bonar, Paul D'Arcy, Liam O'Dwyer, Paul Ormond, Brian Maguire, Mark O'Shea, Fergal Clifford, Willie Morrissey, Paul Cahill, Tommy Sheehan, Damien O'Brien, Ken Ryan, Ky Vaughan Petie Savage (Selector). Back Row: Seamus McCarthy (Manager), Gary Morrisson, Albert Keating, Colm McMenamin, Anthony Crosse, Michael O'Mahony, Seamus Delahunty, Mark Leonard, Derry Peters, Kevin Coonan (capt.), Damien Byrne, P.J. Lanigan, Jim McAuliffe, Tom Guilfoyle, David Bourke, Conor O'Dwyer (Selector).